

Reported Management Changes since the beginning of the CSSHP

1. We have applied compost to some of our fields since participating in the CSSHP.
2. Added inoculants to cover crops to stimulate cycling.
3. We bought a compost tea brewer and use it routinely on our pastures. We also have implemented a regenerative grazing program on the land. We are piping our irrigation ditch, through our partnership with NRCS, so we have better control over our water.
4. Different trace mineral application at different times, finished compost, no more animal manure at present since we are high in N and P.
5. Change grazing protocols, add cover crops
6. This was the first year we participated but going forward we have a better idea of what we need to make changes to.
7. Excited to try cover crops and to look over the amendment suggestions
8. Use of biochar, cover crops and perennials in our vegetable garden and orchard
9. Really trying to cut down on tillage and trying to keep the soil covered as much as possible. Adjusting cover crop mixes to include more legumes. Experimenting with row spacing and using oats/clover in pathways.
10. Using more compost and better fertilizer, plus cover cropping more.
11. We have changed our focus in the last 3 years to trying to improve soil microbial activity so that the soil naturally gives the turf what it needs.
12. I'm trying to get perennial cover crops established. It's difficult at our altitude, but I did see improvement this year.
13. Planted cash crop into cover crop and made attempts to increase production with cover crops with lower inputs
14. Changed species in fall cover crop mix, moved organic matter under landscape fabric.
15. One year we planted a crop to help with calcium build up and we did see and improvement after the second year.
16. Trying to do more cover crops
17. Planting cover crops, applying compost, ground cover
18. Increased amending, monitoring and cover crop use.
19. More money spent on systematic soil testing, more money spent on compost applications, more time spent thinking about how to rotate better.
20. Reduced phosphate. Considering cover crops
21. Experimented with pasture cropping, mineral balancing, and fertilization to see how results are affected.
22. This year we used less and I am excited to see the results.
23. Different types of fertilizer applications
24. We use more diverse cover crops, and graze for shorter periods of time
25. Testing additional fields this year.
26. I grazed sheep in the orchard for one season.
27. We are composting on one field to see if it makes a dramatic difference vs. other fields that we conventionally fertilize. Reseeded a drylands field that had patches of bare ground after realizing the importance of cover.
28. How we use our landscape fabric, how we cover crop.
29. We tried applying compost and planting a cover crop
30. Less manure more cover crops
31. Cover crop selection