Integrated Agroforestry



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Agroforestry: farming

with trees

- Multifunctional landscapes
- Diversify income sources
- Build soil
- Reduce water runoff
- Provide wildlife habitat
- Sequester carbon
- Aesthetic and cultural benefits

Hoch Orchard – La Crescent, MN

Five USDA Agroforestry Practices: 1. Windbreaks 2. Riparian Buffers 3. Alley Cropping 4. Silvopasture 5. Forest Farming

Pecan Orchard, Shepherd Farm Clifton Hill, MO

1. Windbreaks

Strips of trees and shrubs designed to enhance crop or livestock production while providing conservation benefits.



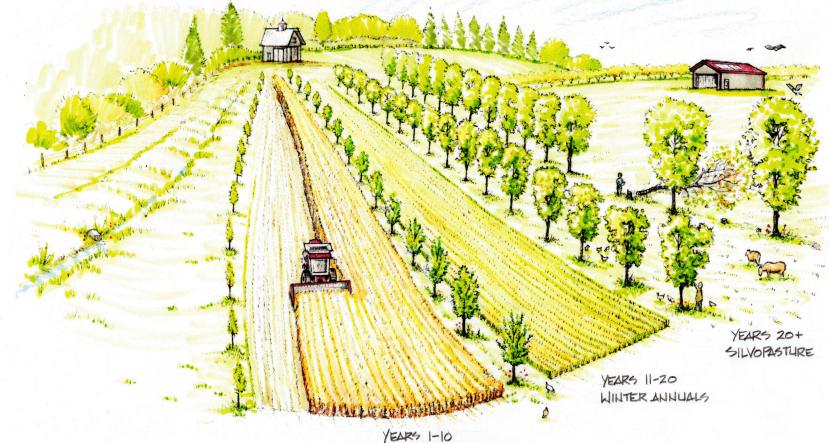
2. Riparian Buffers

Strips of permanent vegetation alongside a stream, lake, or wetland.



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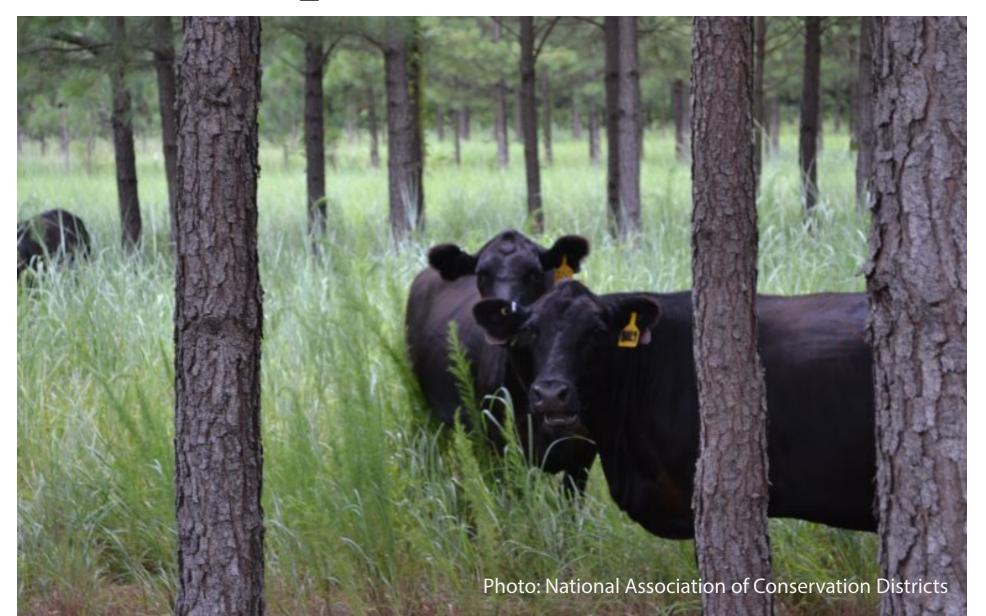
Savanna Institute Demonstration Farm Allerton Park – Monticello, IL

4. Silvopasture

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5. Forest Farming

The cultivation of specialty crops under forest canopy.



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Greg Judy, Green Pastures Farm Clark, MO

Promising Midwest Agroforestry Crops

- Chestnuts
- Hazelnuts
- Elderberries
- Black currants

Twelve "Key Perennial Crop" fact sheets available for free on the Savanna Institute website!

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Chinese Chest

- "Corn on trees"
- Low pest pressure
- Reliable high yields
- Low maintenance
- Harvest: Sep-Oct
- Years to production: 12-15



Hazelnuts

- "Soy on trees"
- Low input source of oil and livestock feed
- Challenges are machine harvest, winter hardiness and Eastern Filbert Blight (EFB)
- Harvest: Aug-Oct
- Years to production: 5-10



Elderberries

- Hardy native plants
- Easy to propagate and grow
- Good for pollinators
- Strong market for medicinal products
- Harvest: July-Sep
- Years to production: 2-3



Black Currants

- Produce well in partial shade
- Ripe fruit keeps well
- Well-suited for machine harvest
- 3x the vitamin C of oranges, 2x the antioxidants of blueberries
- Harvest: June-Aug
- Years to production: 3-5



More resources at www.savannainstitute.org!

Red Fern Farm – Wapello, IA