

# 5 Things everyone must consider when starting a Catfish farm

Catfish is a lucrative business that can aid you to make profits in a short period of time. Before starting the catfish farming business, you need to be guided very well and as well have knowledge concerning the catfish farming business.

## Factors to consider

Before beginning catfish farming, you need to know your pond capacity, water supply, breed of fingerlings to stock, feed, and market survey.

**Fish pond;** There are various types of ponds and these include the earthen pond, tarpaulin pond, concrete pond, and plastic pond. These differ in size and the size of the pond determines the number of fingerlings that you can rear at a particular time.

**Water source;** Adequate water supply is important for the catfish to do well hence you should have supply of clean water that is safe for the catfish.

**Breed of fingerlings to begin with.** As a beginner, you need to begin with a good breed of catfish that does very well. If you buy a bad breed, this affects the growth of the fingerlings. Thence only buy your fingerlings from a reputable source.

**Feed;** Feeding accounts for about 70% of the budget in catfish farming hence money should always be available to purchase the feed. Feed the fish on a quality feed of the right size because the quality of feed affects the rate of growth of the fish.

**Market survey;** Before beginning, do a market survey to ascertain the average price of catfish in your area because this determines the size at which you will sell the catfish.