

# Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District

## Fact Sheet

**General Information:** The Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District was formed in 1952 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance within the District. Each year the District provides technical assistance to landowners and operators on a variety of soil and water conservation practices. Some popular conservation measures practiced in the District today are conservation tillage, brush control, irrigation water management, windbreaks, grazing management, use of crop residue and irrigation system improvements. Congratulations to Shania Jensen who won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Speech Contest.

### Mission (or Function):

- To protect and promote the natural resources found in the Jefferson SWCD.
- To work cooperatively with various agencies, businesses and individuals to motivate and educate various entities regarding natural resources issues.

### FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Funded 8 projects this year in the Snake River Water Users Priority Area to laser land level their cropland to increase irrigation efficiency. This is the end of a 3 year CCPI grant that covers approximately 40,000 acres total with expected savings of 14,000 acre feet of irrigation water annually.
- Organized and sponsored weed awareness meeting and offered pesticide applicator license credit.
- Set up an information booth at the county fair with the theme of Plant a Tree with the "Lorax", children made "trufalla trees" and learned the importance of planting trees to preserve our natural resources.

- Provided education outreach at several schools throughout the area.



CCPI Laser Land Leveling

### Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to seek funding for programs such as the Jefferson Snake River Irrigation Efficiency Project to improve irrigation efficiency and promote water savings.
- Focus on youth and adult education with educational conservation tours, district newsletters, workshops and local working group planning meetings.

### FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	17,000
Local Funding	\$	9,500
Capacity Building	\$	1,000
State Match	\$	<u>12,997</u>
	\$	40,497

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