

**Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Wildlife Resources Division**



Bobwhite Quail Initiative -- Restoring Habitat For The Birds

The Bobwhite Quail Initiative (BQI) is a pilot project directed at improving habitat for bobwhite quail and songbirds on certain agricultural lands in Georgia. BQI practices will also improve water quality and reduce soil erosion. Technical assistance, and in some cases financial incentives, will be provided to landowners who are eligible to qualify for the program. Incentive payments will be allocated on a competitive basis under three-year contracts for establishing field borders, hedgerows, center pivot corners, fallow patches, pine forest openings, and the heavy thinning and/or prescribed burning of pine stands adjacent to row crop agricultural fields.

Eligibility-- BQI is being implemented in three focus areas and 15 counties including: **Colquitt, Crisp, Dougherty, Lee, Mitchell, Sumter, and Terrell** in southwest Georgia; **Bleckley, Dodge, Emanuel, and Laurens** in central Georgia; and **Bulloch, Burke, Jenkins and Screven** counties in the eastern portion of the state. If you own property that is **at least 50 acres in size** and includes or is adjacent to **row crop agricultural land**, then you are eligible to apply. To apply for the BQI program, complete this form (or a copy) and mail it to the appropriate office (addresses listed below). A wildlife biologist will contact you soon.

Landowner/Cooperator BQI Application

Date: _____

Landowner/Cooperator: _____

Mailing address: _____

City/Town: _____

Location of property (County): _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

When is the best time for us to call you? _____

Please mail your BQI application to the appropriate Department of Natural Resources office to speed review.

Southwest
DNR Wildlife Resources Division
Bobwhite Quail Initiative
601 Tallahassee Road
Albany, GA 31721
229/420-1212 or 430-4254

Central
DNR Wildlife Resources Division
Bobwhite Quail Initiative
River Bend WMA
1945 South Hwy. 199
East Dublin, GA 31027
478/296-6176 or 426-5267

East
DNR Wildlife Resources Division
Bobwhite Quail Initiative
Di-Lane WMA
4854 Box D Herndon Road
Waynesboro, GA 30830
706/554-3745 or 595-4222