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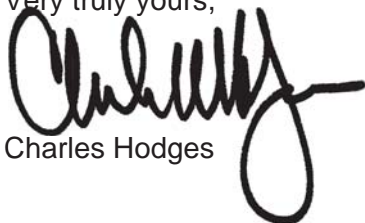
Anne W. Marion
6666 Ranch
Guthrie, Texas

Dear Ms. Marion:

First of all, I want to thank you for all the work that you have done concerning the management techniques utilized on the ranch to provide habitat improvement and also population and feed research for the Northern Bobwhite Quail.

Second, I want to congratulate you on the receipt of the 2012 Quail Patriot of Texas Award. That award is given to Texas ranchers who are hands-on in the management of their ranches to benefit Northern Bobwhite and Blue Quail balanced with the livestock needs and economic realities of operating a ranch in the rolling plains of Texas. Quite frankly, the tipping point for that decision came from the conversation that you and I had as you were viewing the cattle in the pickup with Joe at the ranch in Montana. Your very detailed and on-point questions concerning age differentials in the research birds and also the effects that might have on survival and habitat needs led us to know that you were in fact in the field and totally involved in the management of the ranch with regards to both the livestock and wildlife operations. It is because of this detailed management style we felt that you were the most deserving person in Texas to receive this award in 2012. Please accept it with our great gratitude and the gratitude of all sportsmen interested in the preservation of the species. I hope that you will be congratulated by many others within the ranching world as a true leader of the efforts to save this precious wildlife resource. I hope that the rains have fallen on the 6666 in a manner beneficial to your grazing program. If there is anything that either myself or our staff at Quail Tech can do to assist the 6's with their wildlife or habitat and grazing program, please do not hesitate to take advantage of that resource.

Very truly yours,



Charles Hodges