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Planting 123 trap and release pasture

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I saw this folder was empty so this is quick note for future reference.

In the bison trap pasture there we over-seeded the section of cool season pasture and area that was row cropped for a few years with combine harvested little bluestem, Canada rye, and general combine mix. The little bluestem was likely harvested in the remnant prairie south of 2055 Lowden Road. The Canada rye and other mix was harvested in other prairie plantings. There would have been other grasses and forbs in this combine mix.

Half of the bison trap pasture was an old cattle pasture. This area was not rounded up so there was a thick sod of perennial cool season grasses there. The pasture was boom sprayed several times of the years to eradicate sweet clover.

The other half we row cropped for several years before converting it to a native grass pasture. The trap and release pasture can be described as high rolling ground that was cattle pasture for many decades. Prior to McMillen farm it was row cropped.

The trap and release pasture have been boom sprayed twice over the last three years. Once with Transline and another time with Milestone. Native grasses are very abundant. The couple years it was in row crops was not long enough to eradicate the non-native pasture grasses. Those grasses are still very evident throughout trap and release pasture.

We mow half of the trap pasture to support bison coming to the pasture.

Note that the SE corner of the trap pasture has a very different planting history. It is a former corn/bean field where we planted a high diversity mix of prairie. This SE corner came in very well and looks great.

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