

## **History of Hunting Land at W10367 Murphy Road**

- A. **Purchased in 1992** this property includes **241.75 acres** of wooded oak ridges, poplar & pine stands.
- B. Also includes approx. 10 acres of tillable & extensive trails system.
- C. **1993-2016** developed trails system, 9 food plots, installed ladder stands & built box blinds.
- D. **2004** started QDM practices w/14-16' and 8 pt. minimums on bucks and began Fall & after-season trail cam population surveys.
- E. **2005** Went into closed MFL and instituted practice of only allowing 2 hunters to hunt this property.
- F. **2006** Did select cuts and strategic sanctuary clear cuts to improve quality of food & cover.
- G. **2007** Built 4 wildlife ponds to assure water was always available and started mineral licks.
- H. **2008** Began leaving 5-6 acres of standing corn over the winter to help deer & turkeys go into Spring in good shape.
- I. **2009** Increase buck harvest minimums to **16-18' spreads and 8 points or better with tall tines.**
- J. **2010** Buck to Doe ratio reached 1/1 and we began to shoot 1 doe for every buck harvested.
- K. **2011** Reduced hunters on the property to just (1) me.

## **Current Situation (last 5 years)**

1. **Have taken a 140-1262 class buck each year.**
2. **Buck/doe ratio is 1/1 with approx. 12-15 bucks on property by 5 successive after season trail cam surveys.**
3. **Approx. 80-100 turkeys here during the winter.**