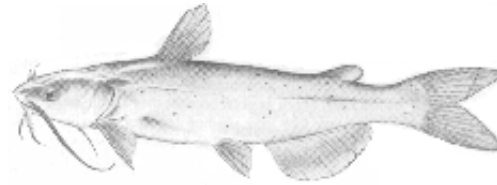


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Channel Catfish

Ictalurus punctatus

Illustration by Rick Hill

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Common name:	Channel Catfish
Scientific name:	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>
Production potential:	Easy
Marketing potential:	Potential: High Size: 0.75-2.5 lbs Market: Food, Sport
Temperature requirements:	Growing: 80-85°F Spawning: 72-82°F Lethal: NA
Feed requirements:	Protein: 28-30% Fat: 6-12%
Spawning requirements:	Annual spring spawners that lay eggs in cavities; 3,000-4,000 eggs/lb body weight; eggs hatch in seven to eight days at 78°F
Most common production systems:	Ponds

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