

NC Ag Cost Share Program and Aquaculture



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NC Ag Cost Share Program

- Initiated in 1984 as a pilot program in the Jordan Lake, Falls Lake and the Chowan River Basin
- In 1987 it expanded to include the entire state.



Objectives

- Reduce the delivery of nonpoint source pollution from agriculture operations
 - Properly managing nutrients
 - Reducing sediment
 - Managing Pesticides
 - Reducing Freshwater Loading



Objectives

- Increase Technical Services in Soil and Water Conservation District Offices
 - 2006 - \$2.1 Million Allocated for Technical Assistance
 - Provides 50% salary and benefits for 126 SWCD employees.

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- Provide Cost Share to assist landowners in implementing BMPs
 - 2006 Appropriation - \$5.2 million
 - Reimburse the landowner 75 % of average cost of installation

What does this mean for Aquaculture?

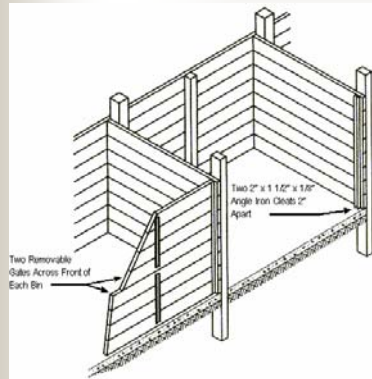
- Develop BMPs
- SWCD Commission Approval
- Implement BMPs



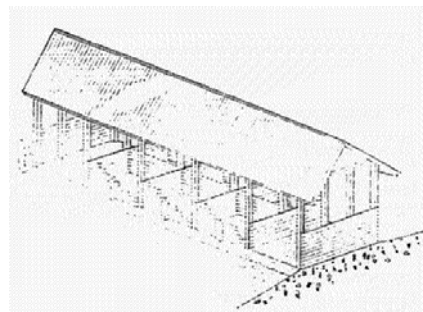
Solids Separation From Tank-Based Aquaculture Production



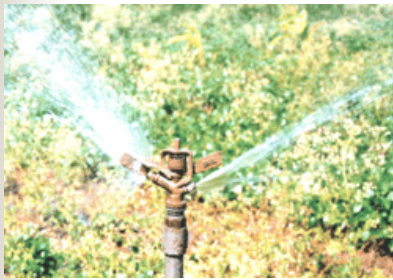
- Maximum Cost Share \$15,000
- Waste Storage Pond Upgraded (if needed)



Mortality Composter



Water Control Structures



Irrigation System

USDA – NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant

- Nationwide Competitive Process
- Awarded \$150,000
- Innovative BMPs on Aquaculture Operations
- Completion data of the grant is June 2009



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