

Brask Hunting Strategy

This year has been a little rough with rainfall but we did have the right rains at the right times. From the surveys that I have done thus far, the fawn crop seems to be just above average and the bucks that I have seen have grown very well from last year. I believe it has been a great bounce back from last year.

I believe that deer management still should be a little light on the doe harvest just because of the very low recruitment last year. That is not saying we do not harvest does but in my recommendations it will be skewed toward the lower end. This will help with population control and hopefully keep us from seeing too much of a big gap in age classes from last years drought.

The bucks do not affect our population as far as recruitment numbers and they have seemed to have done really good this year in antler production. Thus our criteria will remain the same as last year.

As last year before any trophy animal is harvested 90% of the does and 1 cull per 1000 acres needs to be harvested.

4 year old slick 8 point scoring under 125 BC

5 year old scoring under 130 BC

6 year old scoring under 140 BC

7 year old trophy 150+ BC

Trophy season will end with the end of regular hunting season set by the state. After this time we will focus on true junk. This means slick 8 points scoring under 125 BC that meet the age criteria. We do not need to harvest any animal with broken tines at this time because of the unknown of what they were at one time earlier in the season.

Every buck harvested needs a picture of antlers, score sheet, and jaw sent to Jerry and Bubba before it leaves the ranch.

Hopefully we will have a great safe season and find those muy grandes. Be sure to follow all ranch and state rules.