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## Albany Quail Hunting Lands

### Create Jobs & Support Local Businesses

*New report documents more than \$145 million in economic impact in a single year.*

Albany, Georgia — November 9, 2020 — Tall Timbers, a local non-profit organization, has worked with landowners for over 60 years to foster land stewardship in southwest Georgia and north Florida. In addition to creating excellent quail hunting opportunities, conserving these working rural lands protects our drinking water, recharges the aquifer, and provides habitat for dozens of declining wildlife species. A new report shows how this work is also good for the regional economy.

The study by Tall Timbers and the Center for Economic Forecasting and Analysis at Florida State University found the total economic impact of Albany region quail hunting properties in 2019 was over **\$145 million**. This is a **16% increase** compared to the results from a similar study completed in 2014.

Albany region quail lands create or support over **1,160 direct and indirect jobs** (a 32% percent increase over the 2014 study) and generate **\$56 million** in labor income. Owners and managers of these hunting lands shop locally for many of their needs. Collectively, they operate nearly 300 tractors and other pieces of heavy machinery and 300 work trucks or ATVs, most of which are locally purchased, leased and serviced.

"The benefit these properties provide by protecting our natural resources, traditional rural land uses, and overall quality of life in the region have long been recognized," explained Clay Sisson, the Albany Quail Project Director for Tall Timbers. "These survey numbers reveal just how important they are to the area economically as well; something all of us that live here benefit from."

Tall Timbers is a non-profit research station and land conservancy established in 1958, with a mission to foster exemplary land stewardship through research, conservation and education. The group protects and monitors over 150,000 acres of private lands through conservation easements and fee ownership, works to restore bobwhite quail populations, and maintains leading research efforts on wildlife management and wildland fire science.

The full study can be viewed on-line at <https://talltimbers.org/land-conservation-planning-resources/>

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