



Rydawi News

July /August 2018

We hope this finds you well and warm in Southern Africa. Spring is around the corner and that means that the water temperatures are higher which allows for faster fingerling growth.

After a quiet winter, sales of tank systems are starting to pick up and the team is planning a project in a Municipality in the Eastern Cape. We have several projects lined up in Zimbabwe and are waiting for the economy to kick-start after the peaceful elections this week.

Training took place at the beginning of June, July and at the end of July. There has been a lot of interest from potential Tilapia farmers all around Southern Africa, including a lady from Namibia, and a farmer in Bergville. The training programme is very practical and experiential. Our focus is to provide delegates with real “Wet Hands” experience and see what Tilapia Farming is about from a farmer’s perspective. Whilst knowledge and business skills are as vitally important, a farmer must understand the day to day operations and tasks at hand.



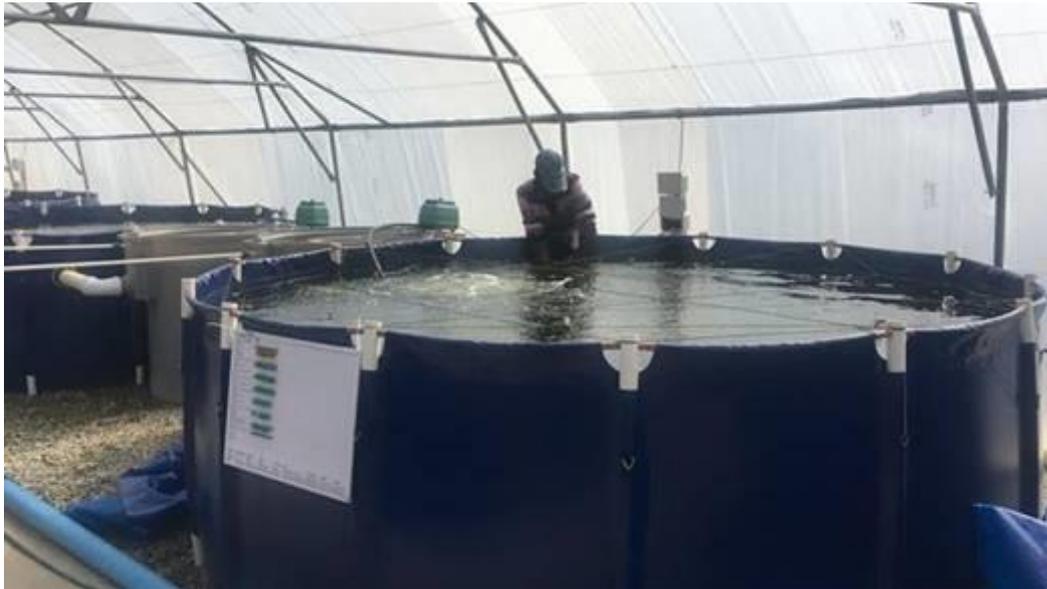
Congratulations! "Another Tilapia Farmer in the making"

Rydawi's own production received a boost in production figures with the introduction of a heating system to increase the temperatures. Of course, with that comes an increase in electricity costs, and this has encouraged the team to consider alternative power solutions. We never stop learning or improving!



Red Strain Oreochromis Niloticus in the Rydawi APU (Aquaculture Production System)

An update on our project in Chartwell.



Production charts and one of two greenhouses



The team and the farmers are very proud of this construction and farm. Of course, there have been some teething problems; but things are settling down, temperatures will increase in the coming weeks and growth rates will start to climb. Farmers are developing their skills and knowledge. Data is being collected from the production charts water analysis and feeding records.

Below is a photo of some good-looking Tilapia grown in a few months, in a single tank system in Harare. The single APU systems are stocked with multi-aged cohorts (populations) so that farmers can achieve regular harvests of edible fish 250-350g for their own consumption and for selling to their customers. There is nothing better than for a farmer to have his own produce fresh from farm

to plate and for his customers to have fresh locally farmed produce - in this case Tilapia - readily available.



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Food for thought

Herewith some interesting online reading.

<https://thefishsite.com/articles/a-guide-to-farming-tilapia-ongrowing-techniques>

What are we competing with in Africa? This report highlights the reasons why pond farming and pond farmers face so many challenges. It also answers the question “Why has the growth of the industry in Africa been slow. Whereas Asia, Central America, America, and in many other countries growth has been rapid over the past 2 decades!

<https://www.aquaculturealliance.org/advocate/10-paths-to-low-productivity-and-profitability-with-tilapia-in-sub-saharan-africa/>

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Many clients ask where they can purchase Tilapia? We suggest you buy from your local producers or from Lake Harvest – see flyer above. Drop us an email for some contacts and let us know your experience in buying, cooking and eating Tilapia. Over the next few years there will be more and more locally produced Tilapia available. The growth of the industry is dependent on all of us to participate and contribute and develop the local industry. We are seeing more positive changes, commitment and investment in the Tilapia sector. Many small scale farmers will drive Tilapia production across South Africa and the African continent. This will improve the number of commercial hatcheries, commercial feed suppliers and fish distribution and supply chains. The development of the industry will also attract the large scale, intensive Tilapia farming operations. As Rydawi's mission states - Farming more Tilapia, in more places, putting more fish on more plates, to feed more people!

[Contact Us](#)

Please contact us if you need any assistance with your fish farming projects, purchase of Aquaculture Production Units or fingerlings, or if you would like to visit the farm in Muldersdrift, Johannesburg. Please contact us if you require training. Our next training sessions will be from **3 – 7 September and the 1 – 5 October 2018** and cost R5000 per person and this includes practical wet-hands experience, site visits, marketing discussions, theory and a light lunch and refreshments every day.

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<http://www.tilapiafarming.co.za> - Map Available Here too!

<http://www.fish-farm.co.za>

Google Earth and Google Maps - David Fincham Aquaculture

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