The following provides some information to consider for potential producers who are thinking about becoming involved in low-input channel catfish farming.

**First Stocking**
- 1,500 fingerlings/acre (April or October)
- Fingerling size = 45-g fish

**Single, Annual Stocking**
- Initial stocking – mid-April or late September to mid-October
- 1,500, 45-g fingerlings/acre/year, re-stock at the beginning of each October
- Projected annual biomass = 2,000 lb/ac
- Harvest before re-stocking

**Multiple, Annual Stockings – “Expert” Small-Scale Catfish Production**
- Stock 2 times per year
- stock 1,000 (45-g) fingerlings/acre, twice -- once in October and again in April (maximum of 2,000 fingerlings/acre/year total)
- Projected annual biomass = 2,400-2,600 lb/ac (possibly 3,000 lb/ac with precision, size-selective and multiple harvests).
- Harvest before each re-stocking

**Desired Timing for Multiple Harvests**
- Double, size-selective harvest: once in October and once in April
- Multiple, size-selective harvests: October through June

**Anticipated Annual Mean Harvest Weights (Individual)**
- April to late September grow-out (same year) = 1.25- to 1.3-lb fish
- October to late September grow-out (one year) = 1.5-lb fish
- Harvest pond when fish have consumed 30 lb feed/acre/day for 2 weeks

**Maximum Daily Feed for both Single and Multiple Stocking Practices**
- 30 lb/acre/day