



# POETRY TACK & AG

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Did You Know?



Bass can easily swallow a fish  $\frac{1}{3}$  of their body length

## Why Stock Your Pond With Tilapia?

Tilapia are a fantastic way of naturally cleaning your pond and balancing environmental parameters within your pond and small lakes. Generally stocked when water temperatures reach 60° F, Tilapia grow fast and eat lots of different types of vegetative plant material growing in your pond. Specializing in consuming filamentous algae, Tilapia are an excellent cost-effective means of controlling undesirable algae, as opposed to using various chemical treatments in a pond.

Tilapia generally end their life cycle when water temperatures reach towards the lower 50°s F. During the last two years in North Texas that “circle of life” generally falls towards the first or second week of December. As the fish are slowing down and starting to die, other native types of fish are consuming all sizes of Tilapia and packing on the weight needed to get them through the winter months.

## Taking Orders Now!

Call to Schedule Your Pickup

Pickup Dates:

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\$\_\_\_\_\_ per Pound

*no minimum • discount at 50+ lbs • sold in 5 lb increments*

**Recommended: 10 Pounds per Acre**

## Mozambique vs. Nilotical

Pond owners can find two types of Tilapia in the North Texas region, Mozambique and Nilotical strains. Of the two, Mozambique strains are preferred since they sexually mature in as little as 2 months as opposed to the “Nile” strains that generally take a minimum of 4 months to sexually mature. What this means for the typical pond owner is a lot more fish and a lot more algae control when using Mozambique Tilapia. As an example, if you stock one large ready to spawn Mozambique Tilapia female into your pond, she will reproduce 4 to 5 times over the summer months. Her first batch of babies will have grown large enough to spawn at least twice by summer’s end and her third batch of babies will have grown large enough to spawn at least once during a typical season. You might even get lucky enough to have her third batch of fish to spawn during warmer seasons. This means that you could have up to 4 generations of Tilapia spawning in your pond by the end of the summer. In the case of the Nilotica “Nile” strains of Tilapia, you might end the season with half as many fish meaning more chances of algae and less forage fish for your bass, bluegill, and catfish to consume.



Poetry Tack & Ag’s 2019 Tilapia Crop

## Poetry Tack & Ag: Your Regional Supplier of Large & Mozambique Tilapia

At Poetry Tack and Ag, this is our third season of offering large, sexually mature, Mozambique Tilapia. We try and do it a little differently than the other guys by offering large fish instead of smaller fish. Larger fish spawn faster and don't typically get eaten as the smaller fish do and that's important when you are paying by the pound! Typical ponds with a normal amount of bass, bluegill, and catfish should take around 10 lbs per acre. If you have ponds that are stocked heavily in bass fish, 20+ pounds of Tilapia are advised.

We have on hand several transportation tanks that we allow customers to use for free. Please call today for an appointment.

Thank you,

Poetry Tack and Ag.



*We have your pond management answers!*

*All photos from Poetry Tack & Ag's  
2019 Tilapia Crop*

