VULCAN FARM

Sidney, IL 10 acres Est. 2015

Agroforestry Research & Demonstration

About

Vulcan Farm is an agroforestry research & demonstration farm situated in the heart of conventional row-crop (corn/ soy) agriculture. Its important research projects, innovative practices & genetic repository make the farm an incredible experience. While there is little to harvest today, yields will increase each year.

What is agroforestry?

Agroforestry is an intensive agricultural approach that integrates trees, crops & livestock. There are five common agroforestry practices: alley cropping, windbreaks, silvopasture, riparian buffers & forest farming. On Vulcan Farm, rows of combined trees & shrubs are integrated with sheep pasture & many herbaceous crops.

FARM 1) No pets allowed

2) Fences are electrified!

3) Ask before you pick

4) Don't litter

Research Projects

- Variety Trials: currant, blackberry, willow, grape, hazelnut, serviceberry, asparagus
- Genetic repository of >100 varieties of currants & gooseberries
- Pollinator abundance/diversity*
- Tree protection in sheep silvopasture*
 - * In collaboration w/Savanna Institute

Farm Stats

>250 species >500 varieties

- 1/2 acre pollinator strip
- 1.5 acre edible windbreak
- 99-year lease to land

Top Species chestnut, hazelnut, currant, plum, blackberry

Vulcan Farm is operated by Midwest Agroforestry Solutions. Midwest Agroforestry Solutions establishes profitable agroforestry-focused farms across the Midwest USA. Our team of engineers, ecologists, and business specialists partners with farmers, landowners, and investors to establish farms centered around proven, profitable tree crops.

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