

## ***Seven Cross Ranch***

My name is L.H. Webb. I am a fourth-generation rancher operating in the Texas Panhandle. I have been ranching in Gray & Wheeler counties since 1986. The Seven Cross Ranch consists of diverse landscape from rolling short & tall grass open country, sand hills, wooded draws, rivers & creeks, sub irrigated meadows and spring fed ponds. Through the years cross fencing, rotational grazing, and good pasture management, our livestock has flourished with an increase in tall grasses, forbes, legumes, and beneficial woody plants.

A great livestock habitat is also a great habitat for wildlife. Our wildlife population consists of whitetail deer, bobwhite & blue quail, prairie chicken, a wide variety of native birds, varmints and wild hogs. Although we have abundance of wildlife, hunting management has its demands. Finding the right hunters, supervising their hunts, & the removal of genetically inferior culls is something that takes time and work, plus the knowledge of country and knowing what deer you have in each area, filling feeders, setting up deer stand and checking game cameras are all time consuming. I did not have the time or knowledge to do these things while overseeing a successful cattle operation, so our hunting potential was not being realized.

Four years ago, I approached Casey Carter of Antler's Edge and asked him if he would be interested in guiding some hunts on the ranch, so with some pop-ups and borrowed feeders our hunting program began.

The next year, we bought some nice insulated blinds, good feeders, and game cameras and Casey started booking hunts. We have expanded the acreage we hunt every year and continue to add more blinds, feeders, cameras & food plots. We offer a first-class bunkhouse with 4 queen size beds and 2 bathrooms and a fully operational kitchen. Meals available upon request.

Casey and Antler's Edge contacts the hunters, books the hunts, collects the money, takes the hunters to the blinds and sits with them until they harvest a deer. Casey and Antler's Edge take all the work out of it for the landowner, he does a turn key job.

Casey puts blinds up, and feeders and cameras out, and fills feeders. He also checks the cameras, and monitors which areas of the ranch the trophy bucks and cull deer frequent. Casey knows which deer show up at which feeder and has pictures of the deer to be harvested. He really concentrates on herd management, if a trophy needs to grow a few more years, he lets it grow, so it can reach its full potential. He also markets cull hunts to eliminate poor genetics; these deer are usually nice bucks but don't have the possibility to ever be trophies. Casey limits the number of trophy bucks to be harvested each season based on what he sees on game cameras and in the field, leaving a healthy population of good bucks to pass on their superior genetics.

It has been great working with Casey & Antler's Edge, he does everything he can to make each hunt an enjoyable and successful experience. As the land owner, I am very pleased to see our deer herd improve genetically and grow in regard to higher scoring bucks.

Casey is a good Christian family man; the community and surrounding area benefit from his generosity & service. Antler's Edge and Casey Carter are making a difference on the Seven Cross Ranch.