# DO YOU SEA A FARMER?



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# **OUR MISSION**

**FVSU's Cooperative Extension and Outreach** Program offers oneon-one assistance to our local agricultural producers, farmers, families, gardeners, homeowners, parents, youth and senior citizens. Extension also participates in agricultural events and provides workshops that cater to the community.

# FVSU IS DIVING DEEPER

The Georgia Center for Aquaculture Development is expanding with the addition of new facilities. These additions promote the education of breeding and raising multiple species of fish and crustaceans, rearing and harvesting plants and produce, and mass-producing seafood.

# THE SEAFOOD MARKET S TIDE IS CHANGING

Overfishing, loss of habitat and pollution have led to the demand for fish and crustaceans to exceed natural production.

The aquaculture industry is a thriving business opportunity. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the demand for seafood will increase by more than 70% over the next 30 years, making the aquaculture industry a practical, exciting and expanding career.

Under the direction of marine biologists and aquaculture specialists, FVSU maintains the Georgia Center for Aquaculture Development by offering hands-on experience through demonstrations and prototypes of various aquaculture and aquaponic systems. These practices include water quality and fish health maintenance, fish disease diagnosis, aquatic weed management, and shrimp management through the development of 10 core programs:

- Cage Culture Development
- Greenhouse Aquaculture and Aquaponics
- Inland Farming of Marine and Freshwater Shrimp and Prawns
- Commercial Pond Production
- Marine Fish Culture
- Urban Aquaculture
- Aquatic Animal Health Management
- Ornamental and Tropical Fish Culture
- Biofuel Production
- Education and Outreach

## FEATURED SPECIES

Tilapia Azolla

Koi

**Water Hyacinths** 

**Duckweed** 

Mosquitofish

WEARE FARMERS MAKING WAVES



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