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Terrace and contour farm all land in the drainage area above dam.

Land that is too steep to be safely cultivated should be seeded to grass in the drainage area above the dam.

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How Should Farm Ponds Be Managed?

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Where Should a Pond Be Built?

1. Preferably in a pasture or meadow.
2. Where no silt will wash into the pond.
How Should the Farm Pond Be Managed?

1. The farm pond should be fenced to keep livestock out.
2. The dam and shore line should be seeded to grass, including Reeds Canary grass.
3. All burrowing rodents should be removed by trapping.
4. If livestock water is needed put a pipe through the dam to a watertank below it.

Advantages of Having Clean Water in a Farm Pond

1. Can be used for swimming.
2. Can be used for fishing and hunting.
3. Can be used as a picnic area.
4. Water can be used to irrigate farm gardens.
5. Water can be used for livestock.

For a good farm pond, a good conservation program must first be applied on the land.