







### **ABOUT BOX H FARM**

- 2/3 of acres native prairie
- Remaining is tame forage, mainly perennial
- Rolling hills and potholes
- Beef cattle: cow/calf and grass-finished beef direct sales



### Farmers teaching farmers



- Best practices for cover cropping, rotational grazing and nitrogen management
- Workshops, field days, online resources
- Peer–to-peer learning



### A quick definition

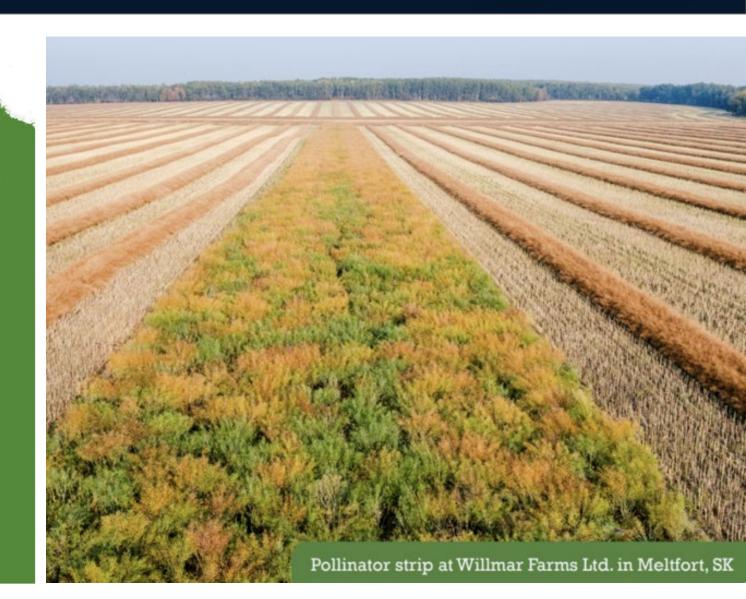


# On-farm resilience

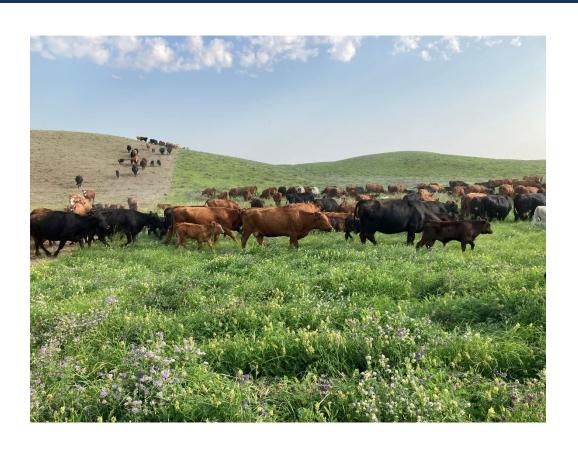
On-farm resilience is the capacity of farms and ranches to withstand challenges like extreme weather, market shifts, and other disruptions. Building on-farm resilience involves implementing practices that can:

- Improve soil health
- Enhance biodiversity
- Reduce reliance on costly or tariff-prone inputs.

Investing in on-farm resilience is a win-win for producers and government.



#### RESILIENCE ON OUR FARM



- High stock-density, non-selective graze
- Lengthy recovery period
- Capture precipitation
- Build soil health
- Stockpiled forages as a buffer for years with poor growing conditions

#### RESILIENT LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS SUPPORT HEALTHY GRASSLANDS

- Growing food vs a "commodity"
- Food security should include consumer choice
- Support for farming practices that build soil, plant and animal health



#### HOW THINGS ARE GOING

# Challenges 20

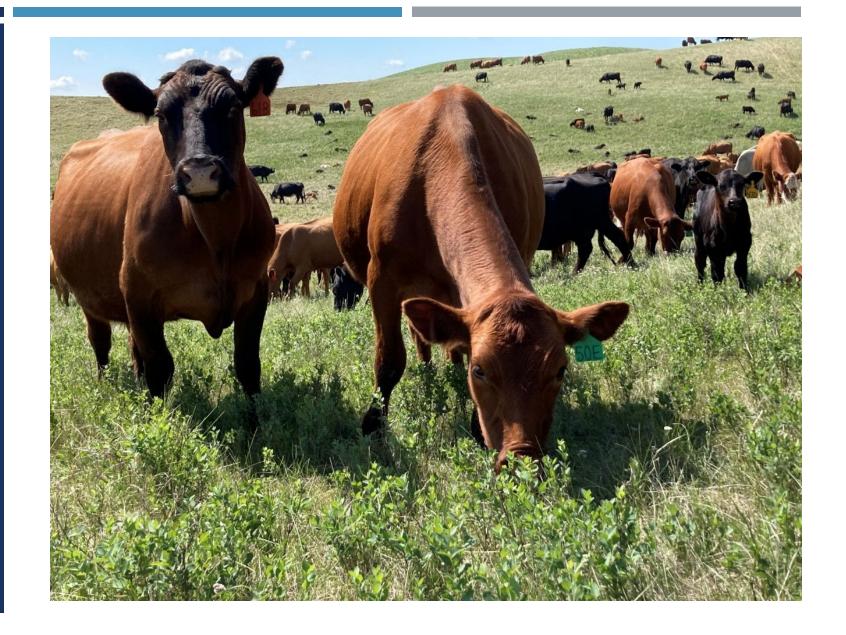
- Evaluating how effective our land management is under harsh, dry conditions
- Selling food in times of price uncertainty and inflation
- Lack of local processing facilities

## Successes A

- Investment in infrastructure has allowed us to maintain our grazing rotation
- Building our farm's brand and connecting with customers who share our values
- Working with local businesses and renewed interest in local food

# LINKING FARMERS AND CONSUMERS TO PROTECT THE LAND

- Native prairie is a dwindling resource that we can agree is worth protecting
- Connecting consumers to the products and grasslands means they place a value on it



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