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### **Chelsea Carpenter Hired as Tennessee FFA Foundation Executive Director**

COOKEVILLE, TN – The Tennessee Future Farmers of America (FFA) Foundation Executive Committee announced Chelsea Carpenter as the next Executive Director of the Tennessee FFA Foundation, effective December 1. Following an extensive search and competitive interview process, Chelsea Carpenter emerged with an impressive track record of leadership, professional experience, and personal connection to agricultural education.

Chelsea has spent her career with Farm Credit Mid-America, Tennessee FFA's number one annual sponsor. She also worked at Purdue University as Program Coordinator for Leadership Development within the John Mortinson Honors College.

A proud native of Wilson County, Carpenter is a graduate of Tennessee Tech University with a degree in agriculture. She is also an alumna of Wilson Central High School where she was very active in one of Tennessee's premier FFA chapters. She was ultimately elected as the Tennessee FFA State President for 2015-2016.

Chelsea's connection to the Tennessee FFA Foundation runs deep; she interned with the organization during her college years, gaining firsthand insight into its mission and impact. She and her husband, Matt Carpenter, are relocating from Lafayette, Indiana.

“FFA membership is at an all-time high and our Foundation is just finishing a record-breaking year of fundraising. It is an exciting time to welcome Chelsea Carpenter as our new Executive Director,” said Foundation Board Chairman Phillip Baker. “Her deep-rooted connection to FFA, combined with her experience in agriculture and commitment to our mission, make her the perfect fit to step into this important leadership role. We are very optimistic that her vision will inspire our members and strengthen our Foundation’s impact across Tennessee.”

The Executive Director serves as the manager for the nonprofit organization, overseeing staff, raising funds, and supporting the board of directors. Outgoing Executive Director, Chelsea Rose,

announced her plans to transition out of the role earlier this year and will conclude her tenure on December 31, turning her focus towards supporting her two young boys, Guy and Sam, and husband, U.S. Representative John Rose (TN-6).

The Foundation is based in Cookeville on the campus of Tennessee Tech University. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization was created in 1983 to promote the best interests of students and those involved in agricultural education and FFA. To learn more about FFA, visit [www.tnffa.org](http://www.tnffa.org).

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Photo Caption: Former Tennessee FFA State President, Chelsea Carpenter, has been hired as Executive Director for the non-profit Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc.