AQUACULTURE or fish farming is the raising of fish and shellfish in special farms. Aquaculture can take place in the open ocean, in bays, in ponds, greenhouses, and even in buildings.

In addition to preserving mummies and building pyramids, the ancient EGYPTIANS were raising fish over 4,000 years ago. The Japanese raise a special type of fish similar to a goldfish that can sell for tens of thousands of dollars. These special fish are called KOI.

Many people raise koi as a hobby and they want certain colors and patterns. The colors can be white, black, red, orange and grey. Sometimes the fish have shiny scales. Sometimes, they have no scales at all.