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Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever hire Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist I to help Southwest Missouri Landowners.

Chelsea Cook will serve Jasper, Barton, Dade, and Lawrence Counties

Mt. Vernon, MO – May 1, 2024 – Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever is excited to share that Chelsea Cook was hired for the Mt. Vernon, MO. Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist I position. She started her new position on April 22nd.

As a Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist, a partnership position supported by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Missouri Dept. of Conservation, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Cook will be a valuable resource for private landowners in Jasper, Barton, Dade, and Lawrence counties. Her role will involve assisting landowners with wildlife management planning and securing funds to implement those plans, thereby enhancing the wildlife habitat on their lands.



"We're excited to have Chelsea join the Missouri Team. She will have a tremendous impact on wildlife habitat on working lands in the community," said Farm Bill Manager Haley Lockard. "I look forward to seeing her passion spread to the producers she works with."



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Cook is originally from southern Arkansas, where she spent most of her childhood exploring her family's land and learning to appreciate and respect nature through fishing and hunting. She graduated from Southern Arkansas University with a Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Biology and conservation and then received her Master's in Wildlife Conservation and Management from Unity College. Cook spent a few years with the Missouri Department of Conservation as an Administrative Assistant at Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center, where she assisted in educating the public on all things fish, forest, and wildlife and gained a love for the prairies and glades of southwest Missouri. In her spare time, she likes to read, spend time with her husband in their ever-growing garden, and care for their many chickens and cur dogs.

"I am so excited to be a part of Quail Forever!" Chelsea Cook said. "Conserving this one-of-a-kind land and what it has to offer is truly a dream come true."

If you are interested in learning how to establish high-quality wildlife habitat on your property or incorporate habitat on your working lands, contact Chelsea Cook at ccook@quailforever.org or (417) 466-7107 ext. 3.

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