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Special Pheasant Release

(Call with your order)

During the past year we have had overwhelming interest and support for building a pheasant pen for holding birds for special releases. Many of you have offered to assist in building this pen and this is greatly appreciated.

Prior to building a new release pen, I have decided to hold roosters in crates at our empty dairy barn at farm #2 on the west side of Highway 45. Our crates will be three times the size of normal crates, with five birds per crate. They will be fed and watered two times a day, kept clean, and we will handle the special releases. For this year it will be an experiment, so please, bear with us.

<u>Please call if you want any birds held and released</u>. We will do so per your direction (date and A.M. or P.M.). We will designate the area west of Howlett for you to hunt and post it with a sign showing "Special Release". When you stop hunting the sign will be returned to me so other members can hunt this area. The holding of birds will be in units of 5/crate and this will be a minimum. Let me know how many units or birds you want and specify a release date (early in the week is better).

Regular Pheasant Releases

If you want to hunt during each of our three regular release periods, it will still be necessary to release a minimum of three birds for each period.

Please call me ASAP if you have any other new ideas or suggestions. We are trying to improve our hunting success and not feed the many predators.

Remember to call with your pheasant order or any change you want. Also please specify your releases. It is ok to order birds now and pay for them at a later date.

Wildlife Dinner

At our wildlife dinner on Thursday we had about twenty people and spent an enjoyable evening discussing this special release and we enjoyed the wonderful food brought by everyone.

Help Yourself to Corn and Cornstalks

On the 25 acre field directly west of my house, the outer 2 rows of corn were run over by our chopper. If you want corn stalks for Halloween, or ears of corn for bird feeding, it is there. Take all you want!