

Greetings,

This is the monthly report for the BCA hog management program for August 2017. Jesse Paul took 67 hogs in August. This brings the calendar year total to 490. This month 38 hogs were taken with dogs vs. 29 in traps, as noted.

Breakdown as follows:

1st Place: - 11 in a trap and 4 with dogs  
2nd and 3rd (TIE): 9 in a trap/ 9 with dogs  
4th and 5th (TIE): 6 in a trap/ 6 with dogs  
6th and 7th (TIE): 5 with dogs  
8th Place: 4 with dogs  
9th and 10th (TIE): Newman - 3 with dogs, /3 in a trap  
11th Place: Clanton - 2 with dogs

The remainder of the properties had no hogs this month.

Everywhere I've been in the past several weeks, I've noticed that the Live Oaks appear to have a bumper crop of acorns this year. There's nothing that hogs love more than acorns, so we can expect that they will be focusing on live oak motts and scarfing up acorns before the deer, turkeys, and squirrels can get to them. Hogs will neglect corn feeders when better options are available, and they compete heavily with native wildlife for limited resources, so be sure to check your oak clusters to see if the hogs are working the area. Let us know what you find so that JP can bring in the dogs and get them. The dogs will be by far the most effective technique as long as hogs are not attracted to corn. Once the acorns all fall, and either get eaten or rained on to make them sour, then the corn feeders will help bring the hogs back to traps.

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