

Elk Ridge Game Farm
5146 State Route 96
Bucyrus, OH 44820
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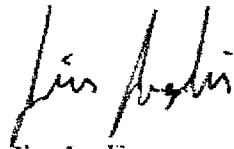
Mr. Courtad,

This letter is a follow up to my November 12th, 2007 visit to your property. I inspected your fields looking for plant species you were interested in and also to evaluate your newly planted field. You did mention a species called "Spear Grass", this is a generic name for several types of grass, and grass like plants that are both native and non-native to Ohio. You also mentioned "foxtails", again another generic name for several grass and grasslike species that people commonly use. As far as true foxtails (*Setaria spp.*), I did see some of the more native foxtails (ie green *Setaria viridis* and yellow foxtail *Setaria glauca*), which are common in newly planted fields or any type of soil disturbance. Foxtail Barley (*Hordeum jubatu* and also known as squirrel tail grass) even though found in your area and common plant species in Ohio, was not observed in any of your fields. In fact, overall I did not see anything out of the ordinary other than the species that you planted and species that are commonly found in fallow fields.

I would also like to add that from a USDA standpoint, you have some of the best Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) fields that I have seen in Ohio. Your fields are an excellent example of what quality wildlife habitat should be. Please remember that the species that you have there now, are required by your CRP Conservation Plan. If you have questions or concerns, you have to address those to the Crawford County USDA office.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours in Conservation,



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