

Subject: Hog Management Report for BCA – August 2020

Greetings,

This is the monthly report for the BCA hog management program for August 2020. Jesse Paul took 103 hogs in August, bringing the calendar year total to 564. This month 58 hogs were taken with dogs vs. 45 in traps, as noted below.

Property breakdown is as follows:

1st Place: 11 with dogs and 6 in a trap
2nd Place: 7 with dogs and 6 in a trap
3rd and 4th (TIE): 5 with dogs, 7 in a trap; 12 in a trap
5th Place: 10 with dogs
6th Place: 2 with dogs and 7 in a trap
7^h Place: 8 with dogs
8th Place: 7 in a trap
9th Place: 5 with dogs
10th and 11th (TIE): 4 each with dogs
12th Place: 2 with dogs

The remaining 4 properties: had no hogs this month.

What a welcome change in the weather. The heat has broken, the drought has waned, and everything seemed to green up overnight. As a result, the hogs are really on the move, and there are Lots of little ones, as evidenced by the big jump in numbers in August. This is the time to be particularly vigilant and report new activity, while the sounders are large and the little ones are staying close to Mama. Our best efficiency is to capture the whole sounder while the piglets are naive and dependent, and the sow is nursing and hungry, and willing to put aside her natural caution for an easy meal. Later on, as the piglets wean and become more independent, small groups will break off and travel their own paths, and every small group or solitary animal represents a separate trapping effort. When acorns start dropping over the next few weeks, all interest in corn will go away, and trapping will become increasingly difficult. So please keep JP informed about any fresh sign you encounter.

Jesse Paul has been making good progress on revamping / upgrading corral traps. Many thanks to those of you who contributed funds to support some part-time help with this effort.

Next month (October) is renewal month for the winter trapping period. Letters will go out in the first half of the month, and fees will be due in by November 1st. I intend to send letters via email to save postage, but please let me know if you prefer a hard copy by USPS mail.

Thanks for your continued support of the BCA Hog Management Program.

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