
Successfully Planting Into Cover Crops: planning from the beginning

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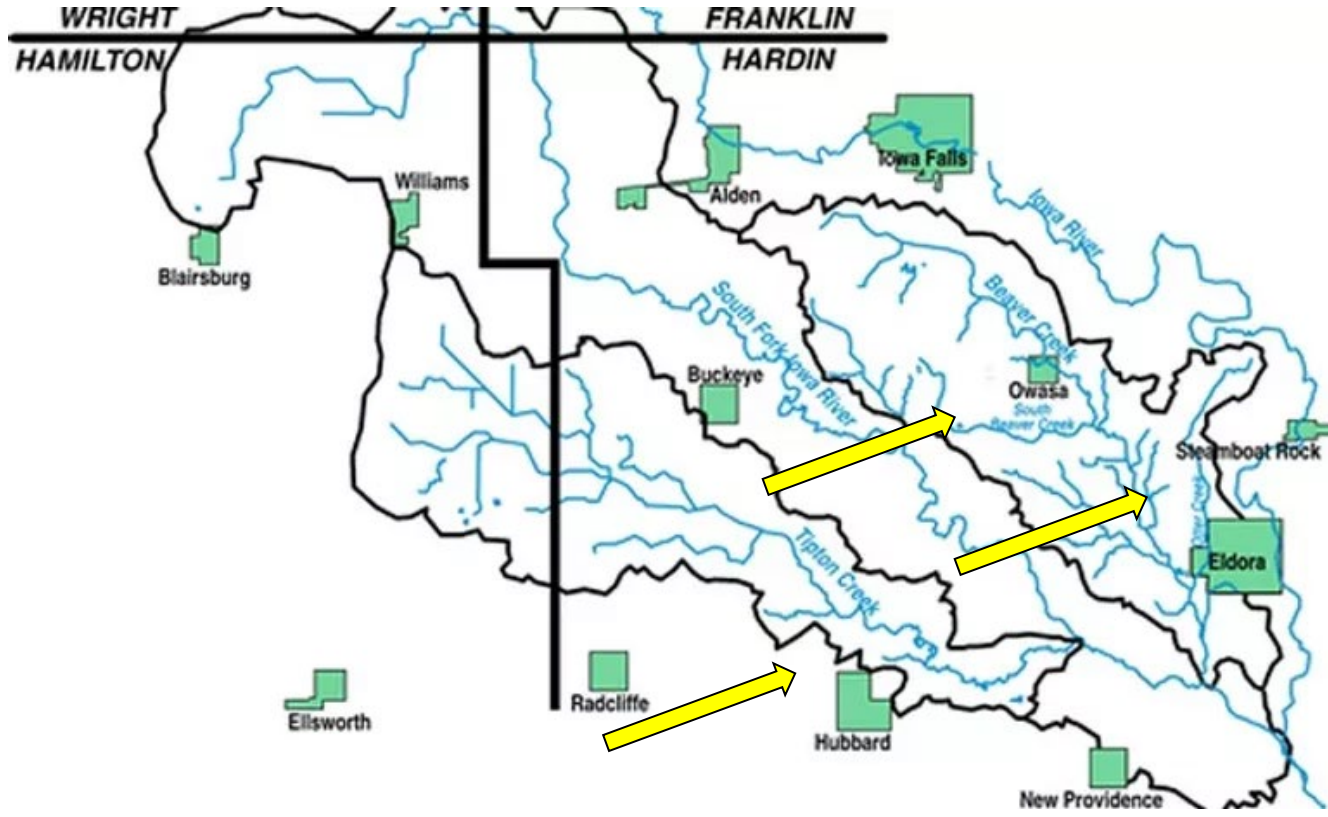
Today's touchpoints

- Intro & location
- Production system scenarios
- Perspectives

Intro



Watershed of the South Fork of the Iowa River





Roger & Mary

- 1999 transition to organic
- I joined the family in 2009
- Corn, soybeans, oats, & hay/forages
- Custom cover crop services & hay/forage mowing services
- Cow/calf herd



Jacob & Lindsay

- First farm rented fall 2020
- Custom cover crop services & CRP management services



Production system scenarios with cover crops (context)



Scenarios

- 2020 & prior: 10+ years CoC
- Fall 2020 cereal rye to spring 2021 non-GMO soybeans
- Fall 2021 cereal rye to spring 2022 non-GMO soybeans
- Fall 2022 winter camelina + TNT vetch to spring 2023 corn

**November 2020: VNS cereal rye into corn stalks for 2022
non-GMO soybeans. Drought**



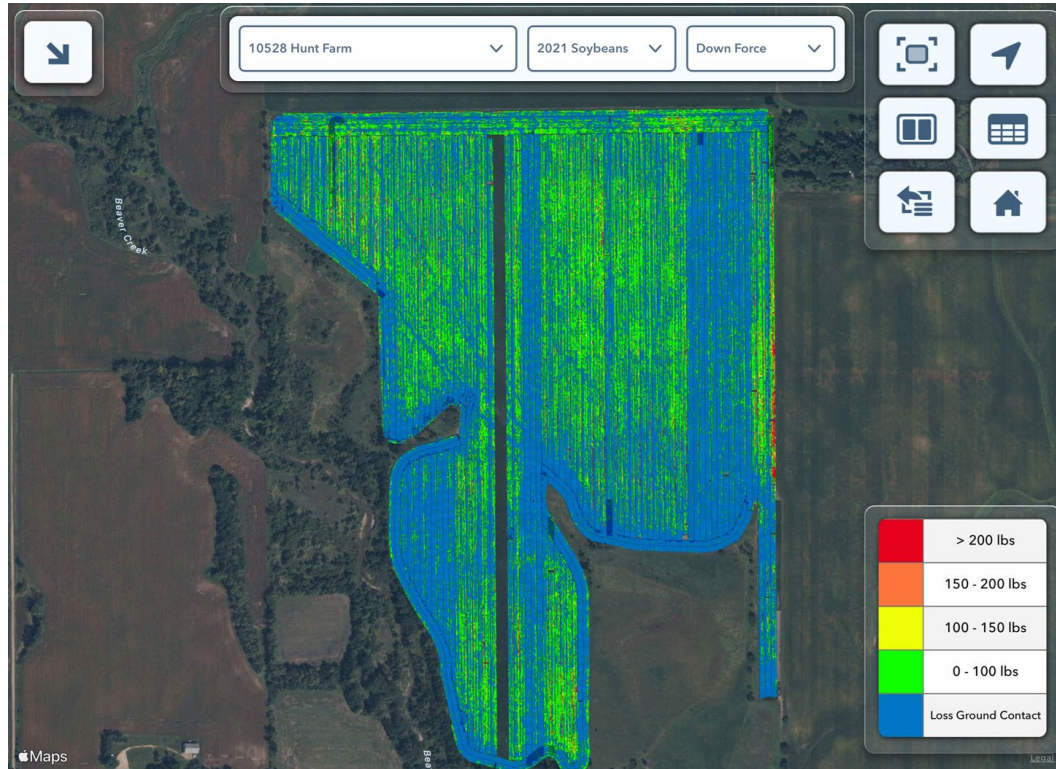
Spring 2021: getting ready for gametime



May 06, 2021: planting & learning



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June 06, 2021: learning & planning changes for 2022



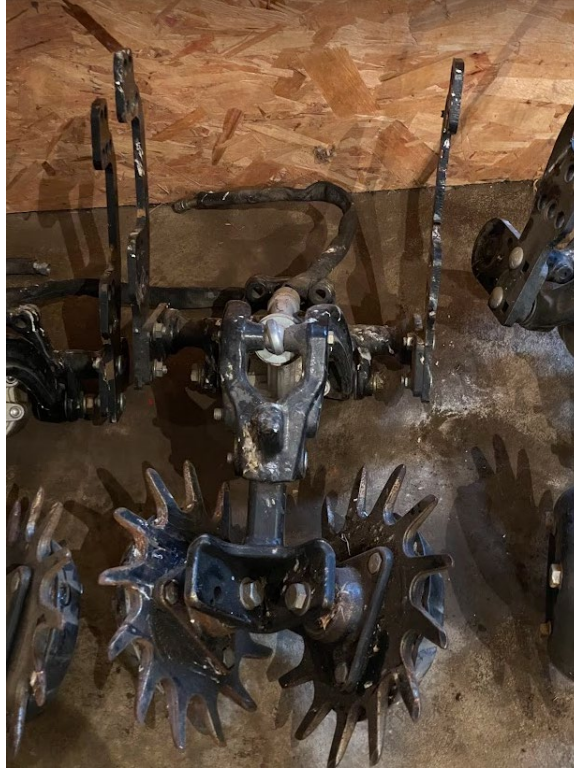
October 2021: I went shopping



December 2021:



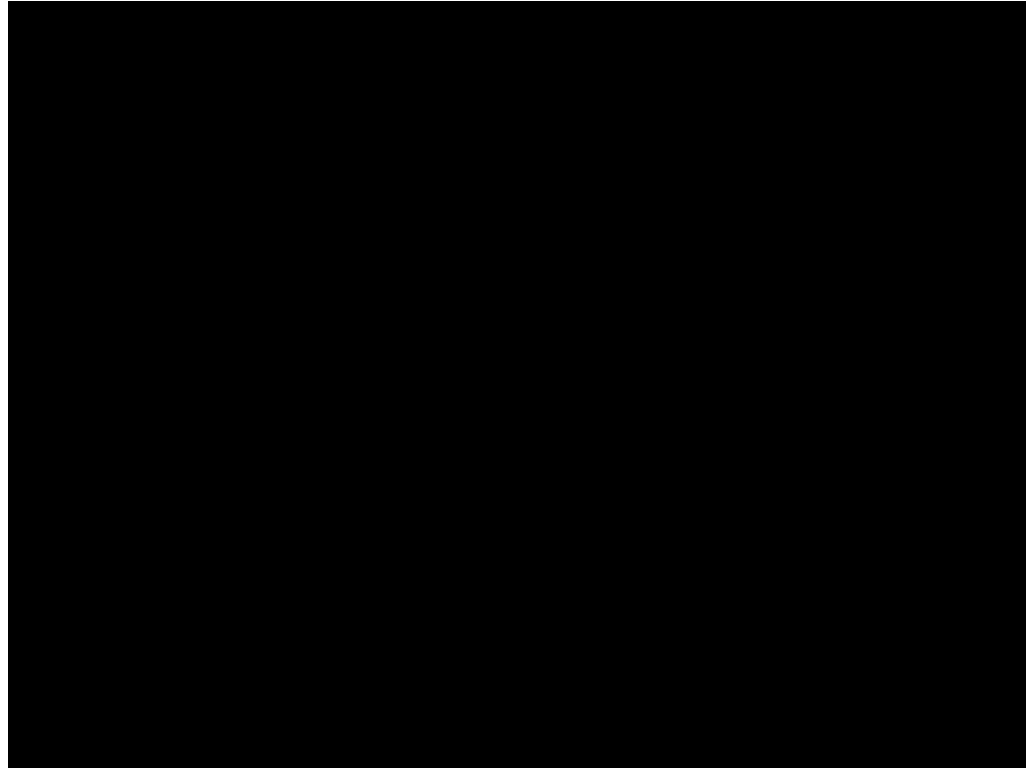
Spring 2022: getting ready for gametime, again



Spring 2022: stripping for the planter



Spring 2022: planter learning





Summary

- Used parts are awesome
- No prior experience = start slow. When you're wrong, what happens?
- Document your learnings when they happen so you don't forget
- Things will happen that you don't understand
- Remember the fundamentals with the planter: clean a path, create the furrow, close the furrow
- Depth control
- Get out the tractor and look, study, dig, measure.



Thank you

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