

Cover Crops

Cover crops (mostly small grains) are sown in fallow years and after crop harvest to prevent erosion and enrich the soil. Below is crimson clover interspersed with buckwheat (white flowers). The grains are not harvested.



Rye

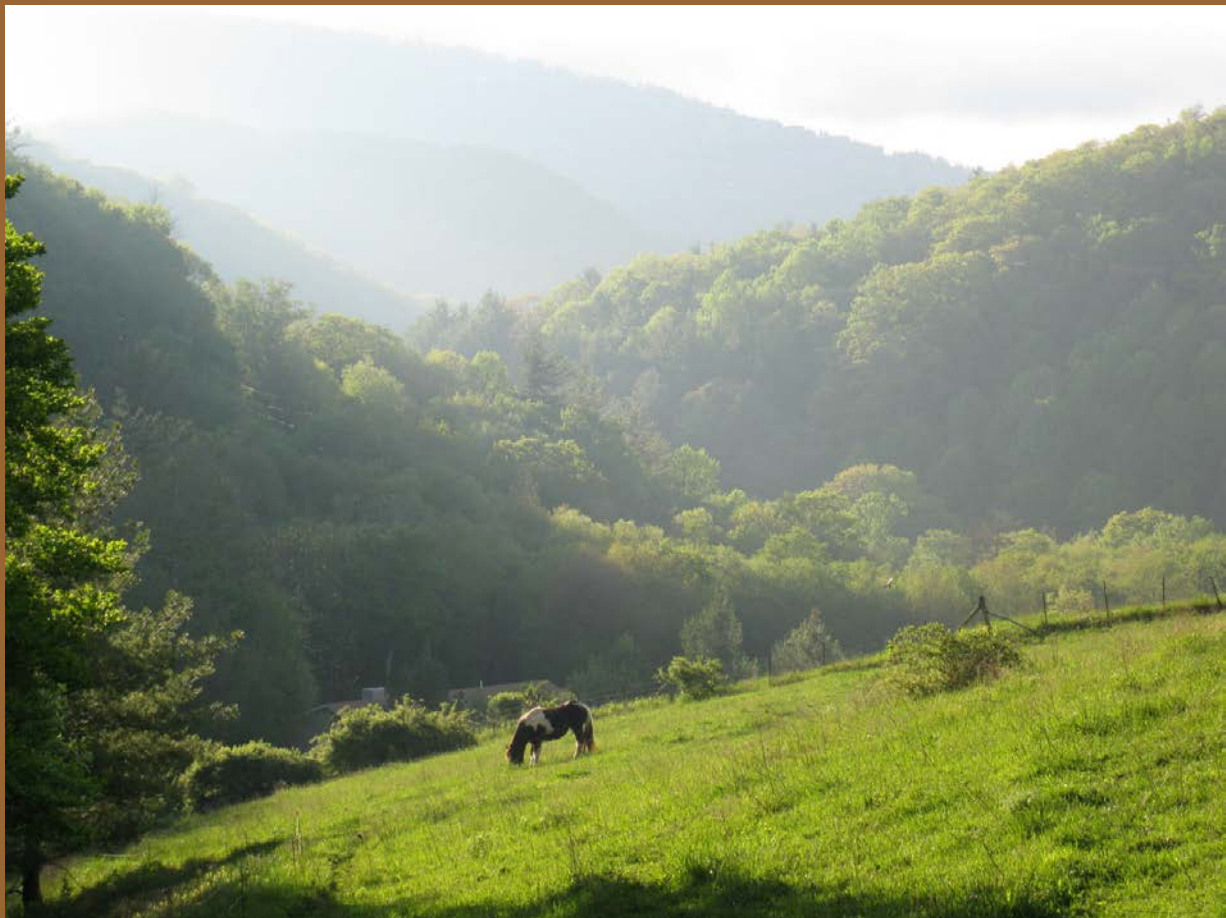


Wheat



Nell

For most of the time I've owned the farm, I have cultivated crops with a horse. Below are photos of Nell, who died in 2014 at the age of 29.



Jefferson Poplar

In the late 1990s while visiting Monticello, I bought a seedling from a tulip poplar that Thomas Jefferson had planted beside his house. I set it out on the farm, and now it has grown to over 35 feet tall.



Cherokee Corn

I grow a rare variety of flour corn for seed saving purposes only; i.e. to protect the variety from extinction. It is called Cherokee Ginitsi Selu. I obtained it originally from a grower on Seed Savers Exchange (www.seedsavers.org), and he got it from the Cherokee Reservation in North Carolina. I re-offer seeds every year through the organization to anyone who wants to grow it too. The seed source says it has been grown by the Cherokee for at least 1,000 years. The corn's distinguishing characteristic is that it has a pink blush on many kernels (not visible in the photo). Contact me if you want some seeds to grow yourself.







Hay



Sunchokes



Dixie

Dixie is a loyal companion who kills moles and chases deer off. She is a treeing feist.

