

What will it cost to start an Aquaculture Operation? Can I really make a decent income in aquaculture?

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A number of factors will determine the startup cost of an aquaculture operation. These include

- What resources you already own (e.g., capital, land, farm buildings / structures, lake),
- Intended size of the operation (i.e., how many pounds of fish to produce),
- Intended type of production (i.e., fingerlings, bait fish, ornamental fish, food fish, value-added processing),
- Production system intended to use (ponds, cages/net pens, raceways/flow-through, recirculating/water reuse), and
- Where to market the product from the farm.

Use these budget templates as guide to assess the profitability of your aquaculture [operations](#).