

## Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever and partners hire Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist to help northeast Missouri landowners

Heather Jones will serve Clark, Lewis, Knox, and Scotland counties

**KAHOKA, Mo. – June 28, 2022** – Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in Missouri is excited to share that Heather Jones was hired for the Kahoka, Mo., Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist II position. She started her new position June 27.

The Farm Bill Wildlife Biologists on the Missouri team are partnership positions supported by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Missouri Dept. of Conservation, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Jones will work with private landowners in Clark, Lewis, Knox, and Scotland counties helping them with wildlife and habitat management planning and securing funds to help implement those plans.

"Heather brings unique experience to this position with her background in Fisheries and Wildlife and science education," said Missouri State Coordinator Andrew White. "As a landowner and producer in her local area she practices conservationminded land management on her family's



operation, and her background in education will allow her to share the benefits of conserving natural resources and build relationships with landowners in her community."

Jones grew up in Columbia, MO and earned her B.S. degree in Fisheries and Wildlife with a terrestrial emphasis in 2008 from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Utilizing her background in science, she became a secondary science teacher in Troy, MO and Columbia, MO after completing her master's degree in education from Missouri Baptist University in 2014. Jones is passionate about learning and education and is excited to continue this trend with landowners and future young conservationists. She lives with her husband, Adam, on their farm in Lewis



County. There they raise their three kids, crops, and practice conservation stewardship. Jones enjoys spending her time outside, camping with her family, hiking, and fly-fishing.

"I am excited to be a part of the awesome Quail Forever team," said Jones. "I am looking forward to connecting with landowners and farmers in Northeast Missouri and facilitating conservation outreach opportunities."

If you are interested in learning how to establish high quality wildlife habitat on your property or incorporate habitat on your working lands, contact Heather Jones at <u>hjones@quailforever.org</u> or 573-881-4253.

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