

KS Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist I or II- Mankato

Regular Full-Time Technician

Mankato, KS, US

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Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Anticipated Start Date: September 2024

Starting Salary Information: Commensurate with experience and up to \$45,000 starting salary, benefits, up to \$200/month student loan reimbursement, and modest performance-based yearly increases (view benefit summary on our recruitment website: www.pheasantsforever.org/jobs).

Overview:

Positions will be located within the USDA Service Center and will provide conservation technical assistance and conservation program delivery to private landowners within their assigned districts and other priority areas as appropriate. The incumbent will work in a joint capacity with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and other State and Federal partners to promote, accelerate enrollment, coordinate, and implement the conservation provisions of the Federal Farm Bill and other wildlife related conservation programs.

Activities will include program promotion (workshops and one-on-one meetings), contract coordination, writing conservation plans, site assessment, and reporting. Work with local chapters of Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever (PF & QF) and other local partners to increase habitat management efforts and participate in regional and statewide habitat meetings. Assist or coordinate activities and projects with other PF & QF and NRCS staff. This position will be an employee of, and supervised by Pheasants Forever, Inc. & Quail Forever, with daily instruction and leadership provided by NRCS and PF & QF.

About the Area:

Kansas offers large expanses of native shortgrass, mixed grass, and tallgrass prairies, which support diverse and abundant wildlife populations. Eastern Kansas offers abundant outdoor recreational opportunities, including wildlife areas managed by Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP), KDWP's Walk-In Hunting Access program, and National Refuges that provides opportunities for upland game bird, deer, waterfowl hunting, hiking, and wildlife viewing.

Specific Duties:

- Provide technical assistance (biology focus) and guidance to private landowners, government agencies, non-government organizations and other groups for USDA NRCS Conservation Programs. The positions will receive training on the USDA NRCS, PF & QF, KDWP, and other local and state programs.

- Coordinates the implementation and application of wildlife programs within target landscapes in cooperation with the local NRCS, Conservation District Managers, KDWP Biologists, PF & QF Biologists, and other state partners as appropriate.
- Completes contracts, applications, and other required documentation for the conservation programs requiring biological expertise in cooperation with the listed partners.
- Communicates program requirements, completes site visits to determine eligibility, and develops contracts/plans for applicants/participants for USDA-NRCS Conservation Programs and other local and state programs.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Desired Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively with landowners and partner agencies.
- Ability to work independently with little supervision and with diverse clientele.
- Knowledge of wildlife ecology, grassland, wetland, and early succession habitat management including the ability to utilize various habitat management tools in the development of management plans.
- Knowledge of conservation and wildlife habitat programs provided by federal (i.e., Farm Bill, US Fish and Wildlife Service), state, & local entities. In addition, knowledge of how these programs are implemented in an agricultural landscape is desired.
- Knowledge of or practical experience with agricultural systems and farming.
- Excellent verbal and written communication.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Proficiency with ArcGIS and Conservation Desktop.
- Valid driver's license required with an acceptable driving record and history.
- Must be able to obtain USDA Federal Security Clearance.

Education and Experience Guidelines:

A minimum requirement for this position is a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management or closely related natural resources field. Proven experience working with USDA Farm Bill programs (CRP, CREP, ACEP, EQIP, and CSP) is preferred.

To Apply:

Please combine your **cover letter, resume, and 3 references** into a **single PDF file** before uploading to the "Resume" section of your application on our recruitment website at www.pheasantsforever.org/jobs.

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For more information about the position contact Davis Ostermeyer, KS FBB Manager, at: (757) 412-7257

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