

THE
QUAIL-TECH

A L L I A N C E



**ANCHOR
RANCH
PROGRAM**

A PROJECT OF

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

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MISSION STATEMENT:

FURTHERING OUR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE NORTHERN BOBWHITE AND SCALED QUAIL AND THEIR HABITAT RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GOAL OF EXPANDING THE RANGE OF SUSTAINABLE POPULATIONS. IN CONCERT WITH TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY, CONDUCTING RESEARCH AND EDUCATING NEW BIOLOGISTS AND LANDOWNERS IN QUAIL MANAGEMENT.

OUR VISION

The Quail are fighting for survival

Quail are declining. This truth is the driving force behind a small group of conservation minded individuals who sat down and plotted the strategy for one of **the greatest conservation and research battles to be fought on Texas soil.**

The battle must be fought on a broad front

This approach utilizes data from a broad area known for its' diverse habitat and weather patterns. A 38-county area was chosen; one which represents the Quail stronghold and the eastern counties where Quail are losing the war.

The Anchor Ranches

With these 38 counties and Anchor Ranches: biologists, conservationists and ranch owners will embark upon the **one of the largest Quail data collection effort in Texas** encompassing some 22 million acres.

The leadership

Texas Tech University has long held the respect of this area in range and wildlife research. The battle will be fought with Texas Tech leading the charge and with 38 battlefields to protect Quail populations and habitat.

The goal

The Quail-Tech Alliance will provide Anchor Ranches in each of the 38 counties to serve as a stronghold and base from which the line of Quail decline will be pushed eastward until **sustainable populations are returned** to all of northwest and north-central Texas.

Five year commitment

Each of the 38 ranches will become a laboratory to be used for a five-year research effort. This will provide a data set unaffected by catastrophic weather events in a small area and will **give a clear, informative view of progress in the battle to return sustainable populations of Bobwhite and Blue Quail to Texas.**

Corporate allies

The Quail-Tech Alliance will recruit corporate partners to **join with Texas Tech in its' efforts to preserve this precious resource of Texas.** These corporate partners may provide monetary support as well as logistics and equipment, and will be welcomed at field days, demonstration days and at all Alliance meetings. Corporate partners will be recognized for their commitment to such a worthy ecological cause in all Quail-Tech literature and web publications.

Texas and beyond

The real victory is the message. The founding 38 Anchor Ranchers will serve as emissaries, spreading to the far corners of each and every county the need to adopt the recommendations and programs spawned from the efforts of the Alliance and its' founding Anchor Ranches. Our effort will continue through many five-year commitment cycles and end only when we have returned the quail to Texas and beyond.

Join us in this noble cause.

Sincerely and in all things Quail First!

Charles M. Hodges

RANCH DELIVERABLES

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 that ranch
- Report of important fall and winter foods used by birds on that 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 you verification of your wildlife exemption under the tax code

EACH RANCH WILL HOST A RESEARCH OR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT DURING 1 YEAR OF THEIR 5 YEAR COMMITMENT. POTENTIAL RESEARCH PROJECT TOPICS: (LANDOWNERS DO NOT HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH PROJECTS)

- Influence of supplemental feeding on quail movement, survival and predation rates, reproductive success, and recruitment into the fall population
- Influence of prescribed burning on quail brood habitat including insect and seed production
- Influence of the capture event and radio transmitter on quail survival probability
- Examination of landscape use and composition effects on quail density and distribution
- Projects of interest to landowners



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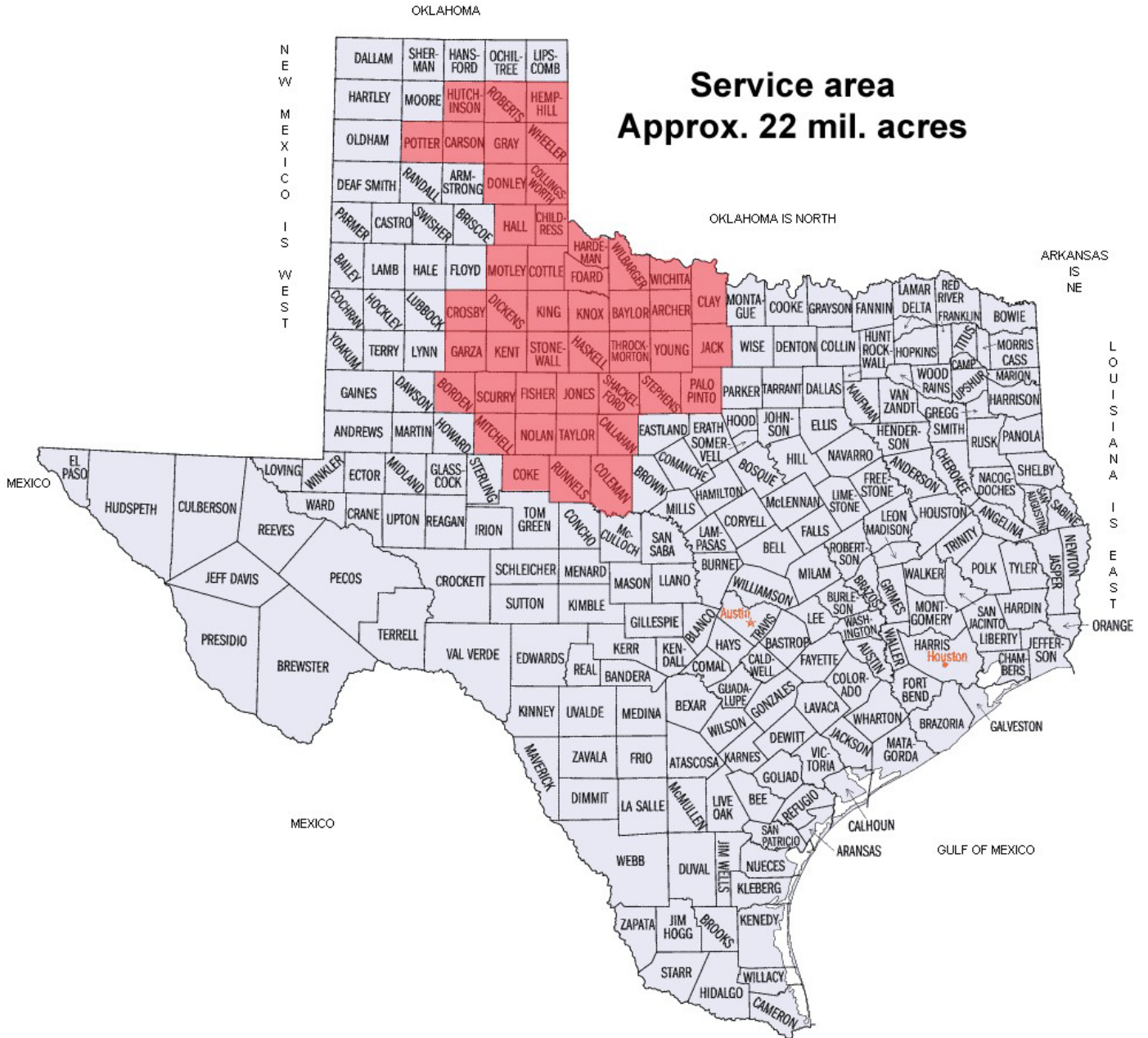
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RESEARCH AREA



LANDOWNER EXPECTATIONS

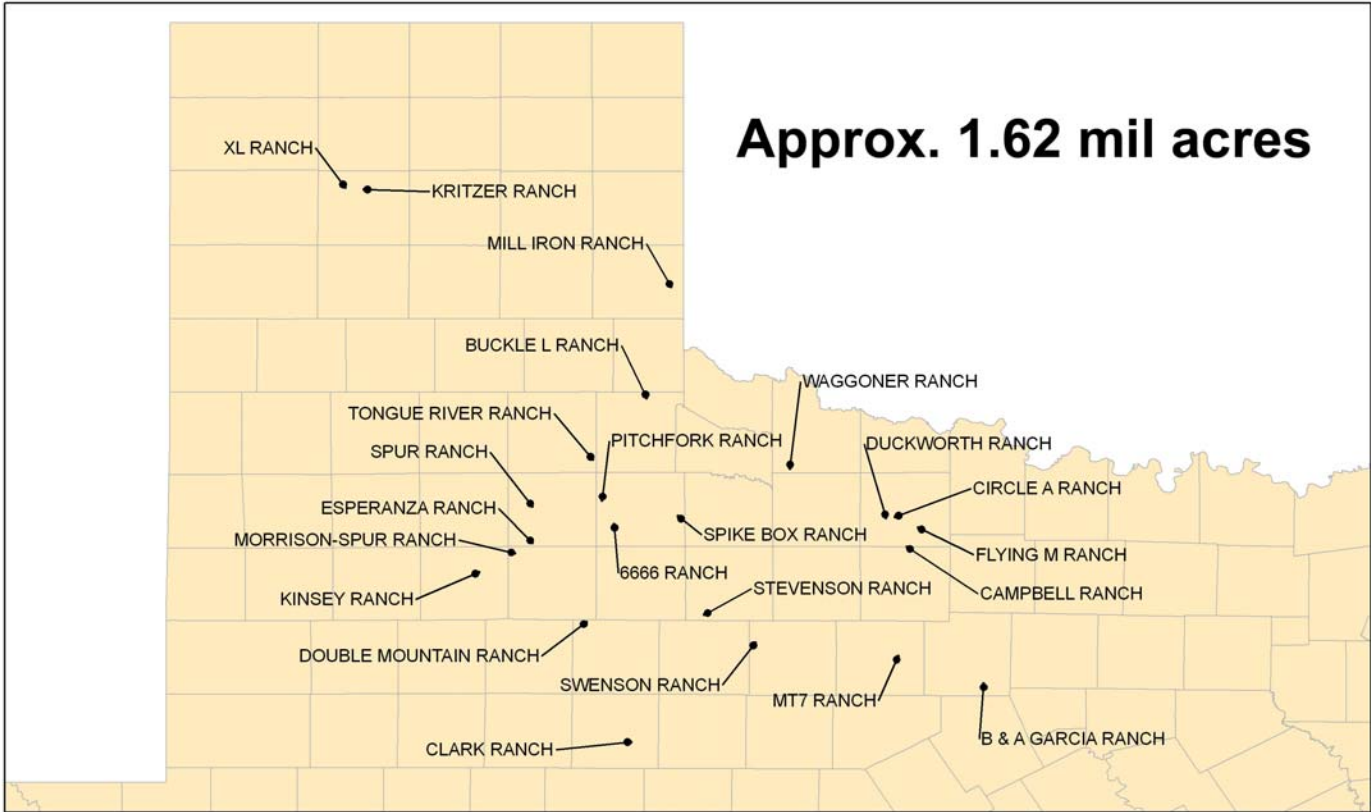
- Keep accurate temperature and rainfall records
- Provide a sample of wings and crops from birds harvested each month including opening weekend so that population bulletins can be issued
- Provide access to their property
- Adhere to study guidelines if involved in a research project
- Answer a questionnaire 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
- Attend the annual field day and symposium



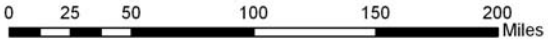
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| County | Ranch | Sponsor | County | Ranch | Sponsor |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Archer | Circle A Ranch | George Allen | Knox | Spike Box Ranch | Paul Engler |
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| | Spur Hdqr. Ranch | Randy Andrews | Throckmorton | | |
| | Esperanza Ranch | Charles Hodges | Wheeler | | |
| | Morrison-Spur Ranch | Charles Hodges | Wichita | | |
| Donley | | | Wilbarger | W.T. Waggoner Ranch | A.B. (Buck) Wharton |
| Fisher | Double Mountain Ranch | Neil Hawks | Young | Campbell Ranch | Michael Lewis |
| Foard | W.T. Waggoner Ranch | A.B. (Buck) Wharton | | | Alan Lewis |
| Garza | Kinsey Ranch | James Kinsey | | | |
| Gray | | | | | |
| Hall | | | | | |
| Hardeman | | | | | |
| Haskell | Stevenson Ranch | Eric Swenson | | | |
| Hemphill | | | | | |
| Hutchinson | | | | | |
| Jack | | | | | |
| Jones | Swenson Ranches | Eric Swenson | | | |
| Kent | Morrison-Spur Ranch | Charles Hodges | | | |
| King | 6666 Ranch | Ann Marion | | | |

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Limitation of Liability and Indemnity Agreement

In exchange for the use of the _____ (name of property) in _____ County, Texas (the "Premises"), and other good and valuable consideration, I agree that any use of the Premises and any facilities, equipment or livestock in connection with the Premises is at my own risk and I assume all responsibility for any injury to me.

Warning

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received the second page of this Agreement that contains important release and indemnity language. I have read and fully understand that I am bound by the agreements contained on both pages of this Agreement.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Street or PO Box

City, State & Zip Code

Age: _____

Business Tel: _____

Business Fax: _____

Home Tel: _____

Home Fax: _____

Cell#: _____

E-mail: _____

RELEASE

I RELEASE The Quail-Tech Alliance, _____ (name of owners of the property including any business entities), AND ANY OTHERS EMPLOYED BY OR VOLUNTEERING FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTIES IN ANY CAPACITY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PARTNERS, SHAREHOLDERS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND ANY VOLUNTEERS OR OTHER EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS OR HEIRS ("THE RELEASED PARTIES") FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT I MAY SUFFER AS A RESULT OF NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHER LIABILITY ARISING IN ANY FASHION, WHETHER DUE TO THE SOLE OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENT CONDUCT OF ANY OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY DANGEROUS CONDITIONS ON THE PREMISES OR DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES BEING CONDUCTED ON THE PREMISES WHETHER THOSE ACTIVITIES OR CONDITIONS ARE KNOWN, UNKNOWN OR IN THE COURSE OF ORDINARY DILIGENCE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED BY THE RELEASED PARTIES.

Indemnity

FURTHERMORE, I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM ALL SUITS, ACTIONS OR CLAIMS OF ANY TYPE ARISING FROM ANY USE OF THE PREMISES BY ME, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER ANY SUCH CLAIMS ARISE OUT OF THE SOLELY NEGLIGENT OR CONCURRENTLY NEGLIGENT ACTS OF ANY OF THE RELEASED PARTIES.

Emergency Medical Services

IN THE EVENT I REQUIRE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, I AUTHORIZE THE RELEASED PARTIES ON MY BEHALF TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TO TAKE PLACE AND RELEASE THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM ANY LIABILITY FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED OR FAILED TO BE PROVIDED BY AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER.