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# How to Restore a Prairie

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# What do I have now?

- Is it crop ground?
- Tame grass pasture?
- Brush invasion?
- 50/50 mix with brush ?

# Crop Ground



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# Tame Pasture



# Brush Invasion





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# 50/50 Mix



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# Goal?



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# Restoring Crop Ground

- Drill right into seed bed.



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# Restoring Tame Pasture

- Use a non selective herbicide
- Burn existing vegetation off
- Use a non selective herbicide
- Drill native grass mix



# Restoring Brush Area

- Cut brush
- Remove brush off site
- Drill/Broadcast native grass

# Restoring a 50/50 Mix

- Brush Management
- Late spring Rx Burning
- Reseeding in needed areas



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# Strongest Tool is Fire



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