# KISS THE GROUND FARMER GRANT ‘25-’26

**Landers Family Farm**
COOPER, TEXAS

## The Plan

Scott Landers set out to bring new regenerative practices to Northeast Texas with a no-till drill and roller crimper. His plan: grow cover crops, crimp them into protective mulch, and plant directly into the soil—all without tilling. By sharing the equipment, he also hoped to give neighboring farmers a lower-risk way to try these practices themselves.

## Challenges & Learnings

An unusually wet spring and summer meant Scott’s cover crop held onto so much moisture that he couldn’t plant his next crop on schedule. It was a real-world lesson in the importance of testing and adapting regenerative practices to Northeast Texas conditions.

## Adaptations

To better adjust to wet spring conditions, Scott is adapting by delaying the timing of the roller crimper, and no-tilling the same day as crimping. Each growing season is an experiment in fine-tuning the equipment and practices for his region.

## Community Impact

The equipment is already making its way around the community! The roller crimper has been used on three farms, including to manage sunflowers in a hay meadow, while the no-till drill has been used by neighboring ranchers to plant winter pasture mix.

## Results

Scott successfully sourced a 20-foot no-till drill locally and brought a roughly 20-foot roller crimper all the way from Ohio to Texas. Both are now in use—and the impact is already spreading beyond Landers Family Farm as more local farmers get the opportunity to experiment with regenerative practices.

BIGGEST IMPACT

SHARED ACCESS



> “Having this equipment enables us to adapt regenerative practices to the Texas Blackland Prairie.”
>
> – SCOTT LANDERS
> LANDERS FAMILY FARM