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The Honorable Tom Bonn
County Judge
Caldwell County
1403 Blackjack Street, Suite B
Lockhart, Texas 78644

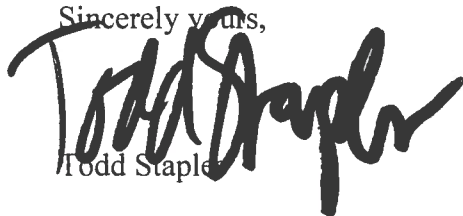
Dear Judge Bonn:

Thank you for your leadership in helping in the Texas Department of Agriculture's (TDA) effort to eradicate feral hogs. Because of your commitment and hard work, Caldwell County will receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for taking the third most hogs among all participating counties during the 2013 Hog Out County Challenge.

Each year in Texas, destructive feral hogs cause an estimated \$500 million in property damage. Thanks to your efforts during the three-month 2013 Hog Out County Challenge, we were able to raise awareness of this costly problem while decreasing the wild hog population in the Lone Star State.

I appreciate your participation in this effort and congratulate Caldwell County for this well-deserved grant. These funds can be used to further feral hog abatement and abatement outreach in your county. Please contact Karen Reichek, grants coordinator, with any questions at (512) 936-2450 or Karen.Reichek@TexasAgriculture.gov.

Sincerely yours,



Todd Staples

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