Planting #107 2013 Planting History Holland Planting Prepared by Cody Considine 12/16/2013

47 Acres Total

Dry: 9

Dry Mesic: 38

Mesic: 1 (1 acre was planted with mesic/wet and dry mesic seed.)

Site Conditions

Location:

General location – located just north of Hook Larson 2004 planting and west of the big hills at Holland.

GPS: 41°54′04.93″N 89°21′35.09″W Elevation: 759′ – 708′

County: Ogle

Average rainfall per year: 38"

Average monthly rainfall average: 1.57" in February to 4.9" in June

Soil Types

According to the Web Soil Survey for the planting area in Ogle County, soils include:

Soils for both Dry and Dry Mesic

440C2 Jasper loam, 5 to 10 percent slopes, eroded. 1% of planting.

570 C2 Martinsville silt loam, 5 to 10 percent slopes, eroded. 2% of planting.

727B Waukee loam, 2-5 percent slopes. 88.5% of planting.

919D Rodman-Fox Complex, 6-12 percent slopes. 7% of planting.

919E Rodman-Fox Complex, 12-20 percent slopes. 2% of planting.

*All of the soils have been under intensive agriculture. Above are basic descriptions, a complete soil test is needed to determine specific soil characteristics. For more additional information see Soil Web Survey website: http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/

Topography

The general topography of the 2013 planting is flat to gently sloping. The elevation is higher on the south and gently slopes down to the north. The dry hills are easily distinguishable as they gently rise up across the planting. There is a drainage channel that may have been man made or formed as a result of continual erosion from the row crop tillage practices.

Agricultural History

The planting site has been intensively row cropped for many decades. Corn and soy bean the main crop. The 2013 crop was soy beans.

Site Preparations

The soy beans were harvested in mid-October. The 2013 season was very wet in the spring then very dry from August through October. Then November 18 the following was done prior to planting seed.

Breaking the soil crust in a harvested bean field has been a challenge in the past. Harrowing clumps up the bean residue and makes piles all over the field.

To eliminate bean piles and ensure good seed soil contact, we lightly disked the planting area. Cody disked and then Damian followed with harrow. The disc was lowered so that the wheels were just slightly off the ground. The discs went in about 2-3 inches into the soil. This incorporated the majority of bean residue into the soil. Then the harrow was able to smooth the surface of the field without having bean piles spread throughout the planting area. It took about 2.5 solid days of disking and harrowing to get the area ready to plant.

I am a little concerned about what the disking will do. Did disking 3" of soil bring up more weed seeds to the surface? Will we have an overabundance of annual ag weeds that might inhibit germination of our prairie seed? Hard to believe that it will considering what first year plantings look like on year one. If the planting is not affected by the disking, this may be a preferred method for a couple reasons. 1. The soil seed contact is better than traditionally prepped (corn stubble burn, then harrowed). 2. The freshly disked then smoothed field allowed us to plant the area very easily without having to use cones to see where we've been. 3. Disking and harrowing removed the ruts and eroded areas caused by intense agriculture.

Planting the seed

Weather: Steady rain (1-2") three days before with strong winds, soil still moist but not wet, seasonal temperatures in the 40s, a gentle, steady rain started immediately after finishing planting and continued through the night

The three dry hills were planted by Ben Adams, Kevin Helenthal, and Jessica Richert with the three antique seeders hooked up to the old white, green, and blue trucks.

Dry Hills (3 hills) - 7 acres

North Hill (3.8 acres) - The north hill was planted by Ben and Jess driving in concentric circles. Ben's seeder (the small orange one) was set to completely open. Jess's seeder (small red one) started out half open but slipped to full open. Jess's seeder ran out halfway through the first pass. Ben completed the first pass. One additional barrel of seed was taken from the south hill planting and seeded throughout the hill. A total of five barrels of seed (~35-45 lbs each) was used. Planting took ~45 minutes.

East Hill (0.5 acre) - The east hill was planted by Jess driving in concentric circles with the seeder set to half open on the first pass. The second pass was completed by driving in concentric circles in the

opposite direction, again with seeder set to half open. The third pass was completed by free for all with seeder set to three-quarters open. A total of two barrels of seed was used. Planting took ~30 minutes.

South Hill (4.25 acres) - The south hill (minus 1 acre for the conservative hill) was planted by Ben and Kevin driving in concentric circles. Ben's seeder was set to three-quarters open, while Kevin's was set to full open. The second pass was completed as a free for all until seeders were empty. A total of five barrels of seed was used. Planting took ~40 minutes.

Dry Mesic

Same weather and planting conditions as Dry areas.

The dry mesic area was split into three separate sections: North, Middle, and South. All areas were planted by Ben Adams, Kevin Helenthal, and Jess Richert.

South (~3.5 acres) - The first pass of the south section was completed driving in concentric circles. Ben's seeder (long orange one) was set to three-quarters open while both Kevin's (small red one) and Jess's (small orange one)were set to half open. The second pass was completed driving in horizontal lines with seeders at same settings. Additional seed was laid down when seeders were left open on way back to refilling station as well as being accidentally dumped while filling seeders. A total of five barrels was used. Planting took ~1 hour.

Middle (~30 acres) - The first pass of the middle section was completed driving in horizontal lines. Ben 's and Jess's seeders were set at three-quarters open while Kevin's remained at half open. The second pass was completed driving in concentric circles with seeders at same settings. (Note: The second pass was completed as it got dark so the middle of the planting might not be as evenly coated) The third pass was completed as a free for all with all drivers laying down seed where they thought it was needed. A total of 40 barrels was used. Planting took ~5 hours.

North (~ 6 acres) - The first pass of the north section was completed driving in concentric circles. Ben's and Kevin's seeders were both set to three-quarters open while Jess's was set to full open. The second pass was completed driving in horizontal lines with seeders at same settings. The third pass was completed as a free for all with all drivers laying down seed where needed. A total of 8 barrels was used. Planting took ~2 hours.

Wet (.2 acre) – several wet species were planted in the polygon labeled "wet". The spreadsheet only accounts for 3 species. However, the number of species is much more. The crew hand collected sedges in various sedge meadows and combined it into one mix. There are more than likely dozens of different species of carex. The dry mesic mix was also planted in the wet area. We decided to plant "wet" species in this little area since there were cattails growing there in past years. The farmer would often not plant this area because it was usually wet.

Conservative Hill

Conservative Hill is a 1 acre hill within the Dry South Hill. This little rise has very sandy erodible soils with a small exposed portion St. Peters Sandstone protruding on the east slope. This little hill is somewhat an experiment, a different approach to prairie restoration. Mostly, this little planting tests the proportionality of species in a mix. The mix had 86 species, similar to the dry mix which had 93. However, the volume of species within the mix was quite different. We planted conservative species much heavier than in the dry mix. For instance, cream bap was planted at 4lbs/acre, lead plant at 4lbs/acre, shooting star at 1lb/acre, Lia asp at 13lbs/acre, Lia cyl at 1lb/acre, N drop seed at 4lbs/acre to name a few. See species list below. We still included other common species but planted them at much lower rates compared to the dry mix. The question is will this mix give these conservative species a better chance to establish and increase? By planting this hill heavily skewed for a select few species, we might learn more on how to create mixes that have more abundance of these conservative species.

Step In

Weather and Planting Conditions- Overcast with temperature in the mid-40s, soil very moist from steady rain the night before

Date Planted- November 21, 2013

The rarest and least amounts of conservative species we have on the preserve were planted by the "step in" method. These species were all upland and therefore only planted on the three dry hills including Conservative Hill. The violets were seeded alongside but separate from the rest of the step in mix. Ben Adams, Kevin Helenthal, and Jess Richert planted the mix. Total planting time was ~4 hours.

Planting Mixes

Two mixes, Dry and Dry Mesic, were formulated for the 2013 Holland Planting. The mixes were developed with species appropriate for the expected habitat types located within the planting. The total number of species was basically the same as last year. Preparing for bison took a lot of our attention which took away from seed collecting at times. Overall we were able to plant the planting at a rate of 56lbs/acre for the Dry Mesic areas and 60lbs/acre for the Dry areas. The Conservative Hill was planted at 78lbs/acre.

Species Richness

Dry: 93 Dry Mesic: 79

Conservative Hill: 86

Total Species for Holland Planting: 125

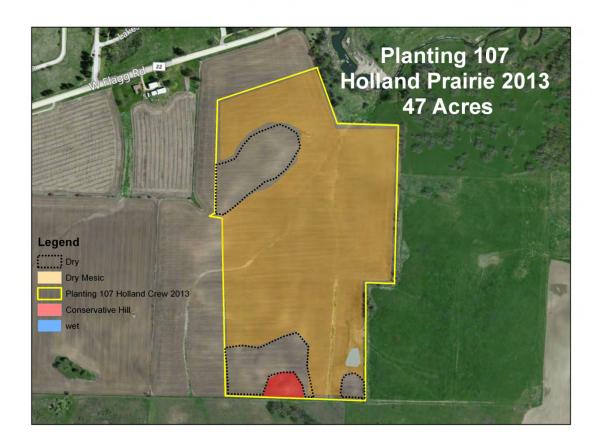
		Dry Mesic	DRY	Cons Hill	Step in
SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	lbs/acre	lbs/acre	Tota	l lbs
Agrostis hymenalis	Tickle Grass	0.200	0.200	0.100	
Allium cernuum	Nodding Wild Onion	0.000	0.168	0.400	
Amorpha canescens	Leadplant	2.200	2.676	4.000	
Andropogon gerardii	Big Blue and Indian	2.184	0.000		
Anemone canadensis	Meadow Anemone	0.017	0.000		
Anemone cylindrica	Thimbleweed	0.162	0.324	1.000	
Anemone patens (Pulsatilla p.)	Pasque Flower	0.000	0.000		0.010
Antennaria neglecta	Field Cat's Foot	0.000	0.100		
Antennaria plantaginifolia Apocynum cannabinum (X	Pussy Toes (Everlasting)	0.043	0.324	0.900	
medium)	Dogbane (Indian Hemp)	0.017	0.000		
Aristida longiseta	3 awn grass	0.063	0.124		
Artemisia caudata (campestris)	Beach Wormwood	0.237	0.027	0.500	
Asclepias amplexicaulis	Sand Milkweed	0.000	0.000		0.001
Asclepias tuberosa interior	Butterfly Weed	0.000	0.000	0.010	
Asclepias verticillata	Whorled Milkweed	0.000	0.078	0.050	
Asclepias viridiflora	Short Green Milkweed	0.000	0.000	0.010	
Aster azureus					
(oolentangiensis)	Sky-blue Aster	0.062	0.027	0.040	
Aster ericoides (prostratus)	Heath Aster	0.000	0.868	1.000	
Aster linariifolius	Stiff Aster (Flax-Leaved)	0.000	0.041	0.500	0.500
Aster oblongifolius	Aromatic Aster	0.000	0.027	0.050	0.550
Aster ptarmicoides	White Aster (Stiff Aster)	0.000	0.065	0.050	
Aster sericeus	Silky Aster	0.000	0.211	1.000	
Astragalus canadensis	Canadian Milk Vetch	0.250	0.054		
Baptisia leucantha	White Wild Indigo	3.054	2.270		
Baptisia leucophaea	Cream Wild Indigo	0.663	0.892	4.000	
Bidens comosa (tripartia)	Swamp Tickseed	0.000	0.000		
Bouteloua curtipendula	Side-Oats Grama	0.242	0.270	0.500	
Carex medeii	Meads sedge	0.000	0.000	0.250	
Castilleja sessiliflora **	Downy Yellow Painted Cup	0.000	0.108	0.500	
Ceanothus americanus	New Jersey Tea	0.000	0.016	0.250	
Chrysopsis camporum					
(Heterotheca)	Golden Prairie Aster	0.151	0.114	0.050	
Coreopsis lanceolata	Sand Coreopsis	0.000	0.000	0.500	
Coreopsis palmata	Prairie Coreopsis	1.095	1.378	2.000	
Coreopsis tripteris	Tall Coreopsis	0.547	0.000		
Cyperus filiculmis	Slender Sand Sedge	0.000	0.011	0.250	
Danthonia spictata	Poverty Oat Grass	0.000	0.289	1.000	

Desmodium illinoense	III. Tick Trefoil	0.347	0.054		
Dodecatheon meadia	Shooting Star	0.000	0.319	1.000	
Echinacea pallida	Pale Purple Coneflower	10.628	10.811	10.811	
Elymus canadensis	Prairie Wild Rye	3.276	0.446	0.446	
Eragrostis spectabilis	Purple Love Grass	0.000	0.027	0.100	
Erigeron strigosus	Daisy Fleabane	0.000	0.000		
Eryngium yuccifolium	Rattlesnake Master	0.918	0.432		
Eupatorium perfoliatum	Boneset	0.300	0.000		
Euphorbia corollata	Flowering Spurge	0.000	1.362	1.000	
Gaura biennis pitcheri					
(longiflora)	Common Gaura	0.000	0.030		
Gentiana (alba) flavida	Cream Gentian	0.439	0.432	0.432	
Gentiana purberulenta	Prairie Gentian	0.000	0.000		1.200
	Sweet Everlasting (Old-Field				
Gnaphalium obtusifolium	Balsam)	0.036	0.070	0.001	
Halianah ananna aanadanaa	Common Rockrose	0.000	0.000	0.650	
Helianthemum canadense	(Frostweed)	0.000	0.000	0.650	
Helianthus occidentalis	Western Sunflower; Naked S.	1.132	0.892	2.000	
Helianthus rigidus (laetiflorus)	Prairie Sunflower	0.114	0.027		
Heliopsis helianthoides	False Sunflower; " Ox-eye "	0.218	0.000	0.250	
Heuchera richardsonii grayana	Rough Heuchera; Alum root	0.000	0.000	0.250	
Hieracium gronovii	Hairy Hawkweed	0.000	0.008	0.050	
Juncus greenei	Greene's Rush	0.262	0.424	0.500	
Juncus interior	Inland Rush	0.007	0.027	0.500	
Juncus tenuis	Path Rush	0.030	0.054	0.050	
Koeleria cristata (macrantha)	Prairie June Grass	1.229	1.784	1.784	
Krigia virginica	Dwarf Dandelion	0.000	0.000	0.010	
Kuhnia (Brickellia)	Falsa Danasat	0.527	0.622	0.001	
eupatoroides corymbulosa	False Boneset Round-headed Bush Clover	0.537	0.622	0.001	
Lespedeza capitata		1.909	2.432	0.500	
Liatris aspera	Rough Blazing-star (Rough Gayfeather)	2.251	4.432	13.000	
Liatris cylindracea	Dwarf Blazingstar	0.000	0.062	1.000	
Elatris cylinaracea	Tall Gayfeather; Prairie	0.000	0.002	1.000	
Liatris pycnostachya	Blazing Star	1.647	0.649	1.000	
,	Fringed (Narrow-leaved)				
Lithospermum incisum	Puccoon	0.000	0.017	0.250	
Lobelia spicata	Pale-spike Lobelia	0.000	0.000	0.100	
Monarda fistulosa	Wild Bergamot	0.105	0.027		
Oenothera biennis canescens	Common Evening Primrose	0.000	0.000		
Oenothera clelandii					
(rhombipetala)	Sand Evening Primrose	0.000	0.000		
Onosmodium hispidissimum	Marbleseed	0.039	0.054		
Oxalis violacea	Violet Wood-sorrel	0.000	0.000		

Panicum leibergii Panicum oligosanthes	Prairie Panic Grass	0.000	0.005	0.100	
scribneria	Scribner's Panic Grass	0.087	0.865	1.000	
Panicum villosissimum	White-Haired Panic Grass	0.007	0.027	0.500	
Panicum virgatum	Prairie Switch Grass	0.053	0.000		
Parthenium integrifolium	Wild Quinine (Feverfew)	3.404	4.459	4.459	
Penstemon digitalis	Foxglove Beardtongue	0.066	0.000		
Penstemon grandiflorus	Large Flowered Beardtongue	0.000	0.000	0.010	
Penstemon hirsutus	Hairy Beard tongue	0.000	0.341	1.000	
Petalostemum (Dalea)	,				
candidum	White Prairie Clover	1.084	0.892		
Petalostemum (Dalea)					
purpureum	Purple Prairie Clover	3.089	4.459	6.000	
Phlox bifida	Sand Phlox	0.000	0.000	0.200	
Polygala polygama obtusata	Purple Milkwort	0.000	0.000		0.001
Polygala sanguinea	Field Milkwort	0.000	0.000	0.050	
Polytaenia nuttallii	Prairie Parsley	0.000	0.024	0.400	
Potentilla arguta	Prairie Cinquefoil	0.158	0.003		
	Narrow-leaved Mountain				
Pycnanthemum tenuifolium	Mint Mountain mint (Prairie	0.100	0.000		
Pycnanthemum virginianum	Hyssop)	0.122	0.027		
Ratibida pinnata	Yellow Coneflower	0.107	0.000		
Rhus aromatica	fragrant sumac	0.000	0.108	0.500	
Rosa carolina	Pasture Rose	0.339	0.892	1.000	
Rudbeckia hirta	Black-eyed Susan	0.299	0.054	1.000	
Ruellia humilis	Wild Petunia	0.000	0.143	0.500	
Scutellaria parvula leonardi	Small Skullcap	0.000	0.000	0.100	
Senecio pauperculus	Balsam Ragwort	0.013	0.022	0.400	
Silene antirrhina	Sleepy Catchfly	0.000	0.005	0.200	
Silphium integrifolium	Rosinweed	0.188	0.000		
Silphium laciniatum	Compass plant	1.770	0.897		
Silphium perfoliatum	Cup-plant	0.000	0.000		
Silphium terebinthaceum	Prairie Dock	1.472	0.054		
Sisyrinchium albidum	Common Blue-eyed Grass	0.000	0.000		0.600
Solidago (Euthamia)	,				
graminifolia nuttallii	Grass-leaved Goldenrod	0.582	0.892	0.892	
Solidago missouriensis					
fasciculata	Missouri Goldenrod	0.914	0.432	0.432	
Solidago nemoralis	Gray Goldenrod; Oldfield	0.212	0.892	0.892	
Solidago rigida	Stiff Goldenrod	0.026	0.000		
Solidago speciosa	Showy Goldenrod	0.026	0.000		
Sporobolus heterolepis	Prairie Dropseed	0.855	1.419	1.419	
Stipa spartea	Porcupine Grass	0.000	0.022	0.200	

Talinum rugospermum ***	Sand Fameflower	0.000	0.000	0.400	
Tephrosia virginiana	Goat's Rue	0.250	1.784	1.784	
Tradescantia ohiensis	Ohio Spiderwort	0.738	0.892	3.000	
	Horse Gentian				
Triosteum perfoliatum	(Feverwort)(Tinker's Weed)	0.124	0.000		
Verbena stricta	Hoary Vervain	0.295	0.054		
Verbena urticifolia	Hairy White Vervain	0.080	0.027		
Veronicastrum virginicum	Culver's Root	0.224	0.000		
Viola pedata lineariloba	Birdsfoot Violet	0.000	0.000		0.100
Viola pedatifida	Prairie Violet	0.000	0.000		2.150
Viola sagittata	Arrow-leaved violet	0.000	0.000		0.100
Wulfenia bullii *** (Besseya)	Kittentails	0.000	0.049	0.400	
	Heart-leaved Meadow				
Zizia aptera	Parsnip	0.000	0.049	0.400	
Zizia aurea	Golden Alexanders	0.534	0.000		
	Common Water Plantain	0.000	0.000		
		0.000	0.000		
		0.000	0.000		
ODD MIXES		0.000	0.000		
mo gr grass leaved gr oldfield		0.074	0.000		
Aster mix: smooth, sky blue		1.082	0.514		
Little blue with cut stems no pure seed in 2012 and 2013		0.293	2.795	3.000	
prairie coreopsis and w sunflower		0.000	0.170		
bicnells sedge and Sally's sedge	meadow crew mistake mixed				
them together		1.059	0.892		
TOTAL Pounds/Acre		56.05	60.075	78.78	5.2

The excel spreadsheet where this list was copied from is found T:\Nachusa Project\Stewardship\PLANTING HISTORIES & INVENTORIES\Planting 107 Holland Prairie Crew 2013. The total species diversity is not completely reflected in the spreadsheet. See the section before the long list species for the most accurate amount of species that were planted in the planting. There was numerous times where we combined several species into one mix.



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Lessons Learned

If planting in beans, it was very helpful to disk and harrow prior to planting. This made it much easier to plant. Drivers could see their tracks which made the planting less stressful and probably did a better job covering the area. We had plenty of orange safety cones this year and they were useful. Since the planting was disked and harrowed, we didn't need them as badly.



Ben Adams, Kevin Hellenthal and Jess Reichart 2013 Planting Holland Prairie. Damian in the background harrowing. They did an excellent job. Looking northwest.



Filling up seeders looking east.



MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

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Soils

Soil Map Unit Polygons



Soil Map Unit Points

Special Point Features

Blowout

☑ Borrow Pit

Clay Spot

Closed Depression

Gravel Pit

Gravelly Spot

Landfill

Lava Flow

Marsh or swamp

Mine or Quarry

Miscellaneous Water

Perennial Water

Rock Outcrop

→ Saline Spot

Sandy Spot

Severely Eroded Spot

Sinkhole

Slide or Slip

Sodic Spot

Spoil Area

Stony Spot

Very Stony Spot

Wet Spot

Other

Special Line Features

Water Features

Streams and Canals

Transportation

→ Rails

Interstate Highways

US Routes

Major Roads

Local Roads

Background

Aerial Photography

MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:12,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey URL: http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Ogle County, Illinois Survey Area Data: Version 9, Jan 20, 2012

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Apr 29, 2011—Jun 13, 2011

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Soil Map—Ogle County, Illinois 2013 Holland Crew Planting

Map Unit Legend

Ogle County, Illinois (IL141)					
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI		
440C2	Jasper loam, 5 to 10 percent slopes, eroded	0.4	0.9%		
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727B	Waukee loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	40.2	88.5%		
919D	Rodman-Fox complex, 6 to 12 percent slopes	3.0	6.7%		
919E	Rodman-Fox complex, 12 to 20 percent slopes	1.1	2.3%		
Totals for Area of Interest		45.5	100.0%		