

To me, it's a win win. I get two things. I get to feed them and I don't have to look at them and I'm grown soil.

My name is Kolby Kesler. And this is this is our farm. It's very important to us to start using cover crops on this farm because we don't have very much soil. And we mainly sit on rock about 12 inches roughly deep anyway. And every summer you see the grass come and it'll green up, the cows munch it down and no return.

And so I knew I was going to have to do something to keep cows on there. All year long I've been punching cover crops in the ground now for this. This is going to be my my fifth year. First, I only put like two different crops in there and I didn't really see a whole lot. And then after that, I started doing a five way, seven way, nine way, whatever I can get a hold of pretty much anymore.

And this year's going to be a seven way. My grass out back has never been as green as it ever has, and I keep seeing it go longer and longer and longer. And I got 30, 32 head of cattle on it right now, and it's doing just fine. It's growing and they they eat it down and it pops right back up.

Our biggest problem with transitioning to cover crops was especially co farming with my father in law. He's always been just a conventional guy. We've always done it this way. It works, I know it. It just takes a lot of stress off of it. Then trying something else. And if you get a failure, what do you do? But that's why I took this 40 acre, filled the experiment in is I wanted to try to see if that will change the soil and the soil content and build build it at the same time.

The yield has been growing for the last five years, more so last year than this year. But, you know, it has a lot to do with I've kept my cows on this field a lot longer just because of I wanted to see how long I can go on it. And they're still out there. And I mean, we're coming in to November and they they don't even know what the barn is yet.

So we're doing very good. So as far as when I plant to cover crops, I'm planting now and then I'm going to pull them off here the next couple days and then the cover crops will come in and then I will rotational graze them this, this coming next year. So I'll give it a chance that that it can build some soil and all that.

And then before it goes to seed I'll turn them in there and let them graze it and just have them rotational graze right through there and fertilize and eat it down and build some soil same time. Not one thing works better than the other because it comes down to the location. That's why you have you cannot be scared to experiment.

You have to take a piece and start working with it. The day you start is the day you start succeeding. Even a failure is is knowledge. I mean, you just don't keep doing that. But you got to try something else. You can't give up. There's always a fix for a lot of things.