

Twin Falls Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Twin Falls Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1951. Much of the District is rangeland or grazing land. Approximately 20,000 acres of cropland is irrigated by the Salmon River Canal Company.

Mission (or Function):

- Promote conservation practices on every acre in the district which will build a more stable and prosperous agricultural community.
- Encourage cooperation among landowners. Government agencies, private organization, and elected officials to ensure a sustainable natural resource base for present and future generations.

FY 2015 Accomplishments:

- The District completed a two year multi-species cover crop demonstration project. Through this project, multi-species cover crop mixes were planted across the Magic Valley to determine viability in a range of soil and climatic conditions. Some fields were grazed and some were not.
- Supported the approximately 215 students from three schools who participated in the 2015 post contest.
- Provided two full scholarships to Natural Resources Camp in Ketchum.
- Sponsored the Harrington Fork Educational Day for Hollister 3rd grade students.
- Participated in the Ag Pavilion at the 2015 Twin Falls County Fair.



The plot on the left was grazed in the fall of 2014, while the one on the right was not. Voles have also proven to be a problem in fields of non-grazed cover crop seedlings.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Explore opportunities to gather deep soil nitrate data throughout the Twin Falls Nitrate Priority Area. Supervisors hope to work with researchers at the ARS NW Irrigation and Soils Lab in Kimberly, as well as the University of Idaho.
- The District will celebrate its 65th anniversary in 2016, and plans are under way for a celebration that will coincide with the April water forecast meeting.

FY 2015 District Funding:

State Funding	\$21,291
County Funding	\$8,000
Federal Grants	\$19,965
Total	\$49,256