

Grass Carp for Pond Weed Control

The grass carp is a practical and economical way to control certain types of pond weeds with tender succulent vegetation such as filamentous algae and duckweed, but are ineffective in controlling weeds that have tough woody vegetation such as water lily or cattail.

The effect of grass carp is usually not seen until the seasonal year after stocking. Recreational fishing ponds with less than 25 percent weed coverage should generally not be stocked with grass carp. To open up shore fishing spots, try spot herbicides instead.

The recommended stocking rate for grass carp is 10 grass carp per vegetated acre. If bass or other predatory fish are present, then 10 inch grass carp should be used.

For more information on pond management, contact Tulsa County OSU Extension Center, 918/746-3725.