

# QUAIL-TECH ALLIANCE

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## Letter of Enrollment

Welcome to the Quail-Tech Alliance. The \_\_\_\_\_ Ranch in \_\_\_\_\_ County is hereby enrolled in the Quail Tech Alliance five-year research initiative. The above ranch will become the Anchor Ranch for \_\_\_\_\_ County. During one year of the five-year enrollment, the ranch will be the laboratory for research at the ranch owner's discretion. The ranch may host or be available for either a demonstration or symposium day.

### Annual deliverables to each participating ranch:

- A fall covey count and a spring call count
- Early quail season e-bulletin concerning harvest rate suggestions
- Report of quail recruitment into the fall population on the ranch
- Report of important fall and winter foods used by birds on the ranch
- Gate sign
- Regional training session concerning population size estimation and setting maximum sustainable harvest goals
- Ranch visit by a wildlife biologist/range scientist to index current habitat condition and suggest quail management strategies for the ranch
- Invitation to the annual field day/symposium
- Identification and acknowledgement on the project website and in quarterly newsletters
- This program should provide wildlife exemption under the tax code

### Landowner expectations:

- Keep accurate temperature and rainfall records
- Provide a sample of wings and crops from birds harvested the first month of the season so that population bulletins can be issued
- Provide access to property
- Adhere to study guidelines if involved in a research project
- Answer a questionnaire regarding management practices (i.e. management history)
- Communicate with the Quail-Tech Alliance research team before allowing other research activities on the same acreage already enrolled in the Quail-Tech Alliance
- Participate in the annual field day and symposium

The enrollment fee is \$3,500 per year for each of the five years. The above sum is payable either on a per year basis or a one time payment of \$15,000 in year one. Please make checks payable to Quail First, a non-profit corporation that is the clearinghouse for the direct donation to Texas Tech University. Quail First by-laws designate that 100% of funds are directly donated to Texas Tech University quail research and no indirect expenses will be paid for out of received funds.

It is understood that all research personnel entering the anchor ranch premises will have on file with the ranchers an executed indemnification and release form enclosed. Research projects will be developed in concert with ranch operations.

Ranch research interests (e.g. radio telemetry of released birds, DNA study of possible crossing with wild flock): \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastures to be enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

Ranch demonstration day participation (please circle):      YES              NO

Primary ranch contact:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_      Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary on-site ranch manager:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_      Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Manager \_\_\_\_\_

We wish to thank you for your participation in such an important program to stem the tide of the quail decline in Texas.

Charles Hodges	Dr. Brad Dabbert	Dr. Ron Sosebee
Gerald Hobson	JR Bell	Warren Thetford