Organic Farming

Bloodied, Battered, and Still Smiling

J. D. Layman Farms Inc. 2018

- Peas
- Green Beans
- Dry Edible Beans
- Corn and Soybeans
- Small Grain
- Vegetable Crops

2018 Mix
Certified Organic 1,233 Acres
Transitional 398 Acres
Rented out 400 Acres
Total Acres 2031

Joel Layman – 42
3rd Gen Farmer
Fruit Veg Grain background
Commercial Production and Direct Marketing
MSU Grad—Agriscience
Dairy, Potato, Ag Retail
Successes

- Field corn cropping — overall success
- Low growing crops — Broadleaf weed escapes
- Cover Crop benefits following short season crops
- Later planted crops

Challenges

- Cover Crop Termination
- Timing Timing Timing
- Profitable Pest cycling
- Crop Rotation
- Nutrient Management
- Workload
- Cover Crop Establishment

Hair Retention

Questions????