SOMERSET PLANTATION

Located three and one-half miles east of this marker was John Perkins' mansion. He owned Somerset during the Civil War, and was a member of the Confederate House of Representatives.

Perkins was one of the wealthiest planters in this territory. His Somerset Plantation consisted of 17,500 acres and 250 slaves, valued at $600,000. Perkins burned his home and 2,000 bales of cotton at the time of Flag Officer D. G. Farragut's advance up the Mississippi River the previous year.

Federal Forces under command of Gen. J. A. McClernand occupied this plantation, arriving there April 21, 1863. The plantation was used as a base and staging area.
Somerset Plantation General Store
Marshall and Mead Hardwick

2015 National Wetlands Award for Landowner Stewardship

Jay and Mary Hardwick
Existing Drainage Basin

Levee With Rock Spillway

- New habitat holds 4 acres of water year round
- Three total structures of approximately 20 acres
- Return of year round water wildlife and plants
Farming the Tulane Nitrogen Challenge
Plot Design

- 5 randomized 1 acre plots per team for 25 total plots
- 22 planted rows per plot
- 2 row buffer between plots
- Dekalb 66-97 @ 36,000 seed per acre
Planting Equipment

- 16 Row 36" spacing
- Orthman tool bar
- Deere XP Row Units
- Precision Planting Technology – SpeedTube, vDrive, vSet, DeltaForce
Planted March 23\textsuperscript{rd}  

Sidedress April 10\textsuperscript{th}  

July 10\textsuperscript{th}
Harvest Anticipated Week of August 10th
Questions?

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