



2025 WLLPOA WILDLIFE REPORT

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- Completed two deer counts during the recommended timeframe to ascertain herd density and composition. Results below.
- Our fallow buck from our ranch partner, Sisco D, has integrated with a herd and we will monitor for offspring.
- A few sick white-tailed doe were observed in the early fall, I shared pics with TPWD and they said it looked the same as what has happened across Hays County due to drought. Animals drink whatever water they find, including septic fields, which makes them ill. To alleviate the problem:
 - We purchased and will install a trough with float valve to keep a fresh water source for the wildlife near the front of the community.
 - If you haven't already, we ask you to provide a source of water for the animals
- We purchased 55 bags of dewormer feed for the deer feed program participants to put out for the animals to eradicate parasites as much as possible.
- There was a reported male blackbuck with a broken leg in February. I looked for it but could not locate it. Last week and in early September, there were blackbuck males that had to be put down. If you see any of our managed wildlife injured, please call me so we can ascertain its situation.
- A few neighbors have questioned if we're losing some of our fallow population to neighboring communities. We can talk about fences maintenance with that team if anything can be done.
- People continue to achieve their tax exemptions, and this committee will continue performing the qualifying activities. Many thanks to Jon and Laura Olsen for counting the deer with us!

DEER COUNTS

Day survey 8/31/2023

Whitetail

Males	4
Females	35
Fawns	0
Unidentified	0

Blackbuck

Males	10
Females	9
Fawns	1
Unidentified	1

Fallow

Males	1
Females	1
Fawns	0

Night survey 9/21/2023

Whitetail

Males	10
Females	35
Fawns	0
Unidentified	17

Blackbuck

Males	4
Females	15
Fawns	2
Unidentified	5

Fallow

Males	0
Females	11
Fawns	0
Unidentified	0

DEER FEED PROGRAM

We partner with Lysee & Eckel for high protein, nutrient-dense quality feed for our deer population. Supplemental feeding our deer is one of the qualifying activities we do to keep our wildlife exemption on property taxes. Our pricing per bag is generally in the \$13-14 range in line with or less expensive than feed from local stores.

PROPERTY TAX AG EXEMPTIONS

Ask me for details if you are not currently participating!

History of qualifying activities:

2018: Fence repair, feed purchases

2019: Replace NW fence, purchased two Fallow Bucks, game survey, feed purchases

2020: east fence survey/analysis, game survey, sold male blackbuck, feed purchases

2021: game survey. feed purchases

2022: major east fence repair, day and nighttime game surveys, feed purchases and supplemental watering

2023: day and nighttime game surveys, sale of female fallow deer, feed purchases and supplemental watering, habitat maintenance with gate/fence repair

2024: entry gate repair, day and nighttime game surveys, acquisition of yearling fallow buck to improve herd genetics, quarterly feed purchases, and supplemental watering