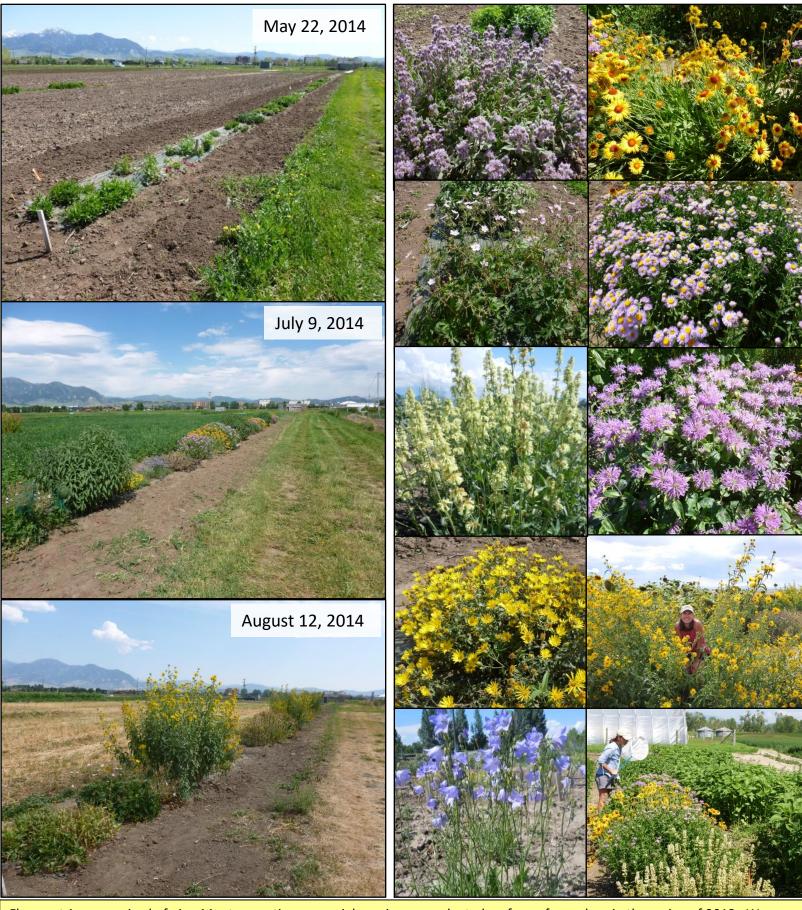
Flower strip establishment and bloom



Flower strips comprised of nine Montana native perennial species were planted on farms from plugs in the spring of 2013. We saw some flowering for seven of the nine species in 2013, though this was highly variable among farms. In 2014, we saw a marked increase in vegetative growth and flowering of all nine species at all four farms. Overall, vegetative growth and flowering was similar in 2015 to that observed in 2014.