

ANNUAL POND-RAISED CRAWFISH SURVEY

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SEASON: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>POND DETAILS</b>		
1. What was your total acreage in crawfish ponds this season? (include land owned and leased)		
2. Do you own all of the land that you use for crawfish ponds?		Y / N
2a. If no, what percentage of land do you rent? (circle one)		
1-25%	26-50%	51-75%      76-100%
2b. If renting, is it a cash lease or a share lease? (circle one)		CASH      SHARE
3. Did you construct your pond(s) yourself?		Y / N
4. What are the measurements of your perimeter (outside) levees?		(in feet)
Average height:		
Top width:		
Base width:		
5. How many total crawfish ponds do you operate?		
5a. What is the most common pond size on your farm? (in acres)		
6. List the types of ponds you are farming:		
TYPE	NUMBER OF PONDS	ACRES
Open pond with <b>natural</b> vegetation (permanent)		
Open pond with <b>planted</b> vegetation (permanent)		
7. Do you harvest crawfish in rotation with other crops?		Y / N
7a. If yes, what other crops? (circle all that apply)		
Rice	Other (specify): _____	
8. What types of levees are used on your farm? (circle all that apply)		
Permanent	Temporary	Seeded
9. Does your pond contain baffle levees?		Y / N
10. How far from your crawfish farm is the nearest stream or river? (circle one)		
A stream/river runs through my farm	Less than 1 mile	more than 1 mile
11. Do you have drain outlets installed to remove water from the pond?		Y / N
11a. If yes, does water drain from the top or the bottom of the pond?		TOP / BOTTOM





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5a. How often do you check your oxygen content? (circle one)	
Daily	Weekly
Monthly	Never
6. Have you had the soil tested (for nutrient status and pH) in the last 2-3 years?	Y / N
6a. If yes, what date?	
6b. If no, when was the last time you had the soil checked? (circle one)	
3-5 years ago	5-7 years ago
I don't remember	Never
7. Do you use sediment from the pond bottom to rebuild levees or fill low areas?	Y / N
8. Do you use any type of predator or pest control?	Y / N
8a. If yes, please describe:	

<b>HARVEST</b>	
1. How did you prepare your trapping lanes? (circle one)	
Discing	Shredding
None were prepared	
Other (please specify) _____	
2. About how many traps do you use per acre? (circle one)	
1-5	6-10
11-15	16-20
21-25	26-30
>30	
3. What types of traps do you use? (circle one)	
Stand-up or barrel	Pillow
Pyramid	All types
Other (please specify) _____	
4. If the pillow type was used, which modification was use most? (circle one)	
One flue	Two flues
Three flues	Four flues
5. If the stand-up or pyramid type or was used, which design was used more? (circle one)	
One flue	Two flues
Three flues	Four flues
6. Did you use retainer rings on your barrel traps?	Y / N
7. What was the mesh size of most of your traps? (circle one)	
½ inch	5/8 inch
¾ inch	Other (please specify) _____
8. Are there bait wells in your traps?	Y / N
9. What type of bait did you use? (circle all that apply)	
Menhaden (pogy)	Herring (slicker)
Carp	Suckers
Mullet	Fish parts from processors
Manufactured bait	Other: _____

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10. What methods of harvesting did you use?		PERCENTAGE (%)
	walking	
	paddling or push poling	
	outboard motor or boat	
	go devil	
	crawfish combine harvester	
	mudboat	
	other (please specify)	
11. What was your average yield per acre? (in pounds/acre)		
12. Please indicate how often you harvest during the following seasons: (circle one for each season)		
Early Season (Oct - Feb):	Daily    every other day    every 3 <sup>rd</sup> day    once a week other: _____	
Mid-Season (Mar - May):	Daily    every other day    every 3 <sup>rd</sup> day    once a week other: _____	
Late Season (June-Aug):	Daily    every other day    every 3 <sup>rd</sup> day    once a week other: _____	

<b>BUFFERS AND BORDERS: VEGETATION (trees, shrubs, plants, grasses)</b>	
1. <b>Conservation Cover</b> is the practice of establishing permanent vegetative cover to improve air, water, and soil quality as well as reduce soil erosion. Do you use this practice?	Y / N
2. A <b>Field Border</b> is a strip of permanent vegetation established at the edge or perimeter of a field to reduce soil erosion, improve soil and water quality. Do you have field borders?	Y / N
3. <b>Filter Strips</b> are strips of grasses or other close-growing vegetation planted around fields and along drainage ways and water bodies. The purpose is to reduce sediment, organic material, nutrients, and chemicals carried in runoff, in the case of crawfish production in inflow and discharging water. Do you have filter strips?	Y / N
4. A <b>Grassed Waterway</b> is a natural or constructed channel that is shaped or graded to required dimensions and established with suitable vegetation. Do you have a grassed waterway on your farm?	Y / N
5. A <b>Riparian Forest Buffer</b> is an area of predominantly trees and/or shrubs located adjacent to and uphill from a water body. Have you established a riparian forest buffer?	Y / N