

**Trey Cooke**  
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### **Biographical Information**

A native of the Mississippi Delta, Trey spent his summers working on a family cotton, soybean, and rice farm. After several years on the farm, he began working with scientists with the Mississippi State University Cotton Breeding Program before entering college. In 1991, Trey began attending Delta State University. While at Delta State, Trey worked for Bayer Crop Science research station in Benoit, MS and participated in an internship program with a local water management district that focused on agricultural irrigation water use. Trey left Delta State University in 1995 with a degree in Environmental Science and Chemistry to attend graduate school at Sam Houston State University where he earned a Master's in Biology. After graduation, Trey worked at with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Colorado.



In 1999, Trey accepted a call to serve as the Executive Director of Delta Wildlife, a regional conservation organization dedicated to conserving, enhancing and restoring native wildlife habitat in the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta region of Northwest Mississippi. With Cooke's agricultural and natural resource background, it seemed natural for him to join an organization that worked for the benefit of private landowners, farm operators and the environment. Upon arrival, Trey immediately began working with the organization's Board of Directors to focus the organization towards the implementation of science-based projects that would accrue measurable environmental benefits within the region. Many such projects have become models among both private and public conservation interests in addressing wildlife and natural resource concerns in agricultural landscapes. Among those projects includes the Delta Wildlife Quail and Grassland Songbird Habitat Restoration project which helped lead to the establishment of CP-33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds and the Bee Lake Watershed Restoration Project which successfully addressed sediment, nutrient, and legacy pesticide TMDLs.