Farm Bureau - Position Description 2012-2014 COUNTY WILDLIFE DAMAGE COORDINATOR (optional)

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the County Wildlife Damage Coordinator is to help farmers resolve crop or livestock damage problems from wildlife. Problems with wildlife damage are addressed through information and education about programs available to farmers, updating and improving related organization policy when needed, and interaction with wildlife agency staff and sportsmen organizations.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Build relationships between farmers and Game Commission Wildlife Conservation Officers and staff at the local level.
- Educate Game Commission staff about the severity of wildlife crop and livestock damage...
- Serve as a resource for farmers in the county regarding their rights and obligations under the Wildlife Code.
- Encourage documentation of damage by farmers.
- Provide information to farmers about programs available to reduce or eliminate damage.
- Organize crop damage tours for the purpose of educating about farm damage and disease caused by wildlife.
- Suggest resolutions for inclusion in policy development process.
- Be familiar with county and state policies in related topic areas.
- Help in efforts to find nominees for Game Commissioners when vacancies occur.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

- Regular Farm Bureau member
- Knowledgeable regarding wildlife damage issues
- Comfortable in dealing with Wildlife Conservation Officers (WCO's) and farmers
- Able to handle delicate situations with diplomacy and confidentiality

RESOURCES:

- State Wildlife Damage Committee Member
- County Local Governmental Relations Chairman
- Regional Organization Director
- Local Affairs Director

Wildlife Damage Coordinators are responsible to the County Governmental Relations Director.

The term of appointment office is two years.