## **U of I Extension Hires Beef Specialist**

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eresa Steckler is the new beef specialist for University of Illinois Extension. Steckler is based at the Mt. Vernon Extension Center and works with the southern 26 counties of Illinois.

Steckler recently served as an assistant professor at Southern Arkansas University. For the past several years, she also held a postdoctoral position at the University of Michigan, where she achieved excellence in research. Her Ph.D, master's degree and bachelor's degree, all in an-

imal sciences, are from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Steckler grew up in Olney and understands southern Illinois agriculture, the beef industry and people. She has conducted beef research at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center and has the ability to deliver technical information in an applied format that is understood by livestock producers.

Watch for Steckler's monthly column in this newspaper.  $\ \Delta$