Riemer Family Farm

Regenerative Grazing and Cover Crops
Our Farming Journery
Grazing Perennials and Cover Crops

152 cattle overwintering on 40 acres creates the need to plant cover crops.

*Take up excess nutrients in the soil.

*Build soil biology & improve structure

*Increase water infiltration

*Provide FEED
Prairie Creek Seed Summer Blend Cover Crops
Sorghum X Sudangrass
Cowpeas
Sudangrass
Millet
Berseem Clover
Brassica

**Usage Reference**
Summer N Fixation 3
Fall N Scavenging 4
Speed of Nutrient Release 3
Wind Erosion 5
Water Erosion 5
Compaction Alleviation 3
Organic Matter Builder 5
Winter Survivability 0
Graze 5

Scale 1-5 (1 = Poor, 5 = Excellent)
Grazing Value
*Cattle graze it when mature
*Sheep graze it when it is shorter
*Turkeys and chickens grazed it after it was cut for balage

Winter Feed Value From Baling Cover Crops!
*Modified Blend with no Sorgum for baling. Sorgum does not dry down.
*TONS of feed for winter! High Energy!
After Summer Blend in fields transitioning from crop to perennial: Cool Season Combo

*Cereal Rye

*Winter Triticale

*Pick Axe Radish

*Crimson & Red Clover

*Turnip

*Rapeseed

*Hairy Vetch
Grazing HOGS on pasture-why?

- Pairs well with vegetable production
  - Eats and poops out veggie waste-composter!
  - Added product for CSA members or markets
- Graze on fallow land
  - Works in a cover crop well
  - Increases fertility- utilizes their manure
  - Increases organic matter
  - keeps weeds down
- Low labor needs compared to veggies
- Fertilizes fallow fields for next years veggies
- Added enterprise for year round sales, cashflow
- Quality of life- eat good meat, too
Grazing Hogs on Pasture needs good systems

- Fencing needs to work
  - Electric netting plus interior single or double strand
    - Visual barrier/Defence (2-4 kv) and barrier (10k)
  - Battery fence or straight to grid, get avot meter
  - Easily movable, make it so you can move frequently

- Watering systems no leaky fittings
  - Make sure pigs cant play with hoses/fittings
  - Seal Niplet water work, not float valves
  - Rinse instead of use pump or main source
    - 2-3 inch flat hose

- Dry feed trough
  - We fill with skid steer, pallet with hoes and 1 ton totes

- Palletize or make everything easily movable
  - Defens and help move pigs

- Moveable huts

- Hogs move easily! They follow the others and if you give them something enticing they will go it in the new paddock (spent grain, treats)