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## Farm Background

- Who
- Location
  - NW of Mankato, MN (Nicollet & St. Peter Area)
- Size - 2,000 Acres
- Soil Health, Sustainability & Regeneration
- Enterprises – Crop & Livestock
  - Corn, Soybean, Corn Silage, Sweet Corn & Cover Crops
  - Custom Work
    - Strip Tillage, Sidedressing Nitrogen, Cover Crop Seeding
  - Grass Fed Beef
    - Just beginning...

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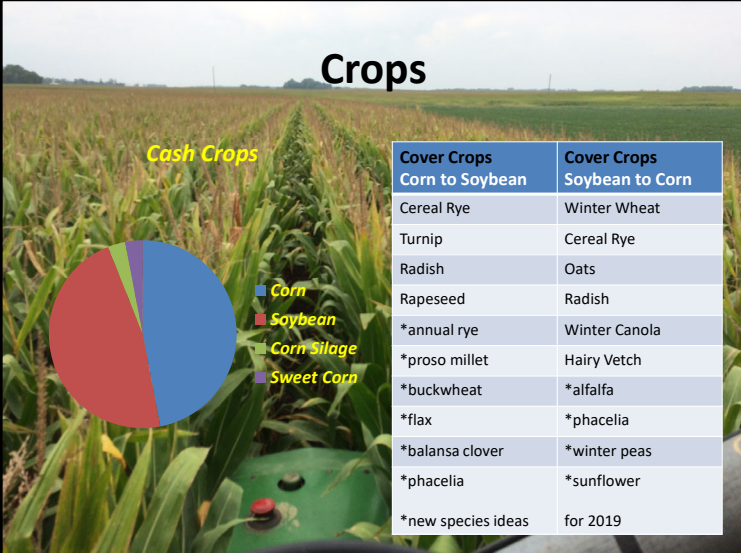
## Organic Transition

- Starting the Journey!
- Preparations
- 2019
  - 25 ac CRP
  - Year 1 Transition
    - 40 Ac Corn
    - 60 Ac Soybean
- Ready to go “all in”



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## Crops



*Cash Crops*

Cover Crops Corn to Soybean	Cover Crops Soybean to Corn
Cereal Rye	Winter Wheat
Turnip	Cereal Rye
Radish	Oats
Rapeseed	Radish
*annual rye	Winter Canola
*proso millet	Hairy Vetch
*buckwheat	*alfalfa
*flax	*phacelia
*balansa clover	*winter peas
*phacelia	*sunflower
*new species ideas	for 2019

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## Crop Rotation Change

### Non-Organic Fields

- Stuck in a rut
- Corn/Soybean
- Little diversity besides Cover crops



### Organic/Transition Fields

- Endless options
- Corn/Soybean/Small Grain/Cover Crop
  - Small grain
  - Alfalfa
  - Edible beans
  - Pasture-hay
  - sunflowers
  - Grazing cattle
  - Full season cover crop
- High Diversity!

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## Challenges

- Organic Certification Process
  - Certifier
  - Paperwork, Paperwork!
- Weed Control
  - Organic no till/Strip Till??????????
- Mindset change
  - Thinking Cap
  - No “easy” button to push



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