

Calculating Pond Size

When stocking your pond with fish, you should know both surface area and volume of water that your pond holds.

Determining Surface Acreage of Rectangular Ponds: The surface area equals the length in feet, times the width in feet, divided by 43,560. (You can usually regard an irregular shaped pond as a rectangular or square and compute the area from straight boundary lines, which are about equal to your actual shoreline.)

If Your Pond is Circular: Measure the total distance in feet around the outer edge. Multiply this number by itself and then divide by 547,390. Your answer will equal the surface acreage of your pond.

Recommended Stocking Rates

For fingerlings-size fish in new or renovated ponds (per acre):

<u>Bass</u>	<u>Bluegill</u>	<u>Catfish</u>	<u>Minnows</u>
100	400-500	100	500-1,000