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Pictured above: The tours begin with a description of how many native prairie grasses and plants were used either by Native Americans or early settlers for everything from medicines to food to dyes for clothing.



Pictured above: The tours conclude with a hayrack ride around several hundred acres which showcase almost every type of conservation practice.

GILLES FAMILY FARM TOURS

The Gilles Family Farm Tours, that are held every July in Princeville, IL, demonstrate how to stop soil erosion, improve water quality, improve air quality and provide excellent wildlife habitat. The Gilles are able to implement these practices with the assistance of the Peoria County Soil & Water Conservation District and our partnering agencies, USDA—NRCS & USDA—FSA. Their 700 acre farm showcases various programs and practices such as; CRP, CREP, EQIP, terraces, dry dams, food plots, tree plantings, bird houses, and cool season grass plantings. On the tour you'll see native prairies, warm season grasses, beautiful blooming flowers and you just never know what wildlife you might see. Every year the tours are always overflowing with people who are excited to see the hard work and dedication of the Gilles family.

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