

**Subject:** Hog Management Report for BCA - November 2018

Greetings,

This is the monthly report for the BCA hog management program for November 2018. Jesse Paul took 63 hogs in November, bringing the calendar year total to date to 634. This month 53 hogs were taken with dogs vs. 10 in traps, as noted below.

Property breakdown is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 11 with dogs.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 7 with dogs and 3 in a trap.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 8 with dogs.  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: 6 with dogs.  
5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> (TIE): 5 with dogs; 4 with dogs and 1 in trap.  
7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> (TIE): 4 with dogs; 4 in a trap; 4 with dogs.  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: 3 with dogs.  
11<sup>th</sup> Place: 1 with dogs and 1 in a trap.  
12<sup>th</sup> Place: 1 in a trap.

The remainder of the properties: had no hogs this month.

Last month I noted that with cooler weather and good soil moisture, hogs were expected to be widely scattered and very active, but more interested in natural sources of forage than corn. The numbers this month reflect that pattern. Approximately 84% of hogs were taken with the dogs, vs. 16% in traps. These results illustrate once again the value of incorporating multiple strategies in a control operation. Many of our monthly reports would be pretty sad if traps were the only tool in the toolbox. Jesse Paul's dogs earn their keep every month, and a multi-faceted approach is key to the success of this program.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All of You!

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