

West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1958. Priorities are animal waste management, information & education, irrigated cropland, pasture/hayland, water quality-ground water and surface water and water resources and erosion control. This year an awards banquet was held to honor a Cooperator of the Year and Rancher of the Year.

Mission (or Function):

- Set high standards for conservation of natural resources.
- Educate both youth and adults in conservation practices and needs.
- Carry out a well-balanced resource conservation program centered around reduced soil erosion, water management and utilization of BMP's.

FY 2015 Accomplishments:

- In early spring, West Cassia, Minidoka, and East Cassia SWCD's held their annual Tree Sale, selling 2,500 seedling trees to community patrons and landowners around the area.
- Held a summer picnic, at which college scholarships were awarded, and Natural Resources camp scholarship recipients reported on camp activities.
- The no-till drill was very popular, and both drills were rented out to local landowners this season.
- Cover crop seed rebates were provided.
- A cover crop tour was hosted, and there were over 50 participants.
- There were over 60 participants at the Direct Seed Drill workshop held this fall.
- Awarded two college scholarship of \$500.00 each to high school seniors who will be majoring in an agricultural related field.

- Awarded \$50 in poster contest awards.
- Awarded \$100 to the speech contest winner.

Future Plans and Projects:

- In January 2016, East Cassia, West Cassi and Minidoka will hold a Direct Seed Drill Workshop, which will educate landowners on the benefits of No-Till practices and cover crops.
- East Cassia, West Cassi and Minidoka are currently working on putting together a Local Working Group to discuss priority concerns in the area and give suggestions for ways to help get conservation programs and practices started in the area.
- Participate in annual tree sale.



No till-drill

FY 2015 District Funding:

State Funding	\$14,714
County Funding	\$5,000
Local Tree Sale	\$1,330
Administrative Funds	\$500
Newsletter Advertising	\$225
Other income	\$338
Total	\$22,107