

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Public Hunting Program and Landowner Assistance



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Annual Public Hunting Program

Private Lands for Public Hunting

- Lease Private Lands for Public hunting access
- Access through purchase of \$48 Annual Public Hunting Permit
- Began 1994
- Originally focused near urban areas, easy hunter access
- Digital Registration
- 115 hunt units
- Just under 50,000 acres



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- Not designed to compete with outfitters
- \$4-\$12/ac, avg. \$8/ac
- Usually 60 day leases (first split)
- Work around deer season
- Adjacent fields or tracts
- Manage public pressure for private benefit



Drawn Hunt Program

Private Lands Dove Hunts

- Specific Number of Hunters
- Fully Outfitted
- Cost per Hunter
- ~150 drawn spots per year
- Introduce New Clients to your Operation



Landowner Assistance

- **Technical Guidance Program**
- **Not just MLDP!**
- **Biologist for every county**
- **Plant ID**
- **Water Sources**
- **Shredding patterns**
- **Prescribed Fire**



Landowner Assistance

- **TPWD Website –**
www.tpwd.texas.gov/biologist
- **OR**
- **David Veale 361-790-3585**
- **Eric Garza 512-753-2707**



Mentored Hunts



- **New Hunters**
- **Youth Hunters**
- **Specific Demographics**

Dove Trapping Locations



- Harvest estimates
- Longevity
- Movement patterns

