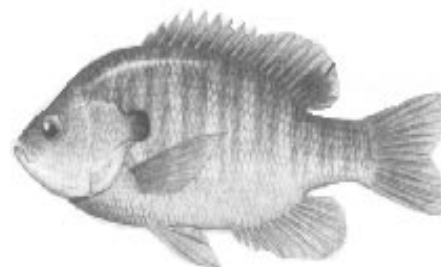


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Bluegill

Lepomis Macrochirus

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Common name: Bluegill

Scientific name: *Lepomis macrochirus*

Production potential: Easy

Marketing potential: Potential: Moderate
Size: Three fish per pound
Market: Sport, Food

Temperature Requirements: Growing: 55-80°F
Spawning: 75-80°F
Lethal: NA

Feed requirements: Protein: 40 percent for fry, and 32 percent from fingerlings to adult
Fat: 8-10 percent

Spawning requirements: Spring spawners, nest builders, 50,000 eggs/lb. body weight

Most common production systems: Ponds and cages

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