



Volunteers improve **TODAY** *for* **TOMORROW**

Charles Kilgore

grew up in Jasper, Alabama and graduated from Curry High School. After graduating from High School, Charles enrolled at Auburn University in the Department of Zoology and Wildlife. In 2002, he graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor's of Science in Wildlife Sciences. After graduation, Charles took a temporary research position conducting field surveys for mammals in the Mobile-Tensaw River Delta of Alabama.

This research later developed into his Master's research project. Charles graduated from Auburn University with a Master's degree in Biology in July of 2008. After completing his Master's, Charles was accepted into the PhD program in the Department of Biological Sciences at Auburn University. Due to some unforeseen circumstances his life, Charles recently decided to seek employment and that's how he learned about NRCS' Earth Team Volunteer Program.

In late January 2015, Charles started volunteering with the NRCS in the Auburn state office. Before this internship, Charles says he knew very little about the function and purpose of NRCS. However, during his time as a volunteer with NRCS, Charles helped the state's Grazing Lands Specialist Eddie Jolley and Wildlife Biologist Jeff Thurmond in the field and with office work. Because of his time with NRCS, Charles has decided that he would like to pursue a career with the agency as a Soil Conservationist. —Submitted by Charles Kilgore (Pictured from left to right: Eddie Jolley, Charles Kilgore and Jeff Thurmond)