



# GAME BIRDS AND GAME ANIMALS

## **Cold Storage or Processing Facility Record Book**

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# INSTRUCTIONS

Effective September 1, 2009, Acts enacted by the 81st Texas Legislature.

§42.001 (4) “Private cold storage or processing facility” means a cold storage or processing facility that is not available for use by the public.

(6) “Cold storage or processing facility” means a stationary facility designed and constructed to store or process game animals and game birds.

## §62.029. RECORDS OF GAME IN COLD STORAGE OR PROCESSING FACILITY.

- (a) As used in this section, “cold storage or processing facility” has the meaning assigned by Section 42.001.
- (b) The owner, operator, or lessee of a cold storage or processing facility shall maintain a book containing a record of:
  - (1) the name, address, and hunting license number of each person who killed a game bird or game animal that is placed in the facility;
  - (2) the name and address of each person who places a game bird or game animal in the facility, if different from the person who killed the bird or animal;
  - (3) the number and kind of game birds or game animals placed in the facility; and
  - (4) the date on which each game bird or game animal is placed in the facility.
- (c) The owner, operator, or lessee shall enter all information into the book as required by this section before placing in storage or processing any game animal or game bird.
- (d) The cold storage or processing facility record book shall be kept at the facility and may be inspected by an authorized employee of the department during business hours or at any other reasonable time.
- (e) Each cold storage or processing facility record book shall be kept at the facility until the first anniversary of the date of the last entry in the book.
- (f) This section does not apply to a private, noncommercial, family-owned cold storage or processing facility unless the facility is located on a hunting lease and is made available to individuals other than the landowner, the landowner’s nonpaying family members, or the landowner’s nonpaying guests.
- (g) This section does not require the entry or maintenance of a record for the carcass of a deer or antelope that is properly tagged and is placed in a private cold storage or processing facility.

§62.030. POSSESSION OF GAME IN COLD STORAGE OR PROCESSING FACILITY. A person may place and maintain, or possess, in a cold storage or processing facility, lawfully killed game birds and game animals not in excess of the number permitted to be possessed by law.

## §62.031. INSPECTIONS OF FACILITIES.

- (a) Authorized employees of the department may enter and inspect a cold storage or processing facility or other place, including taxidermist shops and tanneries, where protected wildlife are stored.
- (b) In this section, “protected wildlife” means game animals, game birds, nongame animals, and nongame birds that are the subject of any protective law or regulation of this state or the United States.
- (c) Inspections under this section may be made during normal business hours or at any other reasonable time.

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## HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY

HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY is a statewide wild game donation program that provides a healthy source of protein to Texans who need assistance obtaining well-balanced, nutritious meals.

Hunters for the Hungry’s mission is three-fold:

- To alleviate hunger and malnutrition in Texas.
- To provide a meaningful outlet for hunters wishing to help their communities.
- To promote stewardship of the environment through sensible wildlife management plans.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: (800) 992-9767, then press ext. 506  
[www.tcaa.org/hunters.htm](http://www.tcaa.org/hunters.htm)

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