

Planting 25 – Center Field Planting/Clear Creek Unit – 1994 and 1998

This field is brome grass and weeds. It may have had some seed planted in 1994. It did not seem to take (likely due to density of brome root sod).

Note: to the south of the field labeled #27 there has been planted Indian grass (from Iowa).

In 1998 we disked up the crown of the hill and smoothed it with a culti-packer and then the PPSOC stewards planted it with a diversity of forbs (and little bluestem?). We mowed it once or twice in the summer of 1998. Plants did bloom in 1999, including unfortunately *Echinacea purpurea* (purple coneflower, when we ordered pale purple coneflower *Ech. Pallida* from Genesis Nursery). We have tried and will continue to try to remove these plants.

PPSOC also used a sod cutter to remove the top three inches of sod in three or four strips about 100 feet long. These they planted with a diversity of forbs. However the nearby brome grass over topped it and we mowed the entire #27 field several times. In 1999 there were some forbs that bloomed in 1999 in the sod removal area (golden alexander and one other species that I forgot). We mowed once or twice in the summer of 1999 also.

The entire brome area of #27 was also over planted by PPSOC but nothing was blooming in 1999 and the brome grass got very tall between mowings.