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Briefing to County Commissioners

24 Nov 2014

Troop 101 Model Garden

- **Final Status Briefing for CY 2014**
- **Garden first requested in 2011 for CY 2012**
 - **Commissioners and Sheriff agreed to support**
- **Planned a Model Garden for 2013**
 - **Forced into a test bed**
- **Made the model garden this year**



Troop 101 Model Garden

- **Magnificent community partnership support**
 - **County Commissioners and Sheriff's Department**
 - **Northeast Texas Community College AG Dep't**
 - **HLN Industries through TX Country Farm Supply**
 - **Home Depot**
 - **Luminant**
 - **American National Bank**
 - **As of today, Guaranty Bank & Trust**

Troop 101 Model Garden

- **A model garden due to**
 - **Cover crops all year long – no bare ground**
 - **9' row centers on eight 140' rows**
 - **Use organic fertilizer (2 types – liquid & solid)**
 - **Paper mulch - not plastic**
 - **No tilling**
 - **Drip irrigation**
- **Unaware of other gardens doing all of these**

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- **Just north of vegetable garden were gourds**
 - **Apple, bottle and swan neck**
 - **Store until spring**
 - **Make into bird houses and sell for troop expenses**

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- **Vegetables for 2014**

– Tomatoes	10,545
– Tomatillos	477
– Okra	19,972
– Cucumbers	1,162
– Peppers	<u>23,386</u>
Totals	55,542

- **Gourds** 153 (100+ should be good)

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- Hoping for increased support in 2015
 - You & Sheriff's Dept are Titus COUNTY officials
 - Our produce goes to needy in Titus COUNTY
 - Requesting any possible prisoner support
 - Prisoners appreciate garden work
 - 4 man hours a week would be magnificent
 - We can adapt our schedule to accommodate prisoners

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- **Plans for 2015**
 - **Donations & Grants**
 - Cages, paper mulch, irrigation lines, seeds, fertilizer, propane
 - Will start seeds in January
 - Expand single line irrigation to double line
 - Expand the garden length (140' to 200')
- **Thanks again for your support!!!**

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- **Thanks again for your support**
- **Thanks in advance for increased support!!!**
- **I'll be back to report again in 2015**