KISS THE GROUND FARMER GRANT ‘25-’26

JL Brown Farms
MCKENZIE, ALABAMA

The Plan

Miles Brown set out to bring regenerative practices to JL Brown Farms and neighboring cattle operations in Alabama. His plan: purchase a no-till drill to plant forage crops without disturbing the soil, helping build healthier soil, increase biodiversity, and protect the land from erosion. By sharing the equipment with nearby producers, he also hoped to make regenerative farming more accessible across the region.

Challenges & Learnings

Expanding regenerative practices across hundreds of acres takes the right equipment and resources. Without a no-till drill, planting forage while minimizing soil disturbance was a challenge. The grant gave Miles the tools to grow his operation while demonstrating what’s possible for neighboring producers.

Adaptations

What began as a plan to improve forage establishment on his own ranch has grown into a community-wide effort. Miles established an equipment-sharing program, allowing neighboring producers to borrow the no-till drill and explore regenerative practices on their own land.

Community Impact

The impact is reaching well beyond JL Brown Farms! Miles is sharing the no-till drill with neighboring producers across a network spanning more than 3,000 acres. He’s also spoken with four producer groups about soil health, biodiversity, and the benefits of regenerative farming, helping inspire change across the region.

Results

Miles reports transitioning over 700 acres to regenerative farming. With the new Great Plains no-till drill, more than 600 acres were planted in a single winter grazing season, expanding forage production while reducing soil disturbance. The equipment-sharing program is also giving neighboring producers access to tools that can help them adopt regenerative practices.

BIGGEST IMPACT

REGIONAL REGENERATION



> “The grant has allowed us here at JL Brown Farms to transition over 700 acres into regenerative farming with a community share program that allows our neighbors to be able to borrow the no-till drill.”
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> – MILES K. BROWN
> JL BROWN FARMS