

Here is what we saw last evening just before dark. Conditions were perfect-recent rain, no wind, temp at 60.

The picture with the most worms is an area of approximately 3' X 3'. A total of 17 worms are on that picture. We estimated an average of 2-3 worms per square foot in that 2.5 acre field.

The picture with no worms is my neighbors plowed field- also a 3' X 3' area. We, Cheri and the 3 Grofflets, walked over a third of an acre and saw exactly 3 worms, total, in the plowed field. Need I say more???

The picture with several worms on top of each other is the worms eating a decomposing forage radish root. Forage radishes is a cover crop I'm testing. I'm glad to see the worms love it.

There were so many worms that I had a hard time getting the kids to leave the field. We spent over half an hour observing them. It was fun seeing the worms pull residue into their holes and on some occasions you could actually hear

the residue moving. What was interesting is that I discovered they don't hear anything. We could talk normally, but if you make sudden movements they dive into the ground. If I stomped my foot on the ground, all the worms within 25' dove for cover! As you can imagine, the kids loved to do that. Had to stop thought as I didn't want to disturb the worms too much!

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