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.