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Sea Grant Tip Sheet Series

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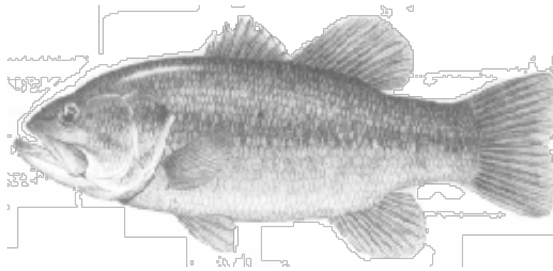
**Largemouth Bass***Micropterus salmoides*

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Common name:	Largemouth Bass
Scientific name:	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>
Production potential:	Moderate
Marketing potential:	Potential: High Size: 1.0 - 2.5 lbs for food and 4-8 inches for fingerlings Market: Sport, Food
Temperature requirements:	Growing: 55-80°F Spawning: 60-65°F Lethal: NA
Feed requirements:	Protein: 40% diets are normally fed from fingerlings to adults after fingerlings have been trained to accept commercial diets. Fat: 8-10%
Spawning requirements:	Spawning occurs during the spring and early summer when water temperatures reach 60-65°F, nest layers, 13,000 eggs/lb. body weight, eggs begin to hatch after four days.
Most common production systems:	Ponds for spawning and grow-out to food fish size. Small fingerlings are normally removed from ponds and trained to accept commercial diets using flow through systems.

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