

Madison Soil and Water Conservation District

2018 Fact Sheet

General Information

The Madison Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1948. Today the District assists with both irrigated and dryland conservation practices.

Mission

To take technical, financial and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land users for the conservation of soil, water, and related resources; to protect and improve the natural resources in Madison County for landowners to use for future generations.

Location

Eastern Idaho, north of the Snake River. Idaho Highways 20 and 33 pass through the western and northern part of the County. The largest city is Rexburg (population 28,500.)

Legislative District 34

FY 2018 Accomplishments

- State Capacity Grant used for public outreach.
- Assisted landowners with new operational plans, resulting in reduced tillage on 1,974 acres, and cover crops on 2,255 acres to reduce wind erosion and increase soil quality and crop production.
- Conducted Conservation Tour to four project sites:
 - Low Energy Spray Application (LESA) with 20% savings in both water and power
 - No-till potato project site
 - Two soil health projects where practices were introduced to increase organic matter in the soil.

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FY 2018 Accomplishments (Continued)

- Final year of Western SARE grant to gather soil health data, which is then reviewed and published by Utah State University.
- Sponsored students from Hibbard and Burton Elementary Schools to attend “Birth of A River” field trip (see photo below)



Burton Elementary 4th grade students

Future Plans and Projects:

- Develop funding stream for Rexburg Bench Energy Savings Program.
- Continued participation with the Madison County Soil Health Initiative.
- Pursue funding from nontraditional sources, including the RC&D Council.

FY 2018 Funds

State	\$ 20,587.99
County	\$ 6,000.00
Landowner Contribution	\$566,968.00
Total	\$ 593,555.99

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