

Tilapia Producers and Suppliers for Alabama
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Fishes of the genus *Tilapia* are currently cultured for food in most tropical and subtropical regions of the world. Tilapias are similar in body shape to our native sunfishes (bream).

Tilapia are tropical fish and will die if the water temperatures drops below 55°F. for periods longer than 24 hours. In northern Alabama this means that the growing season is from mid-May to the end of September. In southern Alabama, the growing season is from May 1 to November 1. Tilapia grow well in cages when stocked at rates of 8-12 fish per cubic foot of cage volume. For fish farmers interested in raising them commercially, local markets for Tilapia should be easy to develop since most people find them delicious.

There are currently several commercial sources of tilapia fingerlings in Alabama. Several different species of tilapia are available as fingerlings or broodstocks. Most consumers prefer the mutant gold-colored fish and will pay more for it. The following list are suppliers and their addresses:

BARBOUR COUNTY

Allen Lane, Jr.
Cowikee Creek Fish Farm
1044 David Jones Spur
Eufaula, AL 36027
(334) 687-8489

COFFEE COUNTY

Kevin Rhoades
1971 County Rd. 157
Enterprise, AL 36330
(334) 894-2117

COVINGTON COUNTY

Ken Hicks
P. O. Box 356
Lockhart, AL 36455
(334) 858-3111

John Harbuck
P. O. Box 157
Lockhart, AL 36455
(334) 858-3765

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Gerald Fuqua
Hwy. 29N, Box 9295
Brewton, AL 36426
(334) 867-4687

Billy Townsend
565 Townsend Farm Road
Brewton, AL 36426
(334) 867-8018

GENEVA COUNTY

J. P. Kennedy
Route 2, Box 608
Hartford, AL 36344
(334) 588-2523

Don Marley
Lake Geneva Fish Hatchery
1182 Florida Street
Geneva, AL 36340
(334) 684-6473

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HALE COUNTY

Steve Brown
P. O. Box 111
Newbern, AL 36765
(334) 624-2068

MARSHALL COUNTY

Terry L. Goldsby, C.E.O.
Aquaservices
23360 Hwy. 431
Guntersville, AL 35976
1-888-669-3337

SHELBY COUNTY

SE Pond Management
2469 Hwy. 31
Calera, AL 35040
(205) 664-5596
(205) 620-1365 (FAX)

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

Dan Butterfield
7340 Culver Road
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
(205) 758-7155