



9<sup>th</sup> Annual Field Day  
Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch  
Friday, Sept. 30  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.



***Theme: Can we “insulate” this bumper crop of quail?***

Draft agenda

- 8:30 Registration, refreshments, Plant ID quiz  
CEU sign-up (2 CEUs; 1 General, 1 IPM)
- 9:00 Welcome & Introductory Comments – Dr. Dale Rollins  
Weather summary – Lloyd Lacoste

**STOP 1: Doc Pasture**

- Results of 2016 prescribed burns (Rollins & Lacoste)
- Quail Forecast (Rollins)
  - Population counts (Lacoste)
  - Fisher Co. results (Barrett Koennecke, TPWD)
- Small mammals (Emily Beisch)
- Raptors (Skyler Henderson)
- Brood habitat (Amanda Gobeli, Texas A&M Agrilife)

**STOP 2: Cactus: a Prickly Paradigm**

- An “IPT Approach on Steroids” (Lacoste)
- Skid Loader Roller Chopper demo (Chris Ellis, RanchMaster)
- Herbicide comparison for prickly pear control (Ralph Porter, Dow Agrosiences)
- Photopoints for monitoring prickly pear disappearance

**STOP 3: Potpourri**

- Predation
  - Diets of coyotes during El Nino weather pattern (Cade Bowlin, Texas Tech)
  - Do quail feeders predispose quail to predation? (Jason Davis, Texas A&M)
  - Can hawks hone in on radio-marked bobwhites? (Becki Perkins, Texas Tech)
  - Roadrunners & Quail (Rollins)
- Monarchs & milkweeds (Matt Brym, Texas Tech; Ricky Linex, NRCS)

**Stop 4: Lunch**

- Can we insulate this year’s quail crop? (panel discussion)
  - Paul Melton
  - Roy Wilson
  - Justin Trail
- Knox Co. Blue Quail Restoration Project (Drew White, RPQRR)
- Eyeworm Mobile Lab (Dr. Ron Kendall, Texas Tech Wildlife Toxicology Lab)

**2 p.m. Return to HQ**

- Plant ID review
- Optional tour of wheat-hairy vetch food plot “system”
- Complete evaluations