

A view from a vehicle looking out over a green field with a dirt road and a stop sign in the distance. The text is overlaid on the image.

**Conservation & Integrated Crop/Livestock Systems:
Accomplishments & Aspirations
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Looking Back and Forward
Barriers and Opportunities for Crop/Livestock
Integration

A GREAT AGRONOMIST DRAWS A CROWD!



BARRIERS

- Leased land- short term leases
- Current equipment geared toward row crop-mortgage payments
- Little to no livestock experience, or “don’t want livestock experience”
- Ag lenders-cash flow
- Lack of infrastructure- fence, working pens, pump, well
- Past government polices- farm bill rules/crop insurance

OPPORTUNITIES

- Young beginning farmers- a chance to begin farming
- Spread risk- financial, weather extremes, markets
- Water quality/water quantity benefits
- Farm on more marginal land-strip till, cover crops, perennial grass
- Value added opportunities-other livestock, new crops
- More emphasis on value of crop integration to the cattle part of the rotation
- More government emphasis on carbon sequestration

THOUGHTS/QUESTIONS?

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