

# SATURN FARM

Ogden, IL  
21 acres  
Est. 2016

Commercial Large-Scale Agroforestry

## About

Saturn Farm is a commercial, large-scale agroforestry farm situated in the heart of conventional row-crop (corn/soy) agriculture. Its important research projects & focus on mechanical management make the farm a leader in agroforestry. 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 Saturn Farm, the core practice includes rows of small currant shrubs grown beneath & between rows of nut trees.



**FARM RULES** 1) No pets allowed 2) Fences are electrified!  
3) Ask before you pick 4) Don't litter

## Research Projects

- Chestnut Variety Trial: 15 varieties x 5 reps
- Variety Trials: currant, serviceberry, hops
- N Cycling & Climate Change: Optimize fertilization rates in agroforestry
- “Fractal” Alley Cropping: Trees-shrubs-herbaceous\*

\* In collaboration w/Savanna Institute 

## Farm Stats

- >17k currants >750 nut trees
- 3.5 acres pollinator habitat
- 7 acre edible windbreak
- 30-year lease to land

Top Species  
chestnut, hazelnut, currant,  
rhubarb, asparagus

Saturn 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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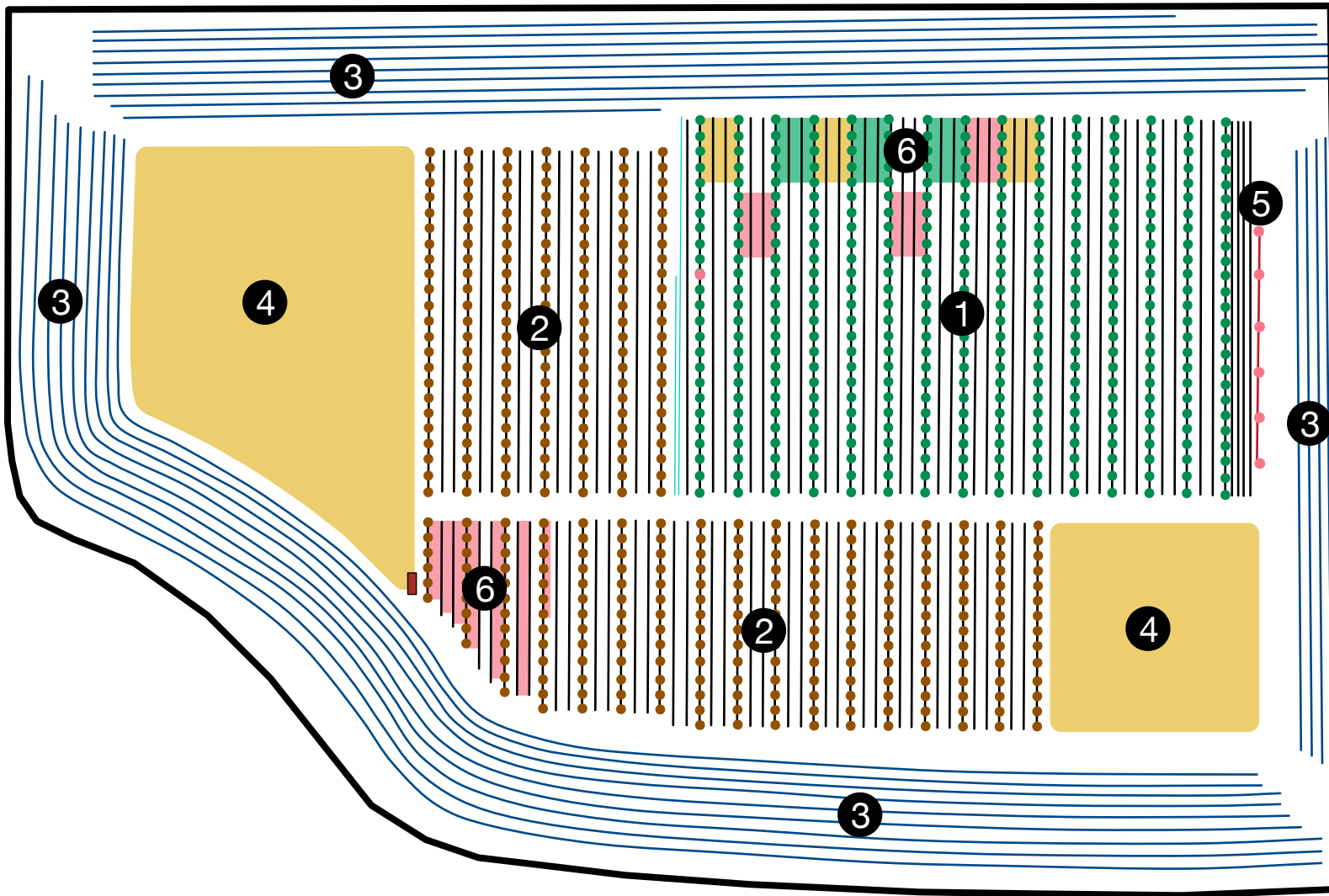
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Commercial Agroforestry/Alley Cropping



### Windbreak Edible Species

- Oak
- Serviceberry
- Elderberry
- Hazelnut
- Currant
- Cherry
- Plum
- Pawpaw
- Pecan
- Hickory

### Windbreak Other Species

- Hybrid Poplar
- Hybrid Willow
- Pine
- Spruce
- Cedar
- Fir

### Crop Spacings

- Currants: 2' x 12'
- Chestnuts: 15' x 36'
- Hazelnuts: 15' x 36'

**1** Chestnuts + Currants  
(2016 - 5 acres)

**3** CRP Edible Windbreak  
(2016 - 7 acres)

**5** Hops Trial

**2** European Hazelnuts +  
Currants (2016 - 4.5 acres)

**4** CRP Pollinator Habitat  
(2017 - 3.5 acres)

**6** "Fractal" Alley Cropping  
(rhubarb/asparagus)

