Pond Algae Management Guide

Guide to managing algae in farm ponds, from identifying the problem and its likely causes to choosing treatments and preventing a repeat. Work through the steps in order and keep notes on what you find along the way.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Observe and photograph the algae
2. Identify type with help from extension
3. Check pond nutrients and runoff sources
4. Review shoreline and buffer conditions
5. Consider aeration or circulation
6. Choose a treatment per the product label
7. Watch for oxygen problems after treatment
8. Record results details
9. Plan long term prevention

YOUR NOTES

TIP Ask your extension office to identify the algae before treating, and follow product labels exactly.