
Farm Pond Maintenance Checklist

After storms or heavy rain

- Inspect dike for erosion and leaking.
- Inspect quality of water entering the pond and reduce nutrient input if present.

Monthly

- Assess presence of pond plants; excessive growth typically occurs in mid to late summer.
- Maintain mown grass to stabilize dike; remove woody vegetation from dike.
- Check water temperature for fish habitat.

Seasonally

- Inspect for wildlife damage.
- Repair or replace safety signs.
- Catch and release fish to determine population health.
- Inspect spillway for stability.
- Inspect fencing to restrict livestock from entering water.

Annually

- Assess silting or changes in pond depth.
- Record maximum / minimum depths.
- Check water pH and adjust for fish habitat.