

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 2015 Accomplishments:

- Dolly the Idaho Dairy Cow has travelled to all the 4th grade classes in the District, as well as being part of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers program. In addition to learning about the milking process, children learn how to properly care for the water, soil and environment.
- Sold almost 5,000 trees and shrubs for windbreak and ornamental use in the district.
- Sponsored speech and poster contests, with almost 100 participants – the District’s Speech winner also went on to win the Division and State contests!
- Awarded 6 scholarships for students to attend Natural resources Camp.
- Sponsored an Envirothon team.

- Awarded four \$500 scholarships to High School seniors planning a career in an agriculture-related field.
- Sponsored a Weed Awareness Meeting and offered Pesticide Applicator License credit.



Students can get up close and personal with the “business end” of Dolly, the travelling 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 2015 District Funding:

State Funding	\$23,675
County Funding	\$9,500
Tree and Fabric program	\$5,755
Total	\$38,930