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# **Restoration Agriculture In Practice**





# Synopsis

In this professionally produced video Mark Shepard takes viewers on a video tour of his Wisconsin farm and conducts a full-scale introductory presentation on his unique combination of permaculture, silvaculture, agroforestry and eco-farming. Understand biomes and how to choose appropriate crop-producing perennials for your region. See real-world examples of traditional and innovative modified keyline water management principles. Experience transitional strategies firsthand to move from annual commodity crops to perennials which benefit the entire farm ecosystem.

# **Book Information**

DVD

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## **Customer Reviews**

I regret buying this DVD. It really doesn't contain anything new that isn't already in the book, plus, it doesn't offer a helpful visual demonstration of the sometimes difficult to conceive techniques described by Mark Shepard. In particular, I would have liked to know how he reconciles the gouges made by the yeoman's plow, which are supposed to run parallel to the keyline, and the swales that are one percent off contour and are lined with trees. Wouldn't they intersect? There are no graphics or diagrams of note. In fact, most of the DVD is commensurate to amateur footage of Mark Shepard talking on camera, simply restating the things that he has already written in the book. It is a poorly conceived and poorly executed video. In fact, it is almost certainly an afterthought by Mark Shepard and his team - a way for them to package an adjunct to the book so as to increase revenues. I don't begrudge Mark Shepard's right or ability to make money, I like his overall philosophy and I'm going to be experimenting with many of his 'restoration agriculture' ideas shortly (although there are certain technical particulars that still puzzle me, as mentioned above); but I don't think that anyone

who has read the book ought to waste his money by buying this DVD. If you are particularly averse to buying the book, then I suppose the DVD is a decent alternative for giving you a general introduction to restoration agriculture. As for myself, I wish I had my money back.

A very thoughtful and whole systems way of integrating many types of agriculture: trees, shrubs, herbs, annual crops, and various livestock. A very ecological approach to growing food, medicine and timber while still maintaining biodiversity and habitat for wildlife. Very good. Interesting look at keyline water systems to help land hold water.

This video delivers . . . fresh ideas and an insight into how permaculture can work. I don't you can get this information any place else and I own over 20 video about similar topics. Virgil

An essential guide for agriculture moving into the future.

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