

Ada Soil and Water Conservation District

Fact Sheet

General Information: The Ada Soil and Water Conservation District has achieved over 60 years of successful conservation implementation and is fully engaged in meeting present day conservation needs. They work cooperatively with area farmers and ranchers and have adapted and evolved to work actively within the urban and suburban areas of the district.

Mission, Vision or Function:

The vision for the Ada Soil & Water Conservation District is to be the leader of natural resource planning, conservation, and implementation activities in Ada County.

FY 2015 Accomplishments:

- Continuing management of a 632 acre foothills conservation easement in partnership with Avimor Planned Community.
- This past spring the District received another 319 grant to help purchase a smaller 7 ½ Ft Sunflower 9312-07 drill and a roller /crimper for small acreage landowners and organic farmers. Both drills have been rented almost continuously this season. 21 producers have used the big drill and 10 landowners have used the small drill. About 1,200 acres were planted using these drills.
- Participated with informational tabletop display in the Simplot Ag Pavilion during the Western Idaho Fair.
- Sponsored 3 high school teams to attend and participate in the Idaho Canon Envirothon competition in Challis.
- Held three 5th Grade Conservation Field Days for 750 students from 12 schools. The 1st and 2nd days were held at Boise Urban Garden School for the Boise schools. The 3rd was held at Glen Edward’s farm for the Kuna schools. There were

7 stations at both events, including wildlife, soils, water, cider press, wildfire, and hay.

- The District received a NRCS CIG Grant for \$7,500. The project is titled “Treasure Valley Soil Health Connections”. This allowed the District to hold a Demonstration Field Day at Peaceful Belly Organic Farm. Clay Erskine demonstrated the small drill and the roller/crimper. Marlon Winger and James Eller, NRCS, demonstrated rain and water infiltration using the Rain Simulator. They also spoke on soil health and the use of cover crops. Jennifer Miller, NCAP, talked about pollinator plant species and how to incorporate them into a farm.



5th Grade Field Day at Glen Edwards Farm

Future Plans and Projects:

A bitter brush planting project is scheduled for fall of 2016 on the 632 acre foothills conservation easement. We have received a \$5,000 grant from the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation to help with the purchase of the plants.

FY 2015 District Funding:

State	\$60,330
County	\$45,000
Avimor Easement Management	\$5,000
No-Till Drill Rental	\$16,000
SWID RC&D Admin Assistance	\$1,700
5th Grade Field Day	\$1,000
Conservation Improvement Grant	\$7,500
Total	\$136,530

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