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Farming background

- 2,500 acres in South Central NE
- 100% continuous no-till for 20 years
- Cover crops for 8 years
- 60% dryland 40% pivot irrigated
- Corn – Beans – Cereal rotation
- Have grown corn, beans, peas, vetch, sunflowers, buckwheat, rye, triticale, oats, barley and okra
- Started Green Cover Seed in 2009

How did God create plant communities and ecosystems?

- Great diversity of plants, roots and animals



How did God create plant communities and ecosystems?

- The soil is always covered...



How did God create plant communities and ecosystems?

- **Something is always alive and/or growing...**



How did God create plant communities and ecosystems?

- **Plant cooperation, not competition**



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Farming goals

- **100% of acres will be growing a specialty crop or one that is “value added”**
- **Reduce commercial fertility inputs by 50% in next 5 years**
- **Reduce herbicide use by 40% in next 5 years**
- **Increase cattle numbers from 30 to 150 in the next 5 years**

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