

Planting 22 – Inside Fence Planting/Dot & Doug Unit – Spring 1998

We burned this unit in the Spring of 1998 and then planted it to a rich mix of forbs and grasses. Then we raked the seed in well with the harrow mounted on the tractor. We mowed it three or four times in the Summer of 1998. And also sprayed Poast grass herbicide to combat the brome grass.

The barn hill (where there used to be a barn and we burned the wood and buried the concrete) was planted in several stages in 1998, including by the Youth Stewards, with dry species such as side oats grama, porcupine grass, yellow coneflower, pale purple coneflower, round-headed bush clover, and Illinois tick trefoil.

We burned this in the spring of 1999.

We mowed it once in the Summer of 1999.

There are lots of weeds including solid Queen Anne's Lace, this is likely due to only herbiciding with a grass herbicide (Poast) before we planted (although there is brome still growing there). We may have to start over.

July 7, 2009: Bill Kleiman: This planting did not work except at the old barn site where the soils were sandy and dry. The barn site is still going. I was just there today spraying a few white sweet clover. There is a scattering of parsnip. Over a dozen leadplants, little bluestem pretty thick, some other plants. Not a quality restoration but ok. The other areas east of there the sod of established brome grass would not yield to produce any significant (perhaps none at all) native plants. We turned the ground back to Colwell to farm in about 2005.