# Dris Abraham

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## Education

Business Administration and Biology St. Joseph's College Rensselaer, IN 1978-1980 Football Scholarship

## **Organization Memberships**

Texas Bighorn Society, Life Member Wild Sheep Foundation, Life Member Safari Club International, Life Mem. Dallas Safari Club, Life Member National Rifle Association

## **Experience**

November 2019 – present

Wildlife Feed and Water Manager, Adams Ranch, Alpine Texas

- Responsible for maintaining 25 miles of water line, 12 guzzlers, and 52 water sites for wildlife
- Manage the feed program for Desert Mule Deer, Carmen Mountain Whitetails, Rio Grande Turkey, and Scaled and Gamble Quail on approximately 27,000 acres
- Participate in annual deer line surveys
- Execute predator control and Aoudad population control

2013 - 2019

President and Owner, Heavy Horse Equipment, Roosevelt, Ok

- Develop high quality horse drawn equipment to fit modern small scale sustainable horse powered farming operation
- Provide the horse drawn farming industry education in the form of clinics that inspire, teach, refine skills, and place small scale horse drawn farming within reach

2002 - 2014

Chief Operating Officer, Farm at Prophetstown, Inc, Battle Ground, IN

- Head all fundraising efforts, marketing strategy, and promotional ideas
- Oversee the daily operations of a 300-acre site including farmstead, 80 acre prairie, and 1808 Native American Village
- Administration of yearly budget
- Participation in the creation, development, and promotion of daily and special programs
- Collaborate with Purdue University, Tippecanoe County Historical Society, Tippecanoe County Parks, Cary Home for Boys, Greater Lafayette Area Special Services
- Provide the leadership necessary to open the door of the museum following a time of crisis
- Represent the company in the community through speaking engagements and service organizations
- Restructure staff and volunteers to the benefit of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, paying guests, and livestock

#### Personal

I have been involved with the agricultural community and conservation minded all my life.

My family has been dairy farming in Ohio since 1849.

My father, Fred Abraham, was director of Conservation Policy for Ducks Unlimited in Washington DC.

1994 – 2019

Owner, RX Acres Belgians, Roosevelt, OK

- Manage a registered draft horse breeding and training operation, specializing in quality Belgian horses of size and distinction
- Responsible for breaking and training client horses as well as owned stock
- Purchase and sell stock as needed to maintain high quality genetics
- Design promotional material
- Offer hands on clinics for clients to learn about horse drawn farming and practical horse care

1999 - 2001

Director of Agriculture, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, OH

- Restructured a dormant agriculture program at a 19<sup>th</sup> Century outdoor living history museum
- Responsible for the acquisition, maintenance, breeding, training, disposal, and proper placement of livestock, including Belgian and Percheron draft horses, Milking Shorthorn cattle, Berkshire hogs, and Tunis sheep

1993 - 1996

State Wildlife Officer, Ohio Division of Wildlife, Richland County, OH

 Enforced the Ohio Revised Code and all state and federal wildlife laws and regulation

1988 - 1993

Wildlife Technician, Ohio Division of Wildlife, Killbuck Wildlife Area, OH

 Managed 30,000 acres for public hunting and wildfowl refuge, as well as biological research for wood duck, barn owl, river otter, and wild turkey

### References

Available upon request.