

Diary of a (grateful) EQIP Grant Recipient



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Meet Steve B.

Steve is our local NRCS
rep, neighbor and all-
round good guy

5 years ago at a local beekeepers meeting Steve briefly presented about the EQIP Program.



- EQIP stands for Environmental Quality Incentives Program.
- Provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers and non-industrial forest managers.

- Fast forward to February 2020 when I was visiting our county offices and stumbled into Steve's office to inquire further.

Only to find out the application deadline was that day! (oops)



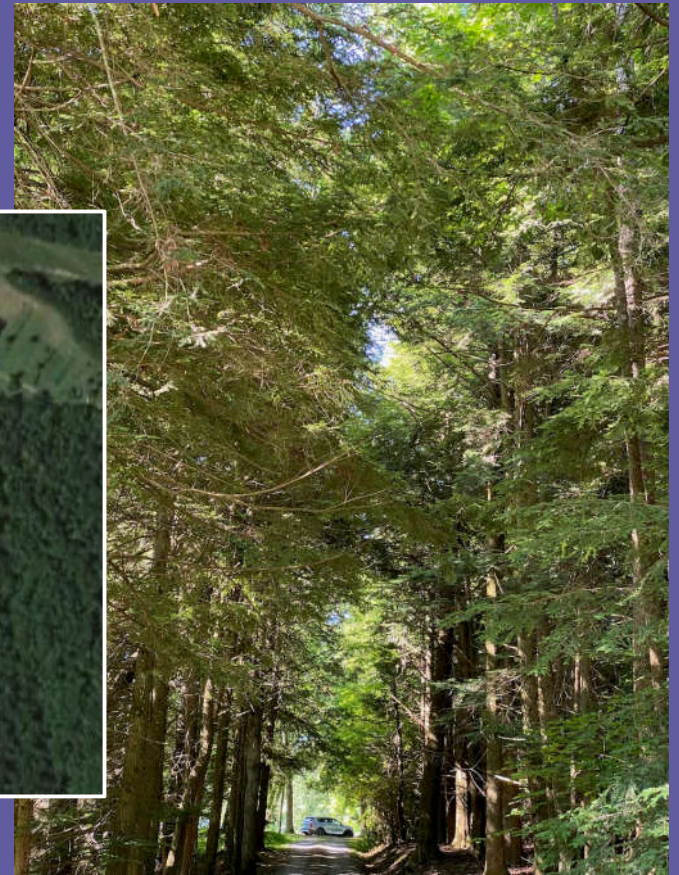
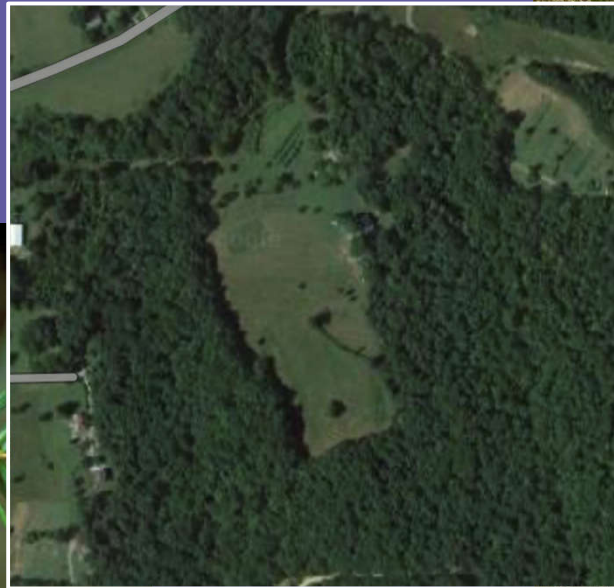
Some
of what
we
applied
for:

Our Awarded Grants...

- Forest Management Plan
- Nutrient Management Plan
- High Tunnel System



Forest Management Plan





Evolution of
a High
Tunnel

Nutrient Management Plan



What I learned



Ag Testing - Consulting

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Soil Analysis Report

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Invoice No. : 1376039
Date Received : 07/15/2022
Date Reported : 07/19/2022

Results For : LOOKOUT LAVENDER FARM
Location :

Lab No. : 607682	Depth : 0 - 8
ID : PHEA	
1:1 Soil pH	7.3
Soluble Salts 1:1, mmho/cm	0.16
Excess Lime Rating	NONE
Nitrate-N KCl, ppm N	3.6
Nitrate-N, lbs N / Acre	9
Phosphorus M3, ppm P	15
Potassium NH ₄ OAc, ppm K	45
Calcium NH ₄ OAc, ppm Ca	1692
Magnesium NH ₄ OAc, ppm Mg	169
Sodium NH ₄ OAc, ppm Na	14
Total N, ppm N	NOT DONE
Sum of Cations, me/100g	% Saturation
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Recommendations	
In Actual Pounds of Plant Nutrients per Acre	
N Credit :	607682
Sub-Soils :	
Crop	(Ward) Lavender
Yield	1
Nitrogen N	30
Phosphorus P ₂ O ₅	30
Potassium K ₂ O	65
Magnesium Mg	0



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Location :

Lab No. : 607683	Depth : 0 - 8
ID : OF	
1:1 Soil pH	5.9
Modified WDRF BpH	6.1
Soluble Salts 1:1, mmho/cm	0.15
Excess Lime Rating	NONE
Nitrate-N KCl, ppm N	26.0
Nitrate-N, lbs N / Acre	62
Phosphorus M3, ppm P	381
Potassium NH ₄ OAc, ppm K	53
Calcium NH ₄ OAc, ppm Ca	1282
Magnesium NH ₄ OAc, ppm Mg	187
Sodium NH ₄ OAc, ppm Na	10
Total N, ppm N	NOT DONE
Sum of Cations, me/100g	% Saturation
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Recommendations	
In Actual Pounds of Plant Nutrients per Acre	
N Credit :	607683
Sub-Soils :	
Crop	(Ward) Lavender
Yield	1
Nitrogen N	0
Phosphorus P ₂ O ₅	0
Potassium K ₂ O	60
Magnesium Mg	0
Lime, ECC Tons/Acre	0.0

Details of Nutrient Management Plan

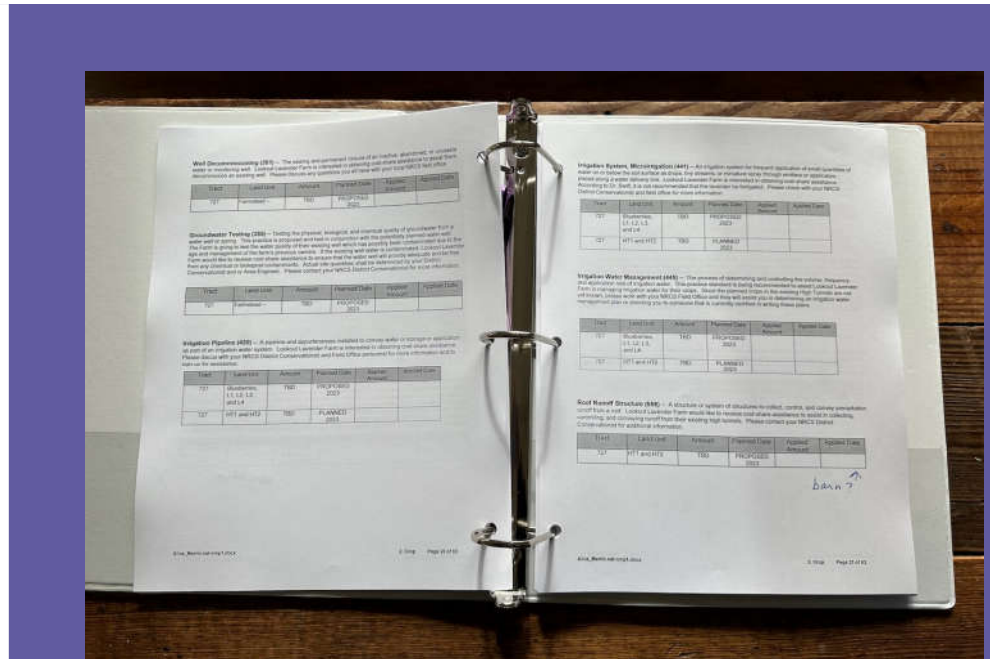
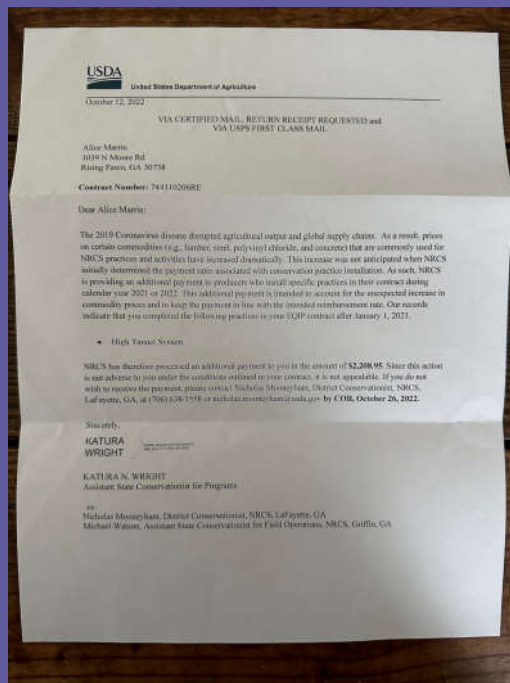
- Very little (if any) data for our Technical Service Provider
- Relied on the expertise of our own Curtis Swift
- Our industry is filled with misinformation regarding lavender nutrient needs

The Financials

Forest Management Plan	\$1607.00
High Tunnel System	\$6626.00
Nutrient Management Plan	\$2185.00
Total	\$10,418.00

But wait.....

there's more!



The gift that kept on giving.....

Updated Financials (so far)

Forest Management Plan	\$1607.00
High Tunnel System	\$8634.95
Nutrient Management Plan	\$2185.00
Total	\$12,626.95

Key takeaways for your farm situation:

- Your farm is unique. One size does not fit all
- Utilize and leverage your assets
- Understand that funding is different each year
- Get to know your local NRCS representative and see how he or she can help