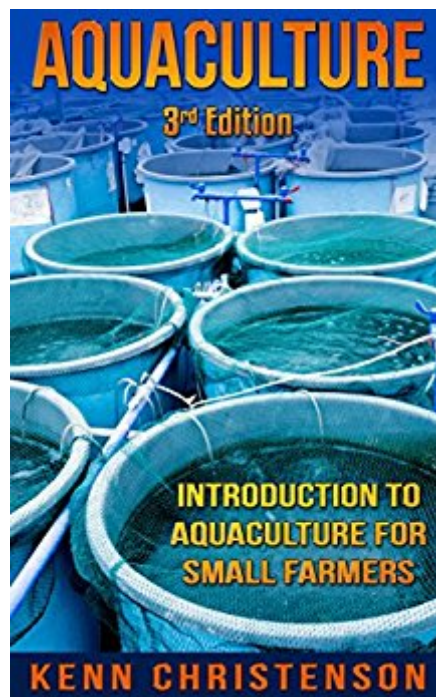


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Customer Reviews

I absolutely love fish and it seems like it's the healthiest meat you can eat. Lately I've been thinking a lot about retirement and what I'd like to do once I'm no longer active in the work environment. I don't want to sit on my couch all day watching television. With no fresh fish markets in the area, I've been considering the possibility of going into business for myself and fulfilling a dream I've always had. To me, the idea of a man-made fishpond makes sense on both a hobbyist and economic level. With that idea blossoming in my mind, I figured why not try and create some type of fishpond. At the very least it would be something fun to do if nothing more. I researched the topic extensively, reading online articles and books on the subject. Eventually I came to this one. This book right here, "Introduction to Aquaculture for Small Farmers," this one is one of the best books you can get on the subject in my opinion. The reason why is simple, the writing is clear, to the point, and it includes a hefty amount of information that has taken me months to collect by reading other texts. If I'd started with this one, it would have saved me a great deal of time. The steps and strategies in this book are straightforward and easy to implement if you have the right amount of time and money. First, you need to know what kind of aquaculture system you're going to be able to produce. In my case, I have to do home recirculating, which is essentially buying an above ground pool and setting it up in my backyard. Once you understand what type of system you want, you'll need to know about facing the challenges of fish farming in order to determine if this is something you even want to tackle. You also need to be aware of threats to your stock, such as various predators, temperature changes and power failures. Once you figure out this is for you, then you need to think about the stock itself. What kind of fish am I going to raise? This book covers a great variety of fish to ponder on and why or why not these fish are an option for you. In my case, I love tilapia, they grow in warmer climates and thrive in pretty much any water condition, even poor water conditions. This seems like my choice. Once the fish is decided upon, you need to know how to setup your fish farm. This book breaks it down for you really well. It also offers tips for you to get you off to a running start and discusses various tools you'll need in your new venture. I want to be a fish farmer and raise Tilapia when I retire, and this book is

going to help me a great deal to realize that dream. If you're considering doing something along these lines, get this book. It teaches you a lot.

Unfortunately, the book did not provide me with the additional information I needed to embark on my fish farming venture. Most of the information provided are already available for free on the internet. I was expecting to see figures, illustrations and some quantitative assessment. For the new beginner, the information provided may be useful; however, this is already available for free on the internet. I will recommend Agromisa.org series on this matter. Luckily, I bought my copy via kindle. I would have ended up paying \$10 and waited 2-3 weeks to get a paperback copy - Phew!

"An Introduction to Aquaponics for Small Farmers" is an excellent book if you are looking into farming your own fish as a small farmer. It provides heaps of information that will be invaluable as you start on your way to growing fish, breaking down for you some simple steps and strategies that you can follow to produce the perfect aquaculture system for your needs. Following the steps in this book, you can get yourself up and running to have your very own supply of fresh fish for the frying pan in short order, and become just a little bit more self-sufficient.

That is my description for this book! I've been wanting to create my own aqua farming business after my retirement. I work and lived in the city and it is refreshing for me to start a "new" life and see myself in a small cozy province with my farm. The author has keyed in from a-z the steps and explanation of the right materials to use in farming. I like how he included the FAQs part because those are the little but really heavy infos we should understand!

I have never gardened using the aquaponic method before, but after reading this simple, straightforward and ideal beginner's book, I will be building an aquaponic set up; I live in California and it's a drought here right now, it may seem ironic to turn to aquaponic gardening but it's actually ideal for these conditions because it uses less water than traditional gardening does. Great book.

So far the best book I have read on aquaculture. An Introduction To Aquaculture For Small Farmers: Aquaculture, Aquaponics... by Kenn Christenson is also great book for aquaponic enthusiast, but this one seems to go more into details and it will help you with all the steps you need to go through to learn the basics. Very good. Great investment. A must read for those small farmers!

DO NOT BUY! Unless you have no clue about raising fish. You can learn more in an afternoon on the internet, which is longer than it took for the author to write it. Only the very basic, I wasted \$14.

The book is good for those that may be interested in starting an aquaculture business or at home aquaculture and are looking for a starting point.

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