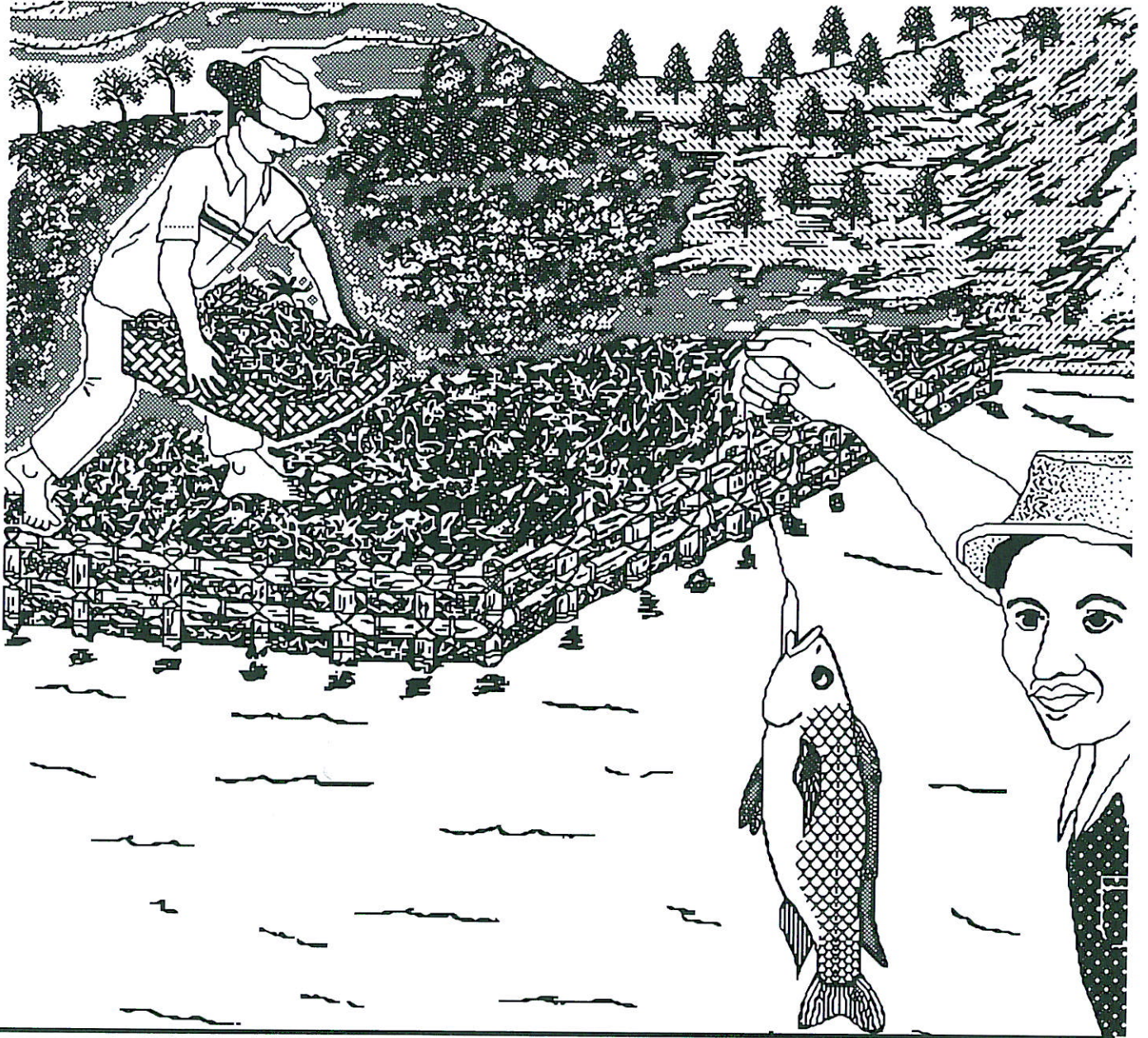

WATER HARVESTING AND AQUACULTURE
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ORGANIC FERTILIZERS FOR FISH PONDS



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INTRODUCTION

Organic fertilizers are usually animal manures or plant wastes and cuttings ("green manure"). Manure from chickens, goats, sheep, ducks, pigs, rabbits, cattle and horses are excellent fertilizers for fish ponds. Other examples of organic fertilizers suitable for ponds are digested sludge from biogas generators, molasses from sugar cane factories, composted vegetation, table scraps and waste water from animal slaughter houses. Examples of materials that are NOT good organic fertilizers are rice hulls, sugar cane stalks, sawdust or other materials that require a long time to decay.

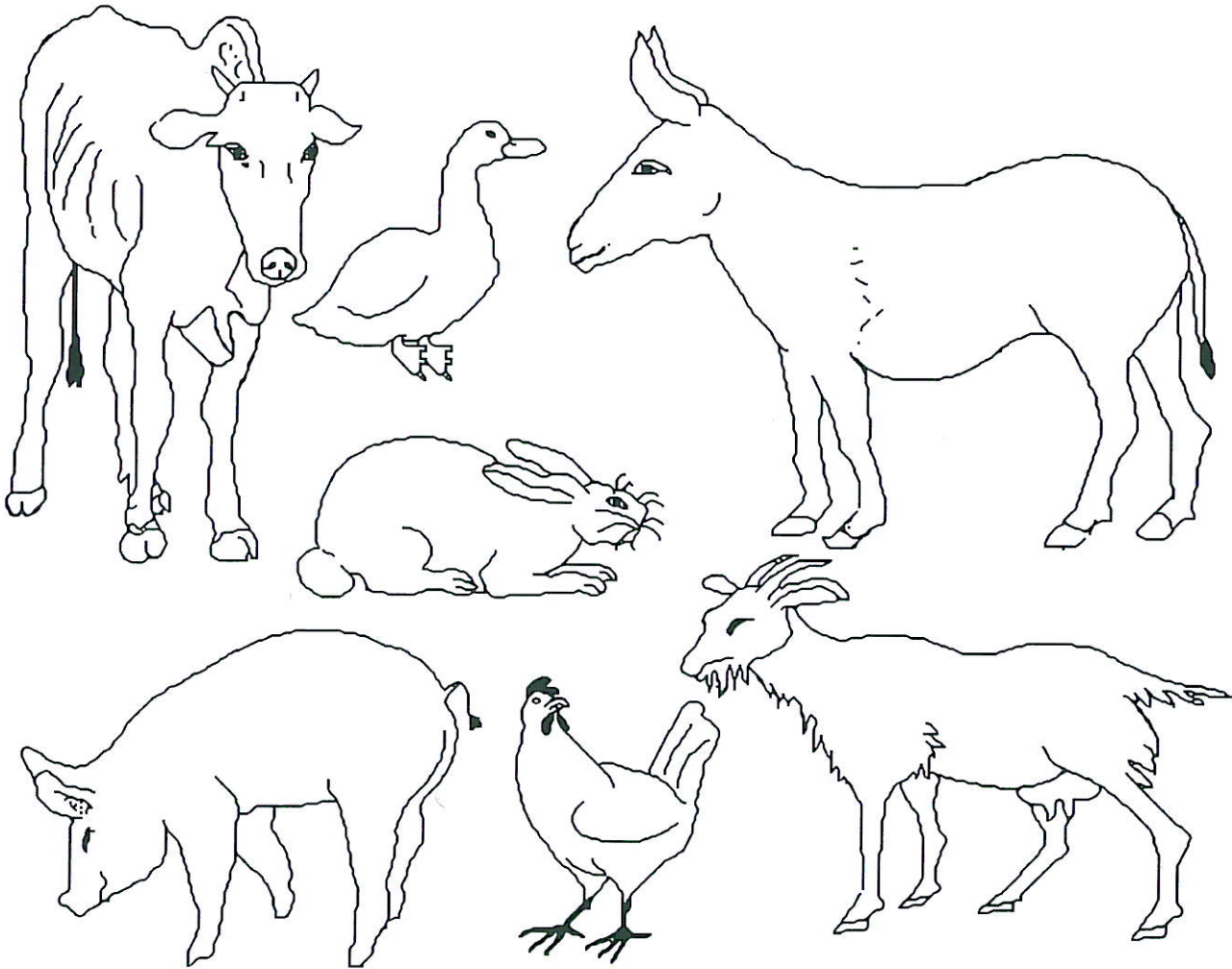


Figure 1: Animal manures make good fish pond fertilizers.