

## USSEC Sponsors the 8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Tilapia Aquaculture

USSEC MEA jointly held the “8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Tilapia Aquaculture” in Cairo, Egypt for 300 Tilapia experts, researchers and growers from around the world. This year, more papers were presented than in any of the previous seven conferences.

Dr. Tri Nhu Nguyen, Nong Lam University of Vietnam, presented a review on the utilization of soybean products in Tilapia feed. Dr. Jesse A. Chappell, Auburn University and USSEC consultant, presented on a demonstration of “Tilapia and Tomato Culture Utilizing an Energy Efficient Integrated System Approach”, and Dr Yang Yi, Shanghai Ocean University, discussed strategies for Nile Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) pond culture. International delegates also visited aquaculture production sites in the Nile Delta.

Dr. Jesse Chappell consulted on behalf of USSEC MEA in Kafr EL Sheikh, Beheira and Alexandria. He visited a water recirculation pond farm, an integrated Tilapia production desert farm, a traditional pond farm and a cage aquaculture site.

Egypt is the second largest Tilapia producer after China; this year’s aquaculture production is estimated at 800,000 MT, the majority of which is Tilapia. Egyptian tilapia feed contains up to 40% soybean meal.



**Photo Caption:** USSEC consultant Mohamed Sherif is recognized for his work with the conference organizing committee.

