

East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in September of 1956 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users in the eastern half of Cassia County.

Mission (or Function):

- Set high standards for conservation of natural resources.
- Educate both youth and adults in conservation practices and needs.
- Encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations, etc. to accomplish conservation goals.
- Carry out a well-balanced resource conservation program focused around soil erosion, water management improvements and reduction of flood damages on the Raft River.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Held annual Tree Sale, selling 2,500 seedling trees to community patrons and landowners around the area. Patrons were able to buy large quantities of seedling trees for either landscaping needs or larger projects such as windbreaks.
- East Cassia, together with West Cassia and Minidoka, were awarded a Conservation Grant that allowed the districts to purchase two direct seed drills. The districts collaborated to bring a program to the area that would promote good conservation practices. The districts will rent the drills out to landowners for test plots, as well as offer cover crop seed to landowners farming up to 40 acres.
- East Cassia Supervisors volunteered time to help with the Land and Soil Evaluation Event held on October 14th. FFA and 4H students from around

the state gathered together to participate in the event.

Land and Soil Evaluation Event



Future Plans and Projects:

- Continued partnership with NRCS and the Conservation Commission to promote the CCPI Nutrient and Irrigation Water Management program available to landowners. 2014 will be the final year for this project.
- In February, the three districts will hold a Direct Seed Drill Workshop, which will educate landowners on the benefits of No-Till practices and cover crops.

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	\$ 13,918
County Funding	\$ 3,000
Tree Sale	\$ 1,205
Administrative Funds	\$ 1,940
Total	\$ 20,063

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District Documents

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