Case Study #2

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Valley Pacific Farms
Farm Overview

• Size: 300 acres
• Location: Buhl, ID
• Crops Grown:
  – Dry beans
  – Barley
  – Wheat
  – Corn
  – Alfalfa hay
Project Background

• Goals:
  – Bee habit
  – Take an area that was unproductive and turn it into something of value

• Concerns:
  – Time spent on upkeep

• Project Design Considerations:
  – Use pivot base area
  – Use diverse range of native plants
Project Description

• What was done?
  1. Soil solarization
  2. Weeding
  3. Hand planted
  4. Watered
  5. Mulched

• What worked? What didn’t work?
  – Plant layout worked
  – Weed management and watering have been challenging
Closing Remarks

• *If I were to do this again...*
  – Use weed barrier fabric or heavy cardboard
  – Install a drip system for the plants
  – Some plants will die. Don't sweat it, it happens. Just replace them and move on