

### MICROWORMS

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In a round medium plastic see-through tub, 500g margarine size, place quick cooking oats to about a 1" (2.5cm) depth, then, add some tank water until the mixture goes "blob blob" off the spoon you are mixing with. This should be the right consistency. Wipe all excess mixture from the sides of the dish down to the level of the mixture, then, place a starter of microworms on top of the mixture. Loosely place a lid on top that has a number of holes punched in it. Place the dish on a thin layer of foam on top of your tank light to keep warm. It is not necessary to have your light on all the time, but when it is on the worms will be more active and crawl up the sides of the dish where you can wipe your finger inside the dish and collect as much as you want to dabble to your fry.

This culture will last a couple of weeks but may need extra water and mixing to keep going longer. It is a good idea to have a few going at the one time, started at different times so you always have some. They seem to prefer subdued light. Microworms only live in tank water for about 24 hours.

Microworm cultures are available from Joe Schill and other members so ask around. Thanks to Karl for putting us onto these useful little worms.

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