

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATING IN LEASING PROGRAM

- Minimum acreage requirement is 50 acres
- Crop fields with grains such as milo, millet, sorghum, corn, wheat, and/or sunflowers
- Native pastures/Conservation Reserve Program (CPR) fields with croton (doveweed), ragweed, sunflower or other native plants producing seed that dove may eat
- Water sources - ponds or creeks with open shoreline with few trees
- Roosting sites - wooded fence lines and/or mesquite pastures
- Willingness to leave crop stubble in field or shred strips through native pastures
- Lakes, ponds, creeks, or wetlands that provide good waterfowl habitat
- Upland or bottomland hardwood forest that provides good squirrel habitat
- All weather access roads preferred with suitable site for a parking area

Dove leases are signed from mid-April to May 31st for the upcoming fall season.

In 1994, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) began a pilot program to benefit both hunters and landowners in Texas. This program, known as the Short Term Public Hunting Lease Program, sought to lease private lands during the dove season for use by purchasers of the TPWD Annual Public Hunting (APH) permit. Since that first year, the program has found ready acceptance from both hunters and participating landowners. The program has grown from 10 units in six counties to 164 units in 47 counties.

Texas Parks and Wildlife is looking to lease additional acreage for public hunting areas. Short term leases are sought for dove and other small game including rabbits/hares, squirrel and waterfowl; leases may also include hogs.



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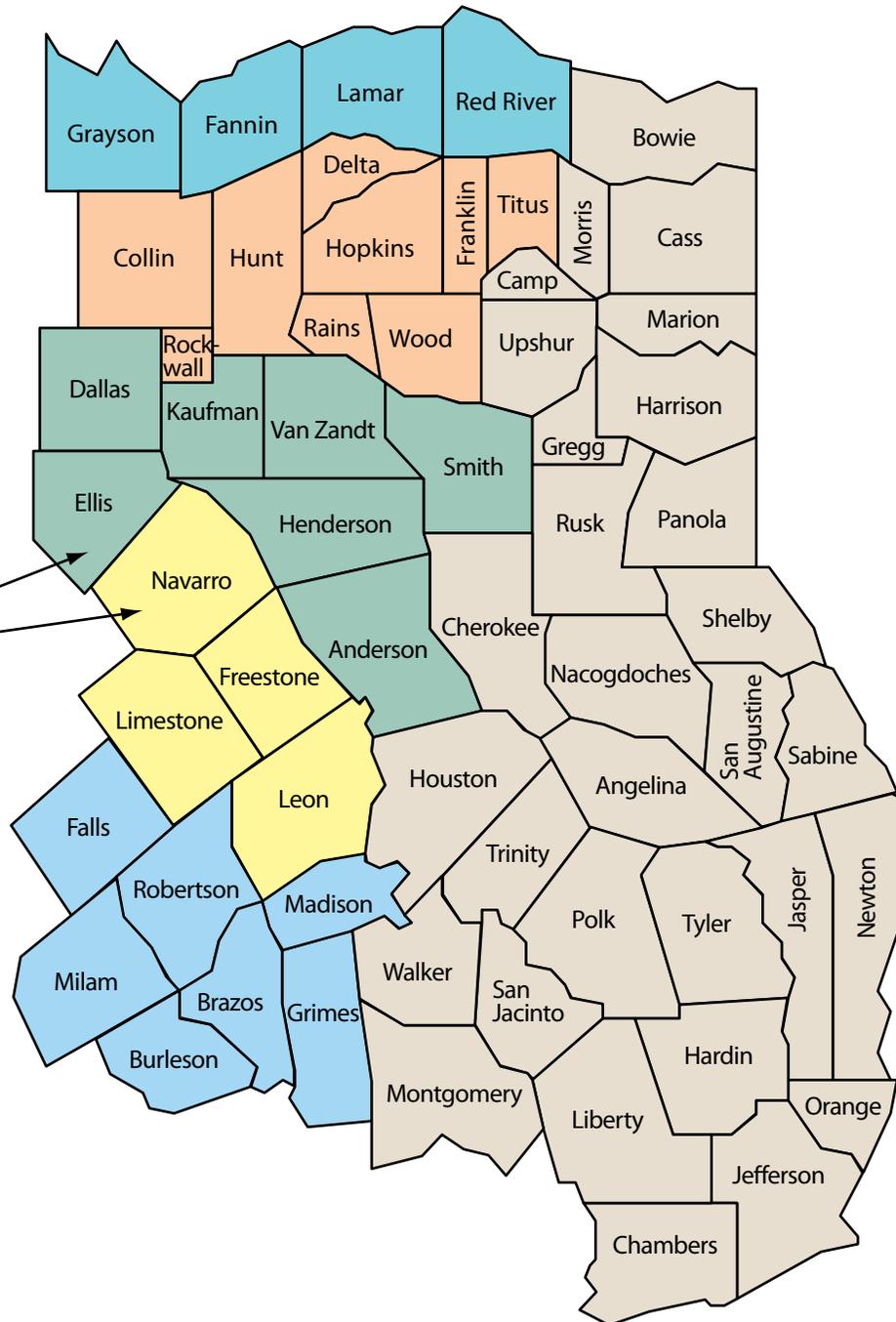
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BENEFITS TO THE LANDOWNER

- Additional income during non-growing seasons with little or no effort from landowner
- Hunters assume all responsibility of accidents or injuries during hunts
- Law enforcement patrols during hunting season to control trespassing and other illegal activities
- Satisfaction of passing on hunting traditions into the next generation of hunters
- Landowner retains right for four people to hunt on property without APH permit

