



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Notice of Intent to Participate
in the
Hog Out County Grants Program

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The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is seeking participation in the Hog Out County Grants Program. The Program is designed to encourage counties across the State of Texas to make a concentrated and coordinated effort to reduce the feral hog population and damage caused by these animals during the three-month period starting October 1, 2011. In order to participate, the county must complete the Notice of Intent to Participate and submit it to TDA by September 30, 2011. Any county that submits their Notice of Intent after the deadline will not be eligible for grant funds. Notices may be submitted via mail, fax or email to one of the addresses above. Filing a Notice of Intent to Participate does not legally bind the county to participate in the Program.

In order to be eligible for a grant, Texas counties will be required to submit a completed Grant Application by January 13, 2012. Counties that received, or are currently receiving, grant funds from TDA's previous 2011 Feral Hog County Grants are eligible to receive another award in 2012. However, performance submitted toward the current year program competition cannot be funded by TDA grant funds from a previous Feral Hog County Grant award. Participating counties will be required to document the following results for the period of October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011:

- Number of feral hogs taken in the county, as certified by the county.
• Number of participants at a county-approved education program about feral hog abatement technologies.

Based on the criteria above, awards will be made in the form of a grant that the county will be able to use on feral hog abatement related expenditures during the 2012 calendar year. Awards will be made as follows: The five highest scoring counties will be awarded grants, ranging from \$20,000 to \$7,500.

Complete guidelines are available on TDA's website, www.TexasAgriculture.gov under the Grants/Funding link. Awardees will be required to enter into a grant agreement with the Department.

Form with sections: SECTION A - COUNTY INFORMATION (Fort Bend County), SECTION B - PROJECT COORDINATOR (James Wenzel), SECTION C - SIGNATURE (Robert Hebert, County Judge). Includes contact info and date 09/27/11.

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