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Economics of fish production in Kaduna State Nigeria [2008]

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This paper examines the resources, costs and returns and other factors affecting fish production. A sample of 44 fish farmers was randomly selected from two local government areas of Kaduna State (Chikun and Kaduna South). Data was collected in 2006 production season through administration of a questionnaire to the fish farmers. Analysis of the data was done using descriptive statistics and budgeting technique. The analysis revealed that land, water, labour and capital were the main resources employed in fish production. The costs and returns analysis indicated that, variable cost constituted 97.63% of the total cost of fish production in the study area, while the fixed cost constituted 2.37%. Amongst the variable inputs, fingerlings/juveniles (42.82%) and feed (34.70%) constituted the highest (77.52%) to cost of production, while hired labour constitutes 16.91%. The cost of production was N571, 231.79, the total revenue of N5, 853, 625.64 and the net income was N5, 282, 393.85 indicating that fish production was highly profitable. Despite the high profitability in fish production, fish farmers identified lack of finance (97.7%), lack of good market (81.8%), pests and diseases (56.8%), and water supply (21%) as their most important problems in fish production. With this high level of profitability in fish farming, it is recommended that this information should be disseminated to all the farmers in these and other surrounding communities.

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