

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 1st 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 2014 Accomplishments:

- Dooly the Idaho Dairy Cow – The district recently purchase a life-size fiberglass cow that is taken to local schools. To date, more than 750 students have learned that it is important to protect our soil and water, because people eat what cows provide, cows eat plants, and plants eat dirt.
- Organized and sponsored weed awareness meeting and offered pesticide applicator license credit.
- Took Dolly the Idaho Dairy Cow to the kid’s fairs at Mud Lake and Jefferson, and helped over 500 kids learn about milking cows.

- Provided education outreach at several schools throughout the area.



Introducing Dolly the Idaho Dairy Cow

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 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	\$ 22,068
County Funding	\$ 9,500
Tree and Fabric program	\$ 6,753
Total	\$ 38,321

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District Documents

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