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### **Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever and partners hire Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist in Moberly, Missouri.**

Samantha Leonard will serve North Central Missouri landowners.

**Moberly, MO– October 28th, 2025** – Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in Missouri is excited to share that Samantha Leonard was hired for the Moberly, MO Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist position. She started in her new position on October 6th, 2025.

This Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist position on the Missouri Team is funded through Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW), a USDA initiative that works to conserve America's working land. Leonard will work with private landowners in Randolph, Macon, and Chariton counties, providing technical assistance and expertise in wildlife management planning and securing funds to implement those plans.



"Samantha was a stand-out intern for us this summer, and we're thrilled to have her expand her impact as the Farm Bill Biologist in Moberly. Her ability to connect with people makes her a great fit for producers in the area. We are excited to have Sam join our incredible team of Farm Bill Biologists," said Farm Bill Manager Haley Lockard.

Samantha is a Kansas City native with a lifelong passion for the outdoors, so she decided to turn that passion into a career. She received her bachelor's degree in wildlife ecology and conservation from Northwest Missouri State University. During that time, Samantha spent a summer as a Naturalist at Smithville Lake before moving to Illinois and Iowa after graduation, conducting bird and bat surveys at wind farms with Western Ecosystems Technology. In summer 2025, she started as a Farm Bill biologist intern with Missouri QF, mainly working in Ray, Caldwell, and Clinton Counties, and assisting in Carroll and Lafayette Counties. In her spare time, she enjoys birding, hiking, traveling, reading, and spending time with her family and friends.

"I'm excited to be a part of the Missouri PFQF team as a Farm Bill Biologist I," said Samantha. "I'm looking forward to working with partners and landowners in Randolph, Macon, and



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Chariton counties to improve habitat and achieve goals for their properties! Seeing the results of hard work on properties is incredibly rewarding and the most fulfilling part of the job.”

If you want to learn how to establish a high-quality wildlife habitat on your property or incorporate a habitat on your working lands, contact Samantha Leonard at 660-303-2218 or [sleonard@quailforever.org](mailto:sleonard@quailforever.org)

### **About Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever**

[Pheasants Forever](#) and [Quail Forever](#) make up the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. This community of more than 420,000 members, supporters, and partners is dedicated to the protection of our uplands through habitat improvement, public access, education, and advocacy. A network of 754 local chapters spread across North America determine how 100 percent of their locally raised funds are spent — the only national conservation organization that operates through this grassroots structure. Since its creation in 1982, the organization has dedicated more than \$1 billion to 580,000 habitat projects benefiting 26.5 million acres.