



Feral Hog Herald

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Educator Spotlight: Meet Kevin!

Kevin Crider is a retired law enforcement officer and a former trapper for the Missouri Department of Conservation. He finds that skills and experience from his former career help him to communicate the damages and devastation inflicted by feral hogs in Missouri.



What drew you to the Feral Hog Educator Position with MU extension?

I wanted to let people know that help is available for feral hog problems. I enjoy meeting people, and I have an interest in the outdoors as I am a hunter and a fisherman.

Tell us a little about your background.

I grew up in Shannon County and after college had a law enforcement career in Colorado working with the National Park Service and Colorado State Patrol for 28 years. After retiring, my wife and I moved

back to the Ozarks and I began working as a feral hog trapper prior to my position with MU Extension.

What is the most surprising thing you have learned about feral hogs?

The fact that many of the hogs found here have been traced back to family groups in Texas.

As someone who has been working with landowners for 6 months now, what are you finding is the common link that draws landowners into the Feral Hog Task Force?

The common goal of stopping damage to their property so that the damage can be repaired.

Have you been met with resistance from landowners? How have you addressed that?

Yes, and the major factor is distrust of governmental agencies. I simply explain that the MFHEP is a group of agencies and people that are a free resource that can and will eliminate feral hogs if given the opportunity and access to private property. I also explain that we helped over 1300 private landowners in 2021 with very good results.

What would you say to someone considering contacting MDC or USDA for help with feral hogs?

If a person chooses to utilize the MFHEP, the results will speak for themselves. I would also let them know that MFHEP eliminated over 9800 feral hogs in 2021.

To report feral hog damage or receive assistance, call the Missouri Department of Conservation at **573-533-4115 ext. 3296**, or visit us on the web at <http://mcd.mo.gov/feralhog>.

