

DAVID FINCHAM  
AQUACULTURE

### **David Fincham Aquaculture News**

**July 2019**

Elections, Sona and Summer are behind us and at David Fincham Aquaculture, we are focusing on the next 6 months with optimism, enthusiasm and determination.

David Fincham Aquaculture and Legae Na Nnete are working on a project proposal and expansion plan for both the Home and for the Aquaculture and Agriculture sectors of the community. This will involve several exciting developments, Going Green, accommodating more residents and becoming a more self-sustaining and commercial agriculture venture. Naturally our commitment to the community, those in need and the support of small-scale farmers remains constant. Within the next few months and for the next 5 years this plan will take shape and be implemented. The community already has strong bonds with our partners, and we will continue to build on these and others so that we can continue to make a difference in people's lives, our community and those around us. Details will be released as progress is made, we look forward to inviting you to various initiatives which include Family Days, Farmers Days, Long Table Events and farm tours.

### **Training**

The next training dates have been set for 8-12 July, If you have expressed an interest and would like to attend these days please send us an email and we will send you a confirmation.

### **Media**

The Facebook page is about to hit 5000 likes and we see this as a tremendous milestone. It is not as much about the likes but about the one on one interactions, the emails, calls and the on-farm visits that we receive from so many people from across the globe. Facebook opens a window to what we do, and farmers interact not only with us but with each other and with other companies and events which we share and promote. As farmers we all face the same challenges and uncertainty and the platforms, we create enable farmers to share experience, knowledge and successes.

An example of this is a prospecting farmer who called me from outside of South Africa who had visited our webpage [www.tilapiafarming.co.za](http://www.tilapiafarming.co.za) and our Facebook Page Tilapia Farming Africa <https://www.facebook.com/AgriAquaAfrica/>

Within a week he had visited us from a long way away and made the decision to invest in 1 APU (Aquaculture Production Unit) We air freighted the system to him and once he had received it, I flew up to install the unit and train someone to operate it. Fingerlings and feed were arranged from two countries away. The unit has been in operation for several cycles and the results have been good. Heating and maintaining temperatures have been improved and the latest grow results were impressive. This combined with the feeding of high quality, high protein feed produced Tilapia of Ave of 450g in 4.5 months some fish were at 500g. Now this cannot be taken as the norm, but it proves what is possible if care, attention to detail, determination and dedication are all in alignment.



***Great APU Tilapia 500g in 4.5 months***

### **Stock**

Mossambicus “Blou Kurper” and Coptodon “Rooibors Kurper”

Stocks are limited over winter we recommend that you plan and place orders for Spring 1 September

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R1.00 per cm including VAT.

If there are dealers and distributors taking several thousand, we will consider discounting.

### Prices

4-6cm	R5.00
7-9cm	R7.00
12 -14cm	R10 00 (When available)

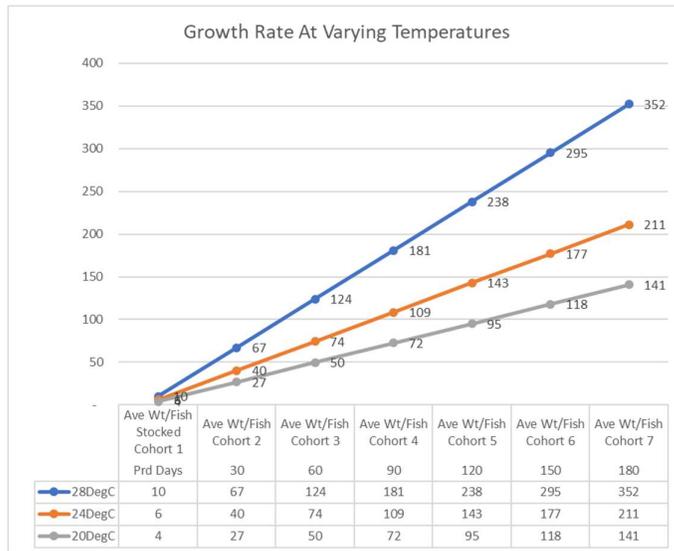
Fingerlings in bags with Oxygen, at a cost of R60/Bag 1 bag per 250 fingerlings <5g

For the larger quantities we will consider loading in 500 litre bins with aeration during transit

Delivery cost will be charged at a per km rate of R4.50/km return trip.

Require 5 and 10 working days from order and payment, to harvest and purge the fish for transport.

The availability of stocks is always limited in winter, so plan for delivery of your fingerlings so that you can stock as early in spring as weather allows. It is wise to have your own winter nursery and have this stocked running at the correct temperature so that you get a jump start with summer production.



## *Cool Temperatures Killing Production?*

### **Aquaponics Association of South Africa**

Once you have started your Tilapia Farm and have wastewater research Aquaponics.

The Aquaponics Association of South Africa is newly formed. For more information, please contact:

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### **Industry News**

#### **Food for thought**

Each day clients will call and email us and the questions we are asked keeps us on our toes and reminds us that we were once in the same situation, knowing little about Tilapia farming, straight out of college, full of hope that we could be employed, start a business and “Change The World” Not only do we still believe this; we are even more committed to seeing others succeed as well. Whilst research and obtaining information is a whole lot easier than it was 30 years ago, the complexities and science and engineering required for farming Tilapia commercially and intensively are probably more complicated to a “Newby” What has changed to some degree are people’s expectations around getting into business and making the business succeed. Aquaculture holds that potential in the future and particularly in Africa where access to fish, and we know this means “Tilapia” is limited for the vast majority of our population. The development of commercial

aquaculture will never fulfil the growing demand and need for fish. The deployment of APU's and the production of 200-250 fish per month from these units by 100's and the 1000's of these farmers will grow the numbers. South Africa's Tilapia production is 200-400MT which equates to 600 000 to 1,2 million fish. This scale of production is low in comparison to other African countries. This would equate to the production potential of 500 APU's. These units could be installed in Gauteng producing the fish, supplying and developing the market, taking up the fingerlings and feed and developing the skills of 500 farmers. This can be doubled, trebled even quadrupled and there would still be room for more. It is important to market Tilapia as a truly sustainable farmed fish, and a great, versatile protein.

The real question is not where is the market? The real question is what is needed to start and when will it start? It all starts with a vision and a plan. The vision is the clients and we will assist you with the plan. Think big start small and grow. APU's – "Developing more farmers to grow more fish in more locations 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.

### **Follow us on these social media platforms:**

#### LinkedIn

- <https://www.linkedin.com/in/david-fincham-57146042/>

#### Facebook

- <https://www.facebook.com/AgriAquaAfrica/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/TilapiaFarmingcom>

### **The DFA Team**

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Map Available Here too!

Google Earth and Google Maps - David Fincham Aquaculture

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**Note this is the farm location**

**The factory is in Selby and visits are by appointment with William Kelly.**

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