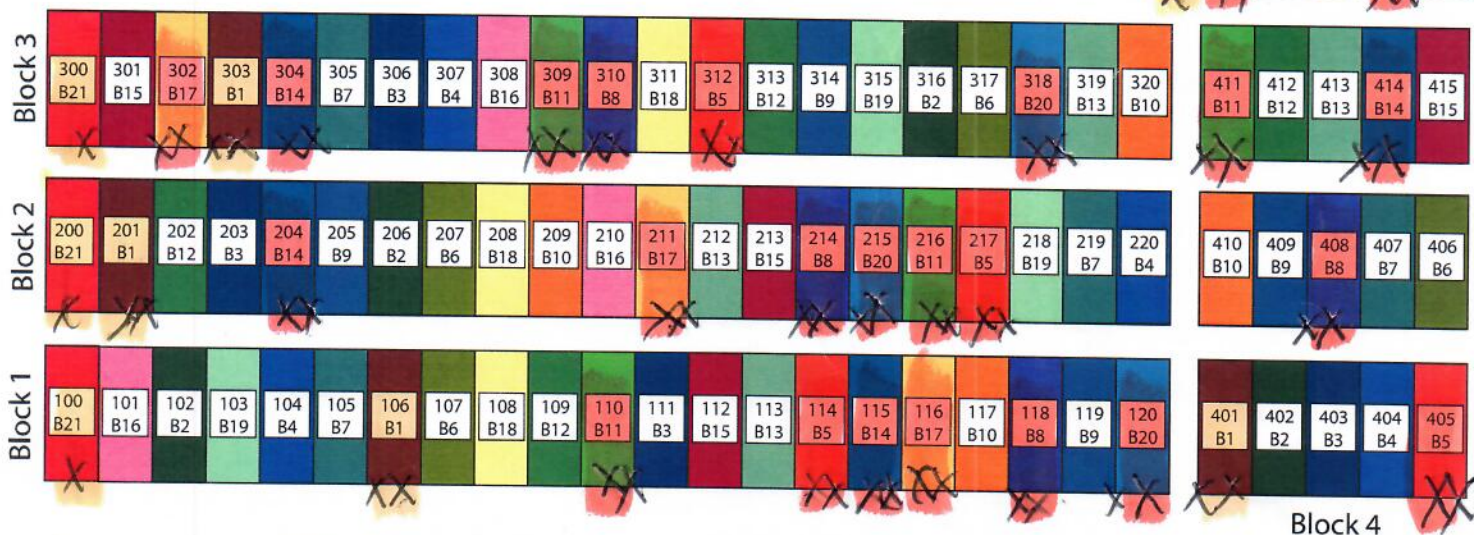


Chisel plowed on 11/7/11
 soil finished on 11/7/11

XX = Chisel plowed and soil finished,
 x = soil finished only.

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Treatment	Description	System
B1	F _{fall}	A
B2	F _{spring}	A
B3	C _{cov2} -S-W _{cov2}	B
B4	S-W _{cov2} -C _{cov2}	B
B5	W _{cov2} -C _{cov2} -S	B
B6	C _{cov1} -S-W _{cov1}	C
B7	S-W _{cov1} -C _{cov1}	C
B8	W _{cov1} -C _{cov1} -S	C
B9	C-S-W	D
B10	S-W-C	D
B11	W-C-S	D
B12	C-S	E
B13	S-C	E
B14	W-S	E
B15	C _{cov1}	F
B16	S _{cov1}	F
B17	W _{cov1}	F
B18	C	G
B19	S	G
B20	W	G
B21	T	H

Description Key

- F = Fallow
- S = Soybean
- C = Corn
- W = Wheat (red)
- T = Tilled and cultivated
- cov1 = 1-species cover (legume)
- cov2 = 2-species cover (legume + small grain)

Location within main LTER site



System Key	Trt	Total Species	Species/year
A	B1-2	10	5-7
B	B3-5	5	1-3
C	B6-8	4	1-2
D	B9-11	3	1
E	B12-14	2	1
F	B15-17	2	2
G	B18-20	1	1
H	B21	0	0

All treatments established May 2003
 Each plot is 30' X 90' (9.1m x 27.4m)

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System	Treatment	----- Plot Numbers -----				----- Crop Rotation -----
		Rep 1	Rep 2	Rep 3	Rep 4	
A	B1	106	201	303	401	Fall Fallow
A	B2	102	206	316	402	Spring Fallow
B	B3	111	203	306	403	Wheat ^{covers A & C} – Corn ^{covers A & C} – Soybeans ^{cover B}
B	B4	104	220	307	404	Corn ^{covers A & C} – Soybeans ^{cover B} – Wheat ^{covers A & C}
B	B5	114	217	312	405	Soybeans ^{cover B} – Wheat ^{covers A & C} – Corn ^{covers* A & C}
C	B6	107	207	317	406	Wheat ^{cover A} – Corn ^{cover A} – Soybeans
C	B7	105	219	305	407	Corn ^{cover A} – Soybeans – Wheat ^{cover A}
C	B8	118	214	310	408	Soybeans – Wheat ^{cover A} – Corn ^{cover A}
D	B9	119	205	314	409	Wheat – Corn – Soybeans
D	B10	117	209	320	410	Corn – Soybeans – Wheat
D	B11	110	216	309	411	Soybeans – Wheat – Corn
E	B12	109	202	313	412	Soybeans – Corn
E	B13	113	212	319	413	Corn – Soybeans
E	B14	115	204	304	414	Soybeans – Wheat
F	B15	112	213	301	415	Corn ^{cover A} – Corn ^{cover A} – Corn ^{cover A}
F	B16	101	210	308	416	Soybeans ^{cover C} – Soybeans ^{cover C} – Soybeans ^{cover C}
F	B17	116	211	302	417	Wheat ^{cover A} – Wheat ^{cover A} – Wheat ^{cover A}
G	B18	108	208	311	418	Corn – Corn – Corn
G	B19	103	218	315	419	Soybeans – Soybeans – Soybeans
G	B20	120	215	318	420	Wheat – Wheat – Wheat
H	B21	100	200	300	421	Continuous Fallow

*Cover A: Red Clover
 Cover B: Crimson Clover
 Cover C: Cereal Rye

System	----- Descriptions -----
A	Fallow system: No crop is planted. Plots are tilled once a year.
B	One annual crop with two cover crops. Three year crop rotation.
C	One annual crop with one cover crop. Three year crop rotation.
D	One annual crop with no cover crop. Three year crop rotation.
E	One annual crop with no cover crop. Two year crop rotation.
F	One annual crop with one cover crop. Monoculture cropping system (no crop rotation).
G	One annual crop with no cover crop. Monoculture cropping system (no crop rotation).
H	Continuous fallow system: No cover, no crop growth. Plots are tilled as needed (2 - 6 times) a year to prevent plant growth from becoming established.

Research Objective: Incorporating biological diversity into weed management. Determine the impact of crop rotation and cover crops on weed communities in row crops.

Notes: **All plots will be managed like the LTER main site treatment 4 plots.**

No herbicides and no synthetic nitrogen will be used on any treatment.

This study was established in 2000. In 2000 and 2001 some treatments received fertilizer and herbicides.

Beginning in 2002 all treatments and plots have been treated like the LTER main site treatment 4, no herbicides and no synthetic fertilizer.

Plot size = 30' x 90' (9 meters x 27meters).

This is a working protocol used for planning purposes. Due to potential changes in chemicals, fertilizer, varieties planted, planting dates etc... please refer to the agronomic field log for actual field operations that take place during 2011.