WE LEARN MORE BY ACCIDENT THAN WE DO ON PURPOSE

KELLY GRIFFETH

ROBIN GRIFFETH
HOW DO WE GAIN KNOWLEDGE?

WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE THINGS THAT WE KNOW ARE SO?

THEY ALL TAKE SOME SORT OF ACTION ON OUR PART IN ORDER TO STUMBLE ON TO ANY OF THEM.
INTENTION: KELLY INTENDED TO DISC THE LAST FIELD FOR THE LAST TIME WITHOUT A BREAKDOWN


RESULT: BENT DISC GANG
LESSON LEARNED

FIX THE DISC

SELL THE DISC

MOVE ON TO NO-TILL
LESSONS LEARNED

- PLANTED CORN AFTER A MILO CROP. THOUGHT IT WOULD WORK. DIDN'T. WON'T DO THAT AGAIN.

- PLANTED PRIMARY SUNFLOWERS IN LATE JUNE. PLANTED DOUBLE CROP SUNFLOWERS IN EARLY JULY. DOUBLE CROPS YIELDS AS GOOD AS PRIMARIES. NO NEED FOR PRIMARY FLOWERS.
PLANTED CORN AFTER WHEAT HARVEST. SMALL PATCH, PRETTY SURE IT WOULDN’T WORK. WORKED GREAT. WE HAVE DONE THAT AGAIN.

PLANTED NON ROUNDUP BEANS WITHOUT COVER CROP OR A PRE HERBICIDE. KANSAS GETS TOO HOT FOR TRADITIONAL SOYBEAN HERBICIDES. WE WILL PLANT COVER CROP AHEAD OF CONVENTIONAL SOYBEANS NOW.
- PLANTED BUCKWHEAT AS DOUBLE CROP AFTER WHEAT. WORKED WELL. HOWEVER YOU NEED TO HARVEST ON TIME. WIND BLOWS IN KANSAS. SHATTERS!!

- PLANTED SUNFLOWER AND BUCKWHEAT WHEN IT WAS TOO WET. NEITHER ONE LIKE WET FEET. NEED TO STAY MORE FLEXIBLE WITH ROTATION.
I THINK I CAN. I THINK I CAN.
MOTHER NATURE IS IN CHARGE!
Tightwad Bank, OF Kansas
BEGAN WHEN I RAN OUT OF BUCKWHEAT SEED. NEAREST ADDITIONAL BUCKWHEAT SEED 65 MILES. WENT BACK TO THE FARM AND FOUND SOME SUNFLOWER SEED, CLOVER SEED, TURNIPS, RADISH SEED, ECT. TO FILL THE GAP.

BEST MISCALCULATION YET
FROM OUR EXPERIENCE, WE KNOW THAT:

- CORN BENEFITS SOYBEANS
- BUCKWHEAT ATTRACTS BENEFICIAL INSECTS
- YELLOW MUSTURD IS A NATURAL FUMAGANT FOR NEMATODES
- SUNFLOWER BENEFITS MILO & CORN
- WHEAT BENEFITS SUNFLOWER
WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT

SUNFLOWER BENEFITS FROM PEAS

RADISH BENEFITS WHEAT

ECT, ECT, ECT
WE MUST ACT ON THIS KNOWLEDGE, NO MATTER HOW IT CAME TO US.

SOME THINGS WE FIGURED OUT ON OUR OWN

SOME OF THESE FINDINGS WE LEARNED FROM OTHERS

OTHERS CAME TO US BY ACCIDENT

AND YET OTHERS JUST HAPPENED OUT DUMB LUCK

BUT THEY ALL TOOK SOME SORT OF ACTION IN ORDER TO STUMBLE ON TO ANY OF THEM
WE ARE FARMERS WITH LIMITED RESEARCH CAPABILITIES. WHAT WE MEAN BY THAT IS THAT WE DO NOT WORRY ABOUT ALL OF THE X’s AND O’s AS TRUE RESEARCHERS DO.

SO WHAT WE STATE HERE ARE ONLY OUR OBSERVATIONS.

WE DO NOT LET THE WORD RESEARCH KEEP US FROM RESEARCHING.
IT DOESN’T ALWAYS MAKE US HAPPY
BUT THEN IT TURNS OUT BETTER THAN WE THOUGHT
PROCEEDING FROM HERE