

Madison Soil and Water Conservation District

2017 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

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,) the home of BYU-Idaho.

Legislative District 34

FY 2017 Accomplishments

- ISWCC Capacity Grant used for public outreach.
- Created SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education) Grant reports for review and publication by Utah State University.
- Partnered with 5 landowners to acquire soil samples and monitor production costs on test fields. 10 additional landowners partnered in a study to document past and current soil health practices for inclusion in the March 2018 SARE Grant report.
- 2 Low Elevation Sprinkler Application (LESA) projects to reduce water use on 224 acres.

FY 2017 Accomplishments (Continued)

- Assisted landowners with new operational plans, resulting in reduced tillage on 1,640 acres, and cover crops on 1,822 acres to reduce wind erosion and increase soil quality and crop production.
- Partnered with landowner in a no tillage potato production cost and product quality study.



Hibbard Elementary 4th grade students participated in the Birth of a River field trip

Future Plans and Projects:

- Rexburg Bench Energy Savings Program
- Madison County Soil Health Initiative

FY 2017 Funds

State Funding	\$17,861
County Funding	\$6,000
Tree and Fabric Program	\$5,395
Volunteer labor equivalent value	\$20,000
Landowner Contribution	\$566,968
Total	\$616,224

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