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Regarding 20.2 and 20.3 – What is the purpose of the markers? And what are the current wild populations of quail, pheasant, chuckars and partridge? The latter is somewhat of a rhetorical question as you would be hard pressed to find a hunter who has reported hearing, let alone harvesting one of these species natively in the last 15 years. Therefore if you observe one of these species in the wild you can guarantee a human put it there. Placing auxiliary markers on gamebirds, reporting the releases, dates, and locations, and obtaining approval prior to releasing the birds creates unnecessary burdens for hunters. Regulate the farming practices, foster real habitat management in the open spaces and farmland. Pennsylvania already did the research, (See attached) that's how we will get the wild populations back. What's more, placing the markers on released ducks is also unnecessary as released ducks are typically marked in other ways.