

A group of feral hogs is shown in a natural, outdoor setting. The hogs have thick, coarse fur in shades of brown, grey, and black. They are standing in a field with green grass and some small plants. The background is slightly blurred, showing more hogs and a natural landscape. The overall scene is a close-up of the animals, with one hog in the foreground looking towards the camera.

# Feral Hog Problems and Control

January 30, 2024

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# Feral Hog Problem in Texas and Elsewhere

- Many articles and info such as:
  - [The Feral Hog in Texas](#)
  - [Texas War On Feral Hogs Is Only Getting Worse \(wideopenspaces.com\)](#)

There is currently an estimated population in excess of **1.5 million feral hogs** in Texas. The increase in population and distribution is due in part to intentional releases, improved habitat, increased wildlife management, and improved animal husbandry such as disease eradication, limited natural predators, and high reproductive potential.



## The Feral Hog in Texas

By: Rick Taylor  
Wildlife Biologist



- Traps can be effective
- Shooting can be ineffective
- Poison (e.g., Warfarin) can be effective when approved (Austin newspaper Oct 27, 2023)
  - [Blood thinner shows promise in battle against feral hogs](#)

# Excellent Summary of Problem by Texas Parks and Wildlife

[https://youtu.be/xF5wKcYHE3c?si=dUQvTqJ\\_T8xrl\\_A4](https://youtu.be/xF5wKcYHE3c?si=dUQvTqJ_T8xrl_A4)



Example of corral trap with rooter door

Dealing with feral hogs



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# “Dealing With Feral Hogs” by TPWD

Major problem in Texas and elsewhere

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Feral hogs are spreading through Texas, and fast! This invasive species has many negative effects on our native plant and animal species, and their populations can triple in just one year. They also create problems in urban areas by causing erosion and degrading water quality, which is costly for local municipalities. This video presents some tips on how to effectively manage feral hogs in your area. For more help on creating a feral hog management plan for your community, contact your local Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land...>

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# Feral Hog Traps can Simultaneously Serve as “Indicator and Cure” for a Hog Problem

- Catching (or not) hogs in a hog trap in a suitable location provides clear evidence of extent of possible feral hog problem
  - Game or cellular cameras can be used for recording information and using trap
- Analogy: Colonoscopy provides diagnosis and treatment for colon cancer and related problems [Colorectal Cancer Screening - NCI](#)
- Removal of hogs using a trap is generally agreed as the most effective approach for reducing the number of feral hogs



# Hog Trap Installed Jan 6, 2024

- Installed at *Kovar Ponds Ranch* as first site
- 20' diameter corral with T posts every 6' and 16' Feedlot panels
- Installed near area recommended by research and TX Parks and Wildlife Rep
- Will include a "Saloon door Gate" and later the "Rooter gate" by Bastrop HS
- Will bait with corn and Jello or other "inducer" for some weeks before setting trap gate to acclimate hogs
- Need to add gate release (pressure plate, battery, and electric latch) before use
- Also have racoon leg trap to deal with racoons
- Have Moultrie cellular game camera for activity monitoring

Feral hog nearby rooting

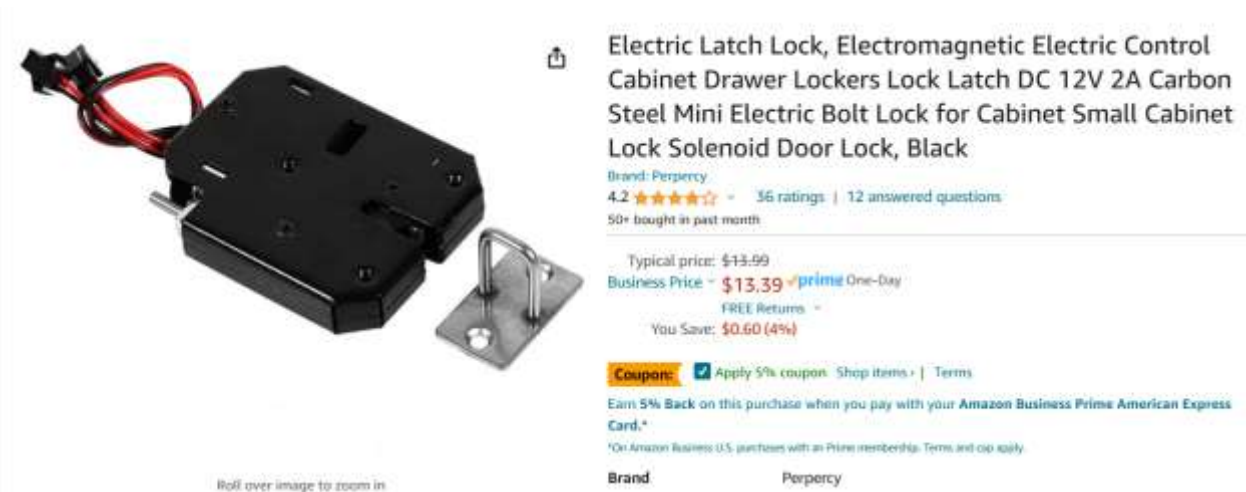


# Design Review at Bastrop HS Ag Mechanics/Metal Shop on January 7, 2024

- Review to discuss plans and approach for first feral hog trap gate to be produced at Bastrop HSD Ag Mechanics shop
- Attended by Dustin Schultz (BHS teacher), Norman Jones (Sponsored project customer), and Dakota Kempken (Bastrop County AgriLife Extension Office)
- Approach and plan was agreed upon
- This process is also useful for BHS HS entry in Stock Show competition events
- **Dustin and his students are very enthusiastic about this project to support a real world problem in Bastrop County and elsewhere**

# Pressure Plate Controlled Switch for Gate

- **Very strong**
- Important to use the switch to protect from burnout of latch
  - Connect black to yellow wire. Connect battery through “crush plate switch to” red and white wires
- Protect from rain by sealer bag



Gate can be closed to catch initial hogs who than can enter Rooter gate for “successive hog catches”  
Simpler than mechanical trip wire

## “Pressure “Crush plate Switch” to active gate latch

- When stepped on by hogs, the “Crush plate” deflects on a bottom steel plate to close the circuit for the latch
- Uses “Crush plate” square of thin aluminum flashing above a bottom steel plate
- Area of 20’ diameter trap is 314 sq ft. Crush plate of 1 sq ft is .3% of area
- The crush plate and bottom plate are separated by separated some form of insulator





# Planned Steps

- Bastrop HS Ag Mechanics Shop/FFA make a “Rooter Door” and probably also a “Box trap” as a “sponsored project” for customer(s) starting with Norman Jones for feral hog problem at *KPR*
- Planned 2nd customer is City of Bastrop to deal with feral hogs in residential/park areas
- Have BHS entry in Stock Show(s) starting in March 2024
  - Prior “sponsored projects” by Norman won Blue ribbons in major stock shows
- Support possible Bastrop County AgriLife “Feral hog program” including “rental hog traps” and advice

# Feral Hogs as Both a Problem and an Opportunity for Food

- **Problem:** Feral hogs can degrade farm/ranch or homestead operations to raise food
  - Feral hogs can damage fields/pastures by rooting or eating planted crops
  - Feral hogs can degrade livestock (e.g., poultry) by direct attack or their pens
  - Feral Hogs can be attracted to livestock food
- **Opportunity:** Feral Hogs also present a “Food opportunity”
  - Can be a source of free protein
  - An advantage of trapped hogs is they can be selected for processing and potentially transport alive for processing
- Feral Hogs are a common aspect (problem and opportunity) of the “Homestead Rescue” TV Show
  - Here [Stormy and Raney in Texas | Homestead Rescue | Discovery](#) CASTING@ALL3A.COM
- **Opportunity:** High School for Ag Mechanics, FFA, Culinary Arts, BBQ team

# Planned Approach

- Design and build a feral hog trap which is *both effective for feral hogs and cost effective to allow deployment when and where needed*
- Use “Subject matter experts” such as *Texas AgriLife*, County Extension Agents, *Texas Parks and Wildlife*, Internet, and seminars for design and consultation
- Design shall be non-proprietary and based up readily available inexpensive materials to allow replication by any farmer, ranchers, or property owner
  - “Corral trap” (approx. 20’ diameter) based upon T posts, cattle/utility panels (4’x20’) and gate/door which allow caching of multiple hogs
    - T posts and cattle panels may be already on hand and can be repurposed
- Work with Bastrop HS High School “Ag Mechanics/metal shop” and FFA for design and fabrication especially of the gate (e.g., roofer)
  - **Show in a Stock Show(s) as a “project” for a customer and community service**
  - Document with summary report of results and lessons learned
  - Business opportunity for students
- Install at *Kovar Ponds Ranch* for test and use
  - Will be portable for use elsewhere
- **Share results and design with Wildlife Management Associations, TX Parks & Wildlife, Rotary Club, Lions Club, etc. for replication**
- **Possible support of Bastrop AgriLife Feral Hog Trap program**



# Collaboration With Bastrop ISD Ag Mechanics/ FFA and Events

- The Bastrop ISD “Ag Mechanics” and shop and FFA is planning to design and make the gate which is the critical element of a feral hog trap
- The design will be reviewed by the customer and “Experts” (e.g., Texas AgriLife and Texas Parks and Wildlife): **Design Review Jan 5**
- Can be an entry in a Stock Show



Prior Blue ribbon winners for  
“sponsored projects” in major stock  
shows



“CNC Plasma cutter”



“Wildlife Support System”

# Trap Designs and Approaches

- [Hog Trapping 101 | Great Days Outdoors](#)



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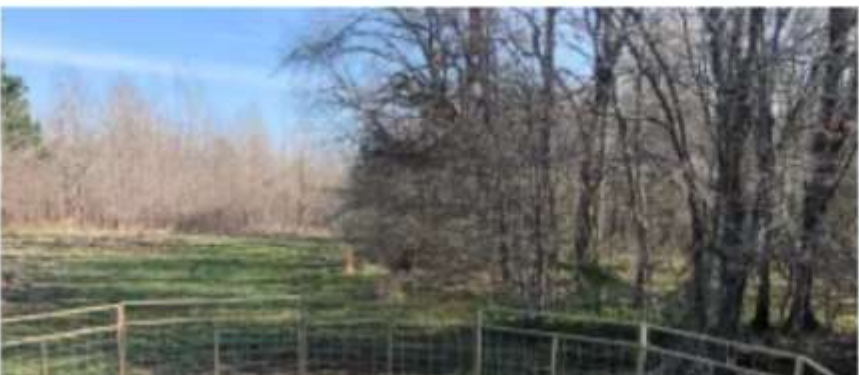
Spiral trap [https://youtu.be/jf-IF3blh\\_Q?si=CzY0sEZE3Thu4ZUx](https://youtu.be/jf-IF3blh_Q?si=CzY0sEZE3Thu4ZUx)



- [https://youtu.be/yx6h-TXWwSw?si=ILDpV\\_bvQOvZ2hVF](https://youtu.be/yx6h-TXWwSw?si=ILDpV_bvQOvZ2hVF)

- Uses "rooster gate" for multiple hogs with no human actions

Home > Trapping Systems > Hogg Boss Gate w/Corral System



### Hogg Boss Gate w/Corral System

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# Trap Configuration

- Corral in circle approximately 20' in diameter (circumference 63') with overlap and integration with door/gate
  - If using four 20' long using panels 48-50' high with allows good overlap and
    - 4' high should allow mature deer to jump out but contain most hogs
  - If using five 16'x50" long panels 5 panels
- Install T posts (7') every 4': need 16
- Optionally reinforce with a loop of stainless steel cable
- Have Rooter door/gate with trip wire or electric control
- Use cellular game cameras for monitoring
- Optional: for climbing have a stand of electric fence wire at top





# Trap Approaches

- Drop gate: trap is monitored remotely by a cellular game camera and tripped remotely by a human operator or a trigger initiated by hogs
- Successive entry/catch
  - Hogs are enticed by food to freely enter the trap but not escape
  - Social behavior can encourage multiple hogs to enter trap
  - Examples: Rooter trap, Saloon Door, spiral, net (e.g., Pig Brig)
  - Advantages: (1) passive without human interaction for door release (but monitored remotely), (2) simple, (3) can allow catching more hogs

# DIY Feral Hog Corral Traps

[Texas Parks and Wildlife: The Feral Hog in Texas](#)

[How to Build a Corral Trap for Feral Hogs – Feral Hogs \(extension.org\)](#)

[Corral Trap Designs for Feral Hogs – Wildlife Damage Management \(extension.org\)](#)

AUGUST 30, 2019 BY WILDLIFE-DAMAGE-MANAGEMENT

## Corral Trap Designs for Feral Hogs

**Corral traps** are a popular and effective method of controlling feral hogs. They are capable of catching entire **sounders** (groups of hogs) in one capture. Most corral traps are made of 20- by 5-ft utility panels with 4- by 4-inch square mesh and steel T-posts.

Some corral traps use head gates, while others use the panels themselves to create a funnel. These can be beneficial as head gates are typically expensive to purchase. This is the type we will discuss here.

### Trap designs

There are several different **funnel type traps**. One is the “Figure 6” type in which the panels are shaped into the shape of the number 6 (Fig.1). This design has the outside panel stationary and the inside panel loosely laid against it allowing hogs to push their way in but not out.

**Good info: Door modification on feral hog traps (agrilife.org)**



[The Cattle Panel Hog Trap with Easy Door Design \(huntinghog.com\)](#)

The Cattle Panel Hog Trap with Easy Door Design



# Gates/Doors

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## Door Modifications for Feral Hog Traps

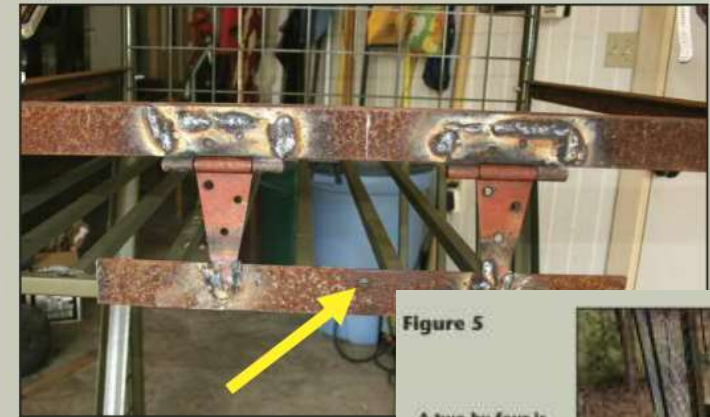
Figure 4



A bolt attaches the bracket to the door frame (A). Once attached, rope or chain provides support to the bracket (B).



Figure 3



A 3/8-inch metal drill bit was used to drill t

Figure 5

A two-by-four is used as a bracket on a rooster type door (A).



Once in place, the hook and eye latch set holds the panels up (B).



Could use cattle panel rather than square steel tubing for interior of door



# Materials for Feral Hog Trap

Cattle panels and T posts may already be on hand and multipurpose

Existing hog trap (with prior door)



Feral Hog Trap Materials			
ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Panels, 5'-x20' with 4" squares	\$29.99		
Panels, Feedlot 50"x20'	\$22.00	5	\$110.00
T post, 7' (every 4')	\$7.19	15	\$107.85
gate door, Rooter	\$170.00		\$0.00
Gate door, Rooter material	\$84.38	1	\$84.38
Corral panels (optional)			
Misc.	\$25.00	1	\$25.00
		<b>TOTAL w tax</b>	<b>\$353.41</b>

Feral Hog Rooter Trap Door Materials				Tx AgriLife design <a href="#">Dc</a>
ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL	
Panels, 5'-x20' with 4" squares	\$68.95	0.5	\$34.48	Smith Supply
T post, 8'	\$8.95	2	\$17.90	Smith Supply
Square steel tubing, 2", 24'	\$45.00		\$0.00	DDM Metals
Square steel tubing, 1.5", 24'	\$32.00	1	\$32.00	DDM Metals
Misc.	\$75.00		\$0.00	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$84.38</b>	
T Posts and panels are frequently available by farmer/ranchers				
Size is approximately 4'w x 5' high				

# Example of Feral Hog Trap Use and Success

Small Trap: generally not be as effective as corral traps

- Multiple hogs trapped
- Used "Guillotine door"



Box trap



Deer caught but released  
• Corral traps allow deer to jump out

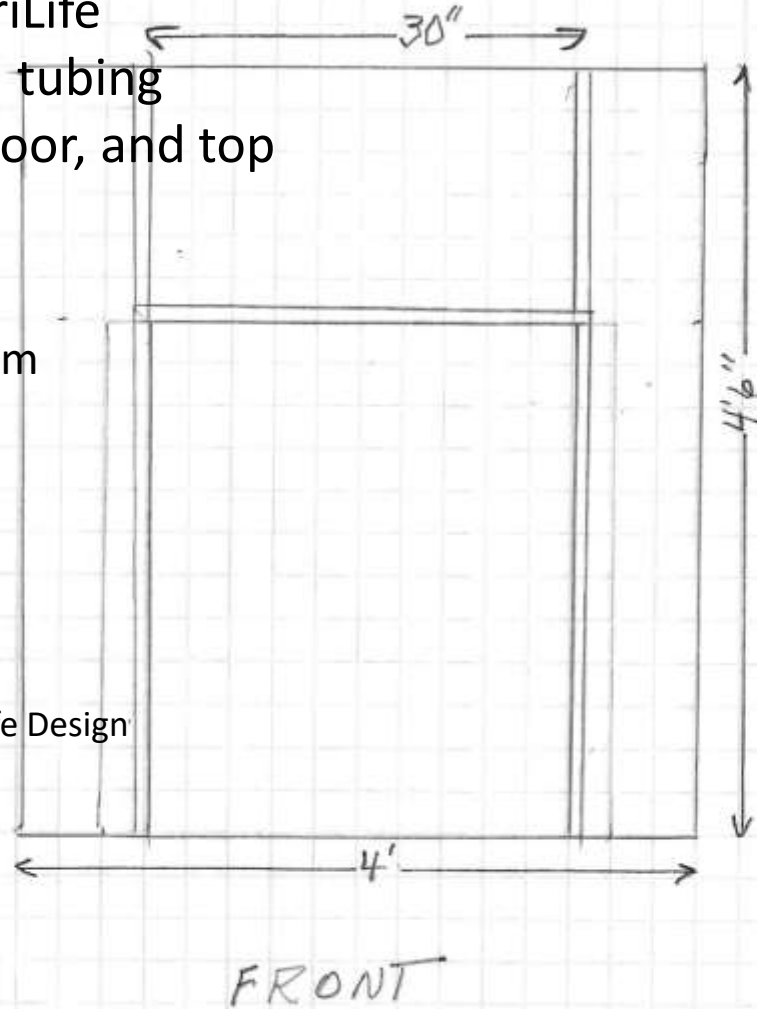
# Hog Trap Door/Gate

- Design a variation of Texas AgriLife
- Make frame of 2" square steel tubing
- Utility panels used for sides, door, and top
- Make two doors

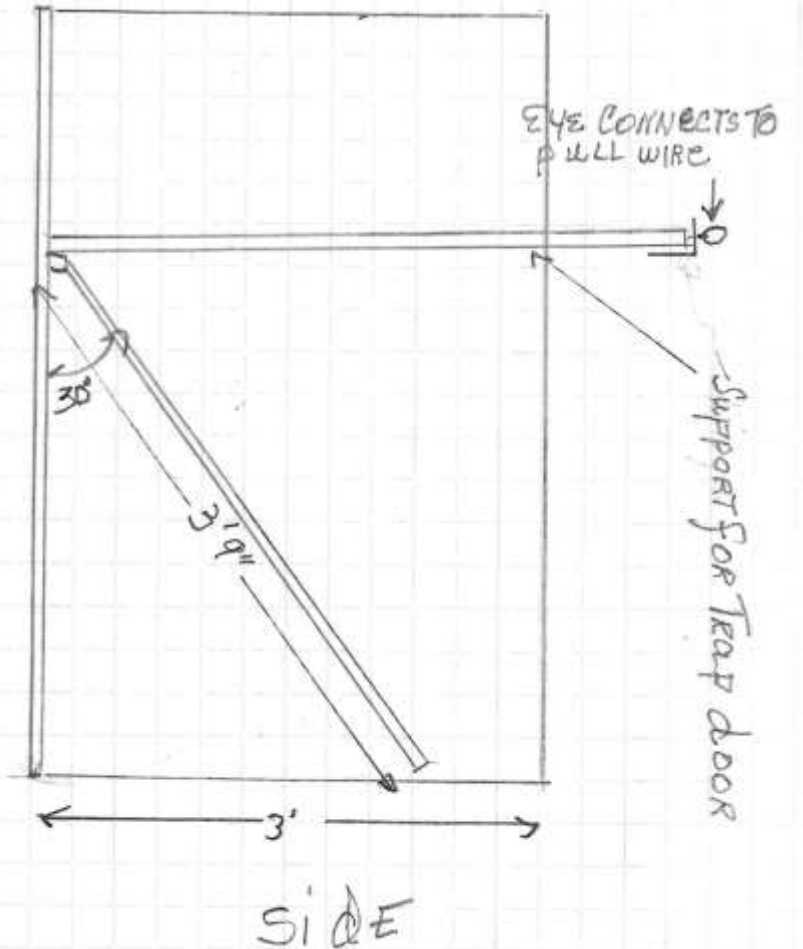


TexasHogTraps.com

Variation of TX AgriLife Design



- NOTES:
1. CATTLE/UTILITY PANELS used for sides AND top
  2. TRAP DOOR





# Hog Trap Door/Gate Fabrication and Details

- Plan is to have Bastrop High School Ag Sciences/metal shop and FFA make the Door/gate as a “sponsored project” using materials (e.g., square steel tubing, steel utility panel, gate release) provided by Norman Jones
- Design a variation of Texas AgriLife
- Make frame of 2” square steel tubing
- Utility panels used for sides, door, and top
- Make sturdy, appropriate weight (allow pushing open but not out), and two doors for hog entry with limited opportunity for escape

Variation of TX AgriLife Design

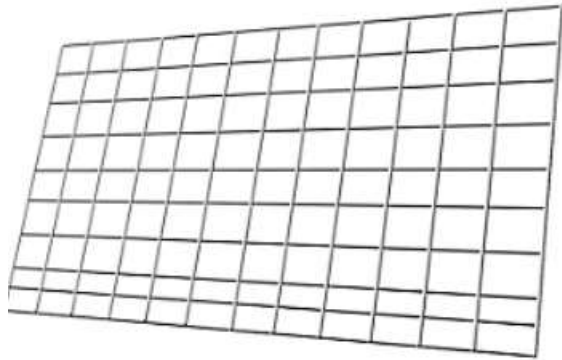


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# Corral Materials

- 20" diameter circle has circumference of 63 ft – door of 4' = 59'
- $5 \times 16 = 80$  which allows lots of overlap
- **16 ft. x 50 in. Max 50 Feedlot 10-Line Galvanized Cattle Fence Panel**
- **Tractor Supply SKU:3502077 \$29.99**



- **OK Brand 8 ft. x 50 in. Handy Panel Max 50 10-Line Cattle Feedlot Fence Panel**
- **Tractor Supply KKKU:1022018 \$22.00**

- 50" height should allow mature deer to jump out if caught but contain hogs
- Optional if needed for climbing pigs add a single strand of electric fence wire

- **7 ft. Studded T-Post, 1.25 lb. per ft. with anchor plate**
- Tractor Supply SKU:360913899 \$7.19
- Spacing every 4' required  $59/4 = 14.75$ :  $5 \times \$7.19 = \$108$
- **Probably have all or most needed T Posts**



# Router Door Design Considerations

- Two doors (approximately 3'x1.5') allow addition of hogs and less chances of escape
- Door mounted at top to allow pivoting to close door
  - Could use 4+' piece of rebar in center of 2" square steel tubing and welded to frame
- Door should withstand assault by feral hogs
  - Assault will involve hogs pushing the door into the ground
  - 14 gauge 2" square steel tubing at a 30 deg angle should have sufficient strength
- Door should light enough to allow additional feral hogs to enter after the door is released
  - Weight is mainly the 3' sides
  - 9' of 1" square steel tubing ("x" lbs./ft for 14 gauge) weighs "Y" lbs.



# Saloon Door Gates (available)

- Use springs for closing and successive admission of hogs
- No hum actions needed other than monitoring



Zimmerhanel gate



Howard gate



# Feral Hog Trap Info

## Saloon Doors

Saloon Doors open into the trap and close against each other when activated. They are held closed in a V shape by a pair of springs and will allow continuous catching. I sell more saloon doors for corral traps than any other style because of their ability to be continuous. The opening on our saloon doors is a little shorter than the guillotine door so you're less likely to have deer or cattle go into the trap through the door. Since they aren't positively closed with a latch, there is always the possibility that a smart pig will figure out that it can hold the door open and allow the other pigs out or that it will find a way to open it from the inside. I've never had a situation like this reported to me with the corral traps however, I have had people tell me that they've seen sows hold open the swing doors on box traps to let their piglets go in and eat the corn and then exit under the mother. I don't personally believe that this happens frequently enough for it to be a real concern but, I mention it anyway in the interest of full disclosure. While my preference is the guillotine door, I wouldn't hesitate to set a trap up with a set of saloon doors if that's what I had available.




[5138484 Man1.pdf \(tractorsupply.com\)](#)

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- Dimensions: 48 in. x 36 in. x 48 in.
- Weight: 80 lb.
- Placing a non-lethal hog trapping gate in your feeder pen will give you the opportunity to remove the hogs
- Material- 1.5 in. x 1.5 in. x .125 in. steel angle
- 6 gauge 4 in. x 4 in. welded wire mesh panel
- Hog trapping gate has 3 individually hinged root type doors for hogs to enter from multiple sides
- Hog trap has an all welded construction for durability



“The hog trapping gate is a free standing frame that contains three individual root type doors that require no trip wires or latches so the trap is always set and always trapping.”

# Hinge for Door/Gate

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- Prevent escape of piglets
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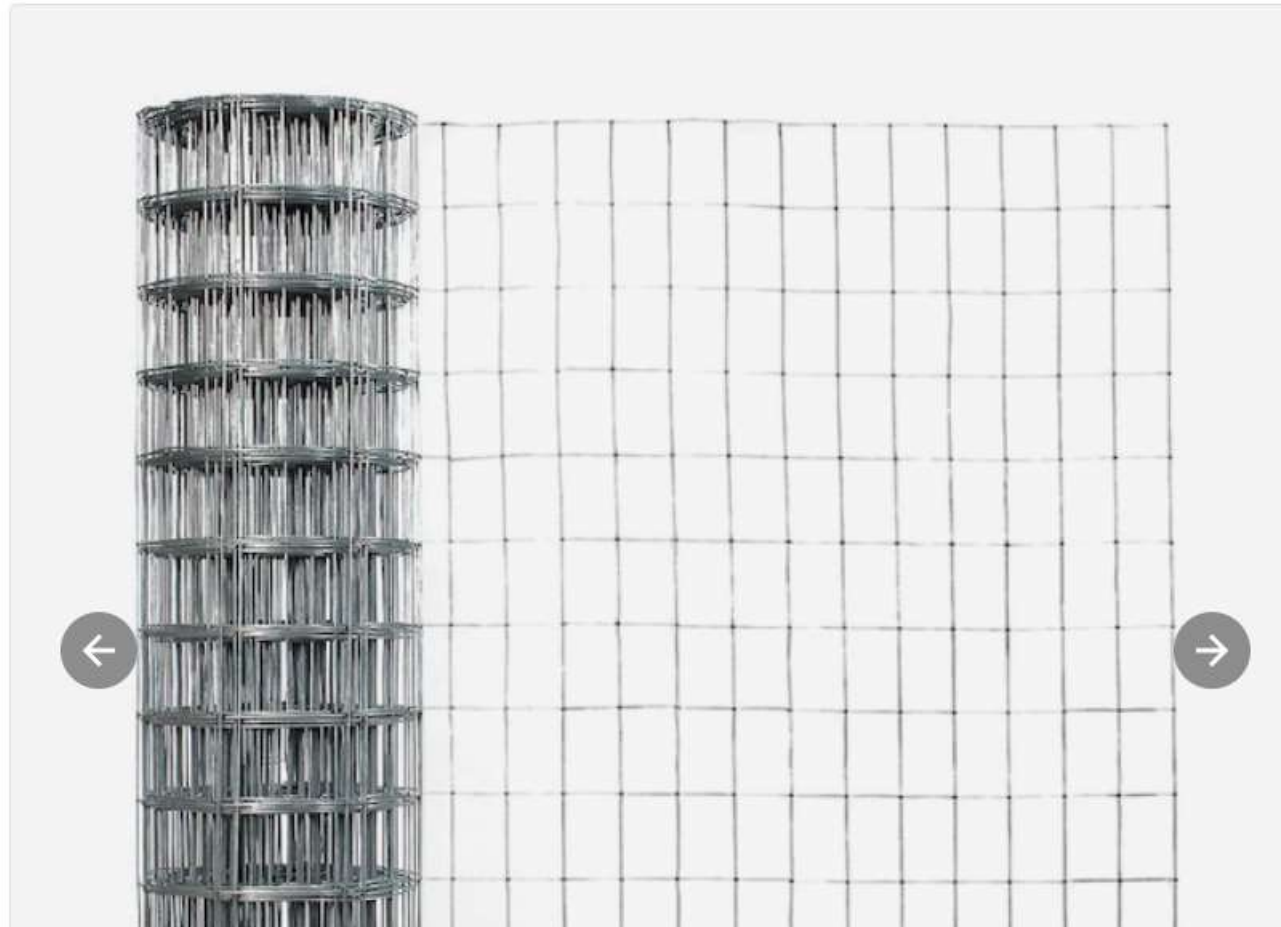
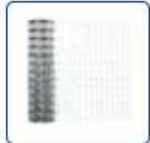
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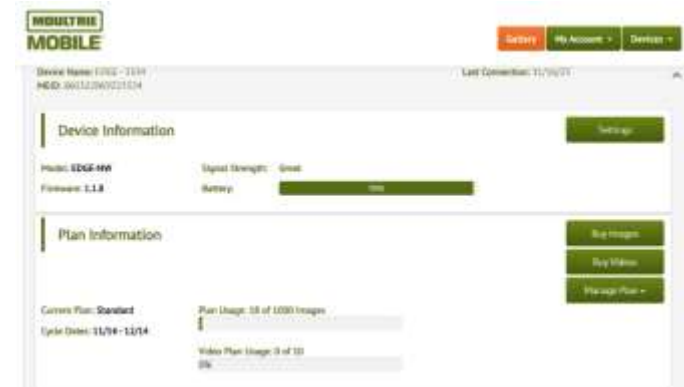
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About this item

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# Cellular Game Camera Works Well for Monitoring

- *It is important that the cellular game cameras work to allow notifications of possible caught hogs or animals and subsequent dispatching of the hogs*
- Setup on Nov 17, 2023
- *Results are promising and show deer*
- *Should work for hogs or other animals*



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# Cellular Cameras

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# Door/Gate Control Approaches

- Latch mechanism
  - #1: Mechanical trip wire
  - #2: Pressure plate with microswitch, 12V battery, and electric latch
- Control approach
  - Triggered directly by hogs
    - Pro: no human interaction is required
    - Con: probably will not capture maximum number of hogs
  - Human activated based upon cellular game camera images
    - Pro: allows human decision making for best catch
    - Con: requires human interaction, probably in middle of night when hogs are active



# Actions after Capture

- Shoot (e.g., .22) move carcasses, and leave for buzzards/coyotes (relocation is illegal)
- Shoot or load live onto cattle trailer and process for meat
  - Smithville Food Locker will skin/clean, package feral hogs freshly killed (or alive) for \$40 for two if brought in a batch (e.g., 12)
  - Can be cooked [A Beginner's Guide to Sous Vide for Wild Game, Part 1 | MeatEater Wild Foods \(themeateater.com\)](#) or possibly sold or given to a charity



# Sous Vide for Wild Game (e.g., Feral hog, racoons, deer)



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One of the number one complaints I hear about eating wild game is that it is dry or tough. Anyone who has ever cooked a wild animal has experienced this, and that is because they are athletes! They migrate long distances, climb mountains, and do whatever it takes to survive. They are lean machines and their muscle tissues are well developed. Wild game lacks the protective fat barrier and cooks faster than their domestic counterparts, so there isn't a lot of wiggle room for mistake. This is where the magic of sous vide comes in.

With traditional cooking, you have a small margin for error because you are cooking with high, direct heat from the outside. This makes it hard to determine internal temperature without the use of a thermometer. Sous vide cooks evenly all the way through, meaning the meat is cooked to the same temperature from the edge to center. This is very important to remember because the doneness of meat is determined by the maximum internal temperature reached during the cooking process.

For example, if you are cooking something you want to be served medium-rare ([venison backstrap](#) or [duck breast](#)), you will program the device to the exact temperature you want the final result to be. It will never cook beyond medium-rare if the temperature of the water does not rise. You have to cook it for a certain length of time in order to reach pasteurization, but you can cook it for hours past that time and the

# Trapping, Shooting, and Cooking

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Shooting with .22 can be satisfactory

Trip for gate



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# Use of .22 for Shooting



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# Feral Hob Rooting and Picture at Kovar Ponds Ranch

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# Other Gates/Doors



Good design (trap too small)



[Which type of hog trap door is best? - Texas Hog Traps](#)





# Box Traps

- Simple for transport (e.g., pickup truck) and setup
- Can catch at least 1 hog but not large quantities
- Could use for assessment or to augment corral trap at another location

[BoxTraps.pdf \(tamu.edu\)](#)



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## Box Traps for Capturing Feral Hogs

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C



D



E



F

Figure 4. Box traps with spring-loaded swing gate entries (A and B). This door design allows for additional captures as hogs push their way into the trap. Box traps with lifting gate entries (C and D). These two traps have doors designed with only one panel. Consequently, escape of trapped animals may occur while hogs moving into the trap lift the door to gain entry. Box traps with lifting gate entries and multiple panels (E and F). Multiple door panels allow additional hogs to enter the trap while preventing escape of previously captured hogs.



# Feral Hog Bait

## Raspberry Jello Mix

The sweet smell of raspberry jello mix will lure hogs in from all over. When mixed with corn, it makes for the perfect wild hog bait attractant to put in your feeder. If you're just trying to get a quick hunt in, then you can sprinkle packets of raspberry jello mix around an area to attract them. It is generally best if the mix is baited along with something that has more substance for them to eat, such as corn. Otherwise they are still likely to root the area to recover as much raspberry jello mix as possible.

In order to keep hogs coming back, time and time again, we recommend digging a hole a couple feet deep and dumping several packets of raspberry jello mix, then filling the hole back with dirt. The hogs can smell the mix despite it being buried and will come back in the future to root the ground and eat as much of the wild hog bait attractant as possible.

## Soured Corn

Deer are not fans of sour corn, but hogs are. If you are looking for ways to be more efficient with your feeding strategies, soured corn as your wild hog bait attractant may be the best fit for you. Here's a **soured corn recipe for your next hog hunt**:

1. 50 lb bag, whole shelled corn
2. Dump 50 lb bag in 5 gallon bucket
3. Top bucket off with water
4. Let mixture sit for 6-8 days to sour
5. Put sour corn out and wait for hogs to show up.

Dumping sour corn on the ground is one of the most common methods of baiting wild hogs, but if you put it in a sack and tie it to a tree 4-5 feet above the ground, then the scent will travel much further. This is a great method to attract hogs that are further away. In addition, if holes are dug and filled with sour corn to give the hogs something to work for, they are more likely to come back in the future or stay at the bait location for longer durations. Some corn can be laid on the ground as well. Combine all 3 of these together and you should have hogs in no time.