With a decrease in the natural pheasant population due to weather conditions in northeast Colorado, one local company has found a way to keep the tradition of pheasant hunting alive.

Within the last year, Matt Newman has kicked off Newman Adventures—guided hunts, a hunting lodge and facilities to raise birds for the hunting preserve.

"You're pretty much guaranteed birds if you come out here," said Newman, noting he's had hunters from Alaska to Texas and everywhere in between.



For about a year, Matt Newman and Newman Adventures have been raising thousands of pheasants, quail and chukar for use on their hunting preserve south of Paoli. The birds, pictured in their pen with blinders on, are also sold to repopulate other areas and preserves.

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Newman Adventures includes all-natural hunts on 6,000 acres as well as a hunting preserve on 3,000 acres southwest of Holyoke, about 11 miles south of Paoli.

While using the preserve, Newman said hunting can take place year-round, hunters don't need a license and they can shoot both roosters and hens. He must keep very accurate records, though, to be sure to replace any birds that are harvested.

