



ILLINOIS - INDIANA

Sea Grant Tip Sheet Series
AS-508**Smallmouth Bass**
(*Micropterus dolomieu*)

Common name:	Smallmouth bass
Scientific name:	<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>
Production potential:	Easy for fingerlings. Difficult for food size.
Marketing potential:	Potential: Easy Size: 4-6 inches for fingerlings, 1.5-3.0 pounds for food size. Market: Sport
Temperature Requirements:	Growing: 50-70°F Spawning: 58-62°F Lethal: upper lethal temperatures of 95°F have been reportedNA
Feed requirements:	Protein: 45% Fat: 8%
Spawning requirements:	Nest layer, 8,000 eggs/lb. body weight. Males guard nests until eggs hatch.
Most common production systems:	Ponds

<http://ag.ansc.purdue.edu/aquanic/publicat/state/il-in/as-508.htm>

