

The Leading Edge

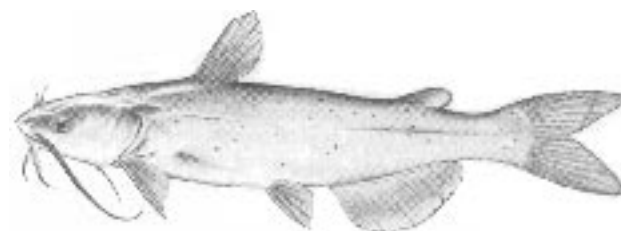


Common name: Channel Catfish

Scientific name: *Ictalurus punctatus*

Production potential: Easy

Marketing potential: Potential: High
Size: 0.75-2.5 lbs
Market: Food, Sport



Ictalurus punctatus
Illustration by Rick Hill
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Temperature Requirements: Growing: 80-85°F
Spawning: 72-82°F
Lethal: NA

Feed requirements: Protein: 28-30%
Fat: 6-12%

Spawning requirements: Annual spring spawners that lay eggs in cavities; 3,000-4,000 eggs/lb body weight; eggs hatch in seven to eight days at 78°F

Most common production systems: Ponds

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