

Canyon Soil Conservation District

2018 Fact Sheet

General Information

Organized in 1951, the district is focused on farm-related soil and water issues; assistance is provided to individual land owners as well as irrigation districts.

Mission

Provide quality leadership, information, education, technical assistance and financial assistance for the conservation and wise use of natural resources.

FY 2018 Accomplishments

- Provided Conservation Technical Assistance to 21 producers on approximately 2,040 acres. Assistance consisted of site visits, Conservation Planning, and designs for improved gravity systems, sprinklers and drip systems.
- Hosted a booth at the Canyon County Fair, providing information to 129 participants.
- Participated in the 9th annual Soil Health Symposium, reaching 106 participants.
- Sponsored Poster and Speech Contests for area school students.
- Provided a scholarship which enabled one student to attend the Natural Resources Camp.
- Participated in 5 field days with the Ada District, educating over two hundred 5th-grade students.
- Partnered with Owyhee Conservation District to sponsor a farm tour for 28 attendees. The tour featured Water Quality Monitoring, Soil Health, No-Till and economics.
- Coordinated 13 EQIP contracts, totally \$700,000 on 700 acres.

FY 2018 Accomplishments (continued)

- Quarterly newsletter to 600 subscribers.
- Along with the Caldwell USDA Service Center, donated 259 lbs of produce from The People's Garden, 157 canned/gleaned donations, and 21 pounds of pet food to Metro Community Services.
- Participated in the Notus School District STEM night, providing information to 65 visitors.

Future Plans and Projects

- Continue to seek future projects for Agricultural Best Management Practices for water quality improvements.
- Continue to seek funding for existing potential 319 projects.
- Create partnerships with agencies and organizations to obtain additional funding to address resource concerns.
- Promote natural resource conservation through outreach and education programs for youth and adults.

FY 2018 Funds

State	\$ 24,002.22
County	\$ 10,000.00
Lower Boise Watershed Council	\$ 11,998.60
NRCS (Farm Bill)	\$1,418,924.00
319 Grants	\$ 288,985.00
Newsletter Ads	\$ 2,020.00
ID Water Resource Board	\$ 46,210.07
NRCS CTA Grants	\$ 25,500.00
Total	\$1,827,639.89

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Meetings: First Thursday *after* the first Tuesday

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