

Culturing Grindal Worms

Grindal worms are great for Oklahoma as they do well at higher temperatures. I keep six cultures going and can feed 20 tanks several times a week from them.

For medium, I use a 50/50 mix of coir and peat moss. By keeping the culture moist enough, the inevitable mites do not reproduce enough to be a problem. I feed small dog food pellets to the worms. I place the pellets at the sides of the culture box. The worms feed then many will climb the plastic side of the culture where they are easily removed. Every 4-6 months the culture will need to be split. I remove 2/3 of the medium and replace it with fresh coir/peat moss.

I have also used coir and potting soil as medium and peat moss and potting soil. They all work. I didn't particularly care for soil-less culture.

I'm using an easier method of collecting the worms. I cut a sheet of plastic big enough to cover the medium. I use 3mil plastic, as it is easier to handle and stays flat better. If the medium is reasonably damp the worms will be on the plastic over the food pellets. Just take the plastic off and wash the worms off into a container. It's easier than picking them off the sides.