



PROFILE

I am a mid-Missouri corn and soybean producer with more than 20 years of experience. I currently work alongside my spouse, who manages financial records for the farm and teaches elementary school students in Hallsville, Missouri.

On 1,000 acres, I practice no-till planting to reduce soil erosion and have adopted new technologies, such as cover crops, grid soil sampling and variable-rate applications, to efficiently use and conserve resources.

In the next five years, I intend to increase total crop acreage under production while maintaining a commitment to economically sound and environmentally conscious agricultural production.

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JOE SMITH

Corn and soybean farm operator

SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

20 years of experience farming cropland in Boone County

Grow corn and soybeans on 600 owned acres and 400 rented acres.
Average yields of 125 bu./acre for corn and 45 bu./acre for soybeans

Certified Missouri chemical applicator

Certified crop adjustor

Training in optimal waterway construction

Machinery

John Deere tracked tractor
No-till drill
John Deere combine

EDUCATION

University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri
BS, Agricultural Economics, 1998

Completed Grow Your Farm program through MU Extension

Achieved proficiency in networking and financial skills and gained knowledge on legal issues relevant to crop production and farming.

Attend approximately five continuing education workshops annually

Examples include Mid-MO Soil Health Seminar, Mizzou Integrated Pest Management Field Day, and Abner Womack Missouri Agriculture Outlook Conference.

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

Soil Conservation Committee Member
Two years of service

Public Water Supply District Board Member

Missouri Farm Bureau Member

REFERENCES

References available upon request