

First EU's tilapia farm to attain BAP distinction

A tilapia farm in the United Kingdom (UK) becomes the first to be granted Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP) certification.

Located in Welton Cliff, Lincolnshire, this farming centre is R.H. Ward (Welton) Ltd.'s tilapia farm, The Fish Company, which has also become first aquaculture farm to achieve the distinction.

“It has been essential for The Fish Company to maintain a standard of production in line with the stringent quality guidelines that consumers have come to expect,” stressed Richard Beckett of R.H. Ward.

And he added: “Attaining the BAP certification provides assurances to our customers that our facility meets international quality standards and is an endorsement of our commitment to advanced, sustainable fish farming.”

In this centre the tilapia specimens are reared in a centrally heated recirculating system inside in a custom-built 1080sqm facility heated by a waste-wood biomass boiler and partially powered by a 45kw solar photovoltaic array.

At present, the company produces approximately 50 tonnes of tilapia annually but expects to reach a full production capacity of approximately 100 tonnes in the near future.

The fish are processed by B & L Filleting, a local, family-owned seafood-processing company in Grimsby, and are sold as gutted, whole round red tilapia to UK supermarkets under the 'The Fish Company' brand.

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