

19,000 Pounds of Pork were brought in during the first annual

Boars of Texas Hog Hunting Competition held in Caldwell, TX on January 30, 2011. It was a huge success. Twenty-four teams, consisting of almost one hundred individuals, signed up from all over the state for a first time hunt with only limited advertising. It took a team effort to get this hunt off to a good start. Josh Legg and Benton Schulze were certainly instrumental in that



Stanley Garner (left) and Josh Legg (right) hoisting a big one, brought in by Durett Kennels, onto the scales. (Photograph by Christine Garbs)

process, organizing volunteers, as well as lining up a charity in order to donate the meat. 19,139 pounds of pork should go a long way to help feed those less fortunate. As you all know, the wild hog population has exploded, and Texas seems to be at its epicenter. According to Texas Parks and Wildlife, the number of feral hogs calling Texas home is in the millions, and although this last weekend's quarry was only a drop in the bucket

compared to the immense populations that roam here, it will be a huge help to the local individuals who now have fewer feral hogs in their pastures, hay meadows, gardens, yards, crops, and creep feeders. We look forward to another great hunt in 2012, but until then, all of your local hunters will still be out there doing their part to help keep the feral hog population at bay. This year's winners include: Winder Ranches, who took first in the Dog & Knife division, followed by Durett Kennels, and Fat Boy Outfitters. Of the teams participating in the additional side pots, Heaviest Boar went to Flippin N Stickin, Heaviest Sow went to Caney Creek Hog Doggers, and Durett Kennels also took Largest Stringer. In the Dog & Gun division, Tri-County Hog Hunters took first place. I would like to thank all of this year's competitors, the landowners, and all of the volunteers associated with this event, as well as Evers and Sons, Homeyer Feed, Brazos County 4-H in conjunction with Dusty Tittle, International Verification Services, and the Burleson County Wildlife Association for their contributions to this contest. If there are any questions pertaining to this article, or next year's competition, you are welcome to contact me, Matthew Renner, via phone: 979.255.0489 or email: BoarsofTexas@yahoo.com.

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