

Ada Soil & Water Conservation District

2018 Fact Sheet

General Information

The Ada Soil & Water Conservation District has 60 years of experience in providing current conservation assistance. Over ¼ of the State's farmland is in the Treasure Valley; the District is actively seeking to create mechanisms to assist in the preservation of our remaining farmlands.

Mission

Cooperates with Federal, State, Local, and private organizations to promote the conservation and wise use of all natural resources and to provide conservation education to Ada County residents.

Location

Ada County and a small southwest portion of Boise County. The District includes the City of Boise, the State's Capitol.

Legislative Districts 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

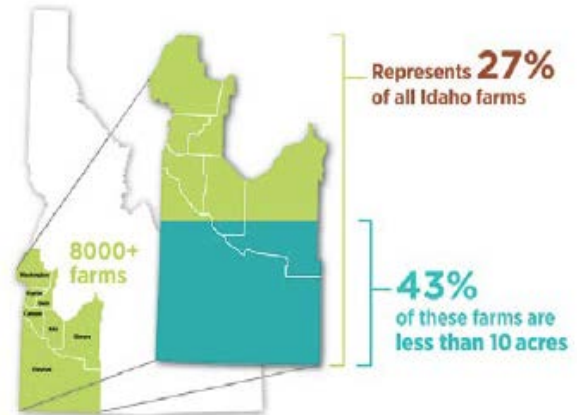
FY 2018 Accomplishments

- Funded two presentations at Boise State University (David Montgomery, soil health, and Peter McCoy, farmland preservation.)
- Coordinated farm tours to highlight soil health and local food systems.
- The District's two no-till drills were rented by 26 producers this year for use on over 1,100 acres in the Treasure Valley. These are increases of over 40% from last year.
- Held five 5th-Grade Conservation Field Days for 1,100 students from Title I schools in Boise, Kuna and West Ada schools.
- Awarded Community Conservation Grants to the Treasure Valley Food Coalition, Boise Urban Garden School, Horses For Clean Water, and Boise

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FY 2018 Accomplishments (Continued)

High School, for a total of \$20,500 for education and planning. These programs reached 1,852 residents.



Future Plans and Projects

- The District will continue to advocate for farmland preservation and enhancement options for landowners.
- Continue the CIG-funded experimentation of the biocontrol agent D7 to address the threat of invasive annuals (cheat grass.) Three sites with 10 plots each are located throughout Southern Idaho to study 2 strains, combined with 2 commonly-applied herbicides. Impact on cheat grass and non-targeted species are being recorded and analyzed.

FY 2018 Funds

State	\$ 61,300.
County	\$ 45,000
Avimor Easement Management	\$ 5,000
No-Till Drill Rental	\$ 14,406
SWID RC&D Admin Assistance	\$ 1,388
5th Grade Field Day Partners	\$ 3,500
Total	\$ 130,594

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Meetings: 1st Fridays at 9:00 a.m.