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About the cover

Our cover photo is on Jack Chaffin's farm near Ostrander Ohio. The pond has been in for many years. As you may know, older established ponds can have excessive amounts of decaying organic material that release toxic gases. These gases are detrimental to the health of your pond and fish by depleting the oxygen level in the water. These gases also produce an environment of oxygen-starved water that insects and algae can thrive in. These gases can also be a problem during the winter as your pond freezes over the gases become trapped under the ice, therefore starving the water of oxygen. A floating aeration unit such as the one in the photo that operates all year is your best defense against the fore mentioned problems. Photo by Andy Stevens, editor