

Subject: Hog Management Report for BCA - December 2017

Greetings,

This is the monthly report for the BCA hog management program for December 2017. Jesse Paul took 41 hogs in December. This brings the calendar year total to 709. This month 35 hogs were taken with dogs vs. 6 in traps, as noted below.

Property breakdown is as follows:

1st and 2nd Place(TIE): 7 with dogs and 2 in a trap; and the other property - 9 with dogs.

3rd Place: 3 with dogs and 4 in a trap

4th Place: 6 with dogs

5th and 6th (TIE): 4 each with dogs

7th Place: 2 with dogs

The remainder of the properties had no hogs this month.

Looking back over the year, Jesse Paul took 410 hogs with the dogs, 295 with traps, and 4 shot. Monthly totals for dogs averaged 34.2, with a range of 25 on the low end to 53 on the high end. Trapped hogs averaged 24.6 per month, with a range from 0 to 48. The difference between the high and low was 28 for dogs, and 48 for traps. These numbers illustrate that not only do the dogs produce more hogs over time, but they are more consistent from month to month. Trapping is highly variable, dependent upon whether the hogs can find something more palatable than corn at any given time. With the dogs, they can run, but they can't hide. And if you are hoping to solve your hog problem by driving around with a rifle, forget it.

Another round of winter weather is blowing through this week, which will make the hogs move further and stay active for longer periods to get fuel. If you brave the cold and get out and around your property, keep an eye out for new sign.

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