

Ada Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Ada Soil and Water Conservation District has achieved over 60 years of successful conservation implementation and is fully engaged in meeting present day conservation needs. They work cooperatively with area farmers and ranchers and have adapted and evolved to work actively within the urban and suburban areas of the district.

Mission (or Function):

- Pursue and develop new partnerships with groups and organizations interested in promoting the wise use, conservation and enhancement of natural resources in Ada County.
- Lead natural resource planning, conservation, and implementation activities in Ada County.
- Provide conservation education to Ada County residents.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Managed 632 acre foothills conservation easement through partnership with Avimor Planned Community.
- To promote soil health and water conservation, Ada SWCD purchased a No-till drill to be available for lease to Ada and Canyon County producers and landowners. The drill was used by 25 growers to plant 1,256 acres in 2014.
- Co-sponsored the Idaho Center for Sustainable Agriculture Symposium Soils Workshop.
- Sponsored 2 middle school students to attend the U of I Extension Natural Resources Camp.
- Sponsored 4 high school teams to attend and participate in the Idaho Canon Envirothon competition in Challis.

- Held two 5th Grade Conservation Field Days for Boise and Kuna schools, introducing students to natural resource and agricultural topics.



Glen Edwards using No-Till Drill

Future Plans and Projects:

- The district will use Conservation Innovation Grant funds awarded by USDA NRCS to fund a campaign to advertise natural resources conservation successes in the areas of soil health, cover crops, nutrient management and wildlife habitat improvements.

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	\$ 59,695.00
County Funding	\$ 45,000.00
Avimor Easement Mngmnt	\$ 5,000.00
No-Till Drill Rental	\$ 16,000.00
SWID RC&D Admin Asst.	\$ 2,000.00
5th Grade Field Day	\$ 2,400.00
Total	\$ 130,095.00

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District Documents

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