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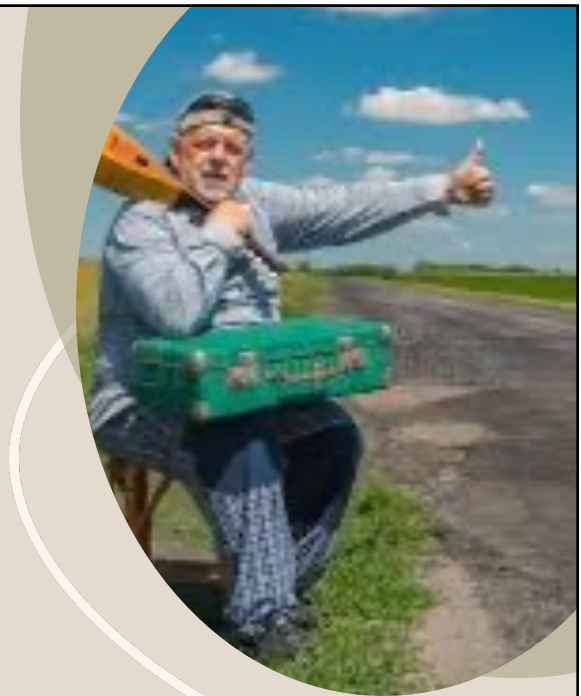
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"You Can't Really Know Where You Are Going Until You Know Where You Have Been"

Maya Angelou



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**How to be
A Heretic
In Three Easy Steps**

Step #1 - Propose spot v. blanket spraying

Step #2 - Advocate for planting big bluestem rather than brome grass

Step #3 - Pay someone to burn the big bluestem

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“Fake it Until You Make It”

- Learn from other’s mistakes
- Learn from your own mistakes
- Trust the process / science
- Help the next guy




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Pioneers

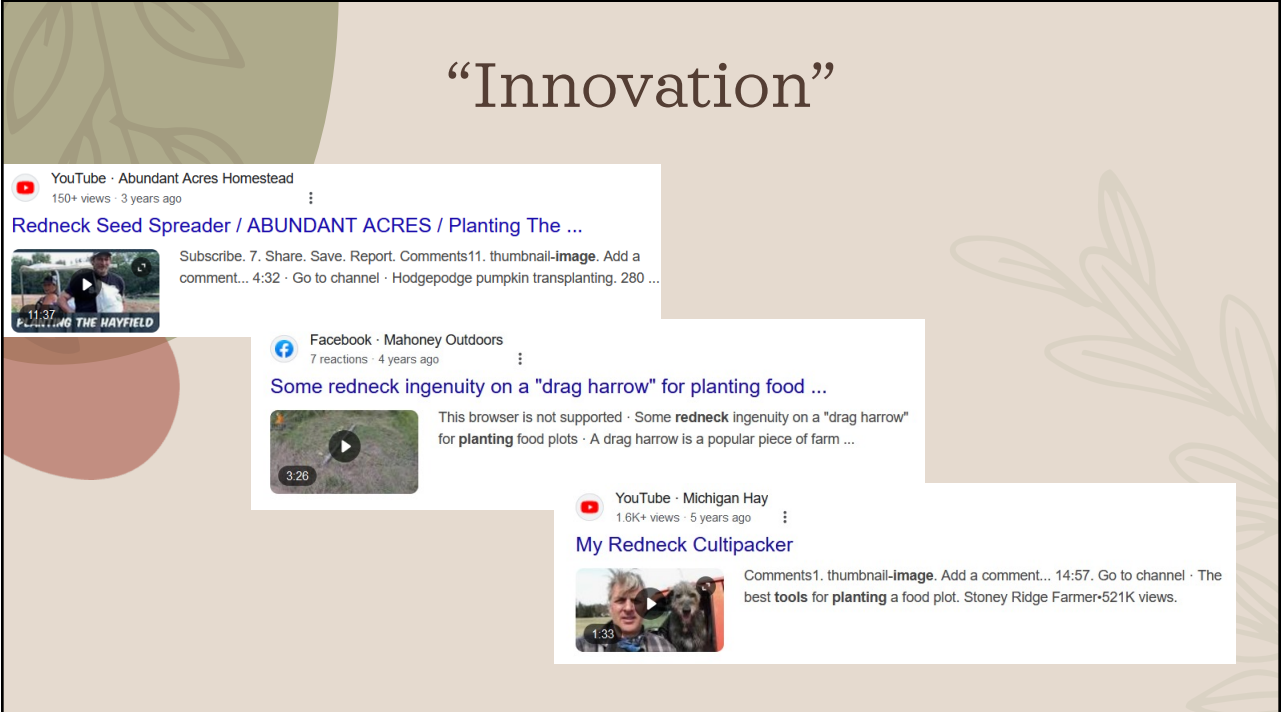
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“Innovation”

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Can You Hydroseed Native Prairie?

NO?

Hydro-seeding prairies is not recommended. Native wildflowers and prairie grasses require firm contact with the soil for good germination.

 Prairie Nursery
<https://www.prairienursery.com/media/pdf/slides/PDF>

YES!

 Tallgrass Prairie Center
<https://tallgrassprairiecenter.org/seedling-methods>

Seeding Methods

There are three seeding methods: drill seeding, broadcasting and hydroseeding. Each has advantages and disadvantages.

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And More Innovation – Weed Control

- Herbicide chemistry
 - New products*
 - New uses for “old” products*
 - Combination products*
- Equipment
 - Rate control*
 - Chemical injection*
- Technology
 - Data logging*
 - Mapping*
- Professionalism
 - Certification*
 - Education*

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“There Are No Mistakes in Life...”

“Only lessons to be learned,
and...”

...the lesson will be repeated until
it is learned”



It Takes a Village...



IRVM Legacies

- INNOVATION
- EDUCATION
- VISION
- AESTHETICS
- But most of all – PEOPLE!

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**CREATE A VISION
& SHARE!**

THANK YOU!
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