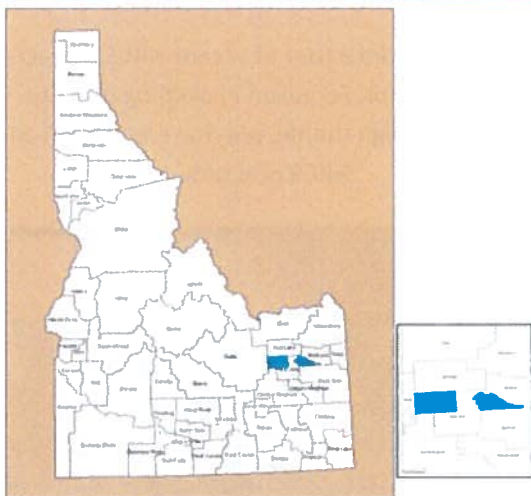


Jefferson

Soil & Water Conservation District



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Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality /Quantity
2. Irrigated Cropland
3. Weed Management
4. Wind Erosion/Windbreak habitat
5. Information & Education

FY 2021-22 Revenue

State Funding \$27,225.73

County Funding \$ 9,500.00

No-till drill income \$4,267.82

Tree sales income \$15,090.42

The fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30



Dolly at Stampede Days Parade with
Jersey Milk 4-H Club

Recent Projects

The district was able to secure two **Water Quality Projects for Agriculture** grants. They are for repairs and improvements on irrigation canals in the county. Aging infrastructure and increasing urbanization put pressure on landowners as they water their fields. These projects will alleviate that pressure through new, efficient, remotely monitored gates on one canal system and safer, more efficient underground pipe on another. The projects affect 209 shareholders on approximately 5778 acres.

A no-till drill is available for use on area farms. It is a 15' Great Plains drill requiring a 125 + HP tractor to operate. Leasing is \$12/acre with a deposit of \$200. It has been used on 402 acres this fiscal year.



Mickie Eames accepted tree seedlings donated to
Jefferson County for planting at Jefferson Lake.

Our annual tree and shrub sale benefitted a windbreak to attract wildlife near the Snake River. The landowner planted thousands of seedlings, which were financed through a Farm Service Administration grant. The district was able to provide most of the seedlings at cost.

Education

*Healthy Forests
Healthy
Communities*
Poster contest
winner was Birklee
Burtenshaw of
West Jefferson
Elementary.

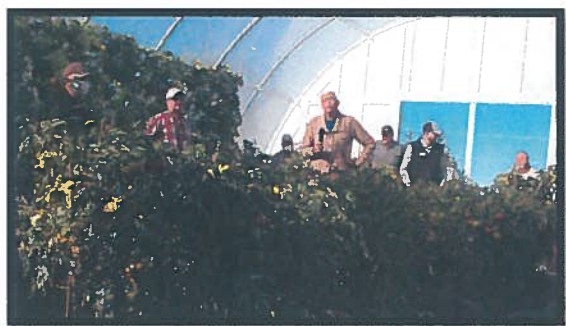
2nd place, Kaylene
Clark, and 3rd place,
MaKennah Brown,
who both attend
Ririe Elementary.



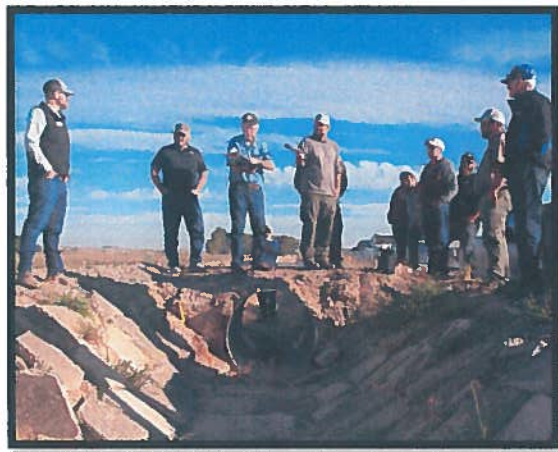
Rigby HS Envirothon team took first place at state in April
and traveled to national contest in Ohio in July.

District Outreach

The district did a tour of recent NRCS projects.
Below is LeAnn Ferguson explaining how she is
using her high tunnel, purchased through an
NRCS program.



Leon Clark is showing his new ditch, with well-
built head gates which replaced a concrete ditch
from the 1960's. Leon was selected as the
2022 Farmer of the Year for Jefferson County.



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Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District, in the 2021-22 Fiscal Year:

- Published the annual newsletter, The Over-View, in the Jefferson Star newspaper and Star Plus as an insert reaching most Jefferson County residents.
- Held an annual tree sale as an inexpensive source of trees and bushes to those wishing to establish wind breaks and landscapes. along with landscape cloth and anchor staples for weed barriers.
- Provided trees and shrubs at cost for an FSA windbreak project to benefit wildlife. Donated trees and shrubs to Jefferson Parks and Recreation for improvement of Jefferson Lake.
- Provided landscape cloth laying equipment to area farmers putting in wind breaks.
- Fielded calls from homeowners about plant health concerns. Referred them to the appropriate agencies.
- Provided an opportunity for cover-crop establishment by renting a no-till drill to area farmers, utilized on 402 acres.
- Wrote grant requests for four irrigation canal improvement projects and followed up on two projects that were awarded funds through WQPA, totaling approximately \$75,000.
- Held a tour of area NRCS field projects for interested persons, board supervisors and supporting agencies.
- Continually updated and expanded a web page promoting Jefferson SWCD and partners in conservation efforts. Provided web links for further information.
- Provided information about NRCS and FSA programs in the newspaper and at the Jefferson County Fair in a display of USDA/NRCS services, as well as Conservation District services.
- Donated to High Country RC&D cloud seeding project.
- Dolly the Idaho Dairy Cow participated in the Stampede Days parade.
- Dolly the Idaho Dairy Cow visited Mud Lake Fair, Jefferson County Fair, and Market Lake Day in Roberts. She also visited Artitorium Fall Festival, Koala Kids Academy, and South Fork Elementary School, reaching approximately 535 youth and about 100 adults.
- Participated in FFA 3rd grade Ag Day at Rigby Fairgrounds with a presentation on the water cycle and importance of protecting ground water. Reached about 600 youth & accompanying adults.
- Awarded scholarship monies to six county students who plan to attend college in agriculture-related fields. Gave three \$1,000 checks to students claiming their award from previous years.
- Provided support for a Soil and Land Judging event by scheduling with the landowner, coordinating with NRCS & BLM, helping with set up, catering a meal, and taking down after the event. Produced an article for the local paper to celebrate the winning students and NRCS and BLM support of the event.
- Sponsored an Envirothon team which won the state contest and attended national contest. Attended Envirothon in Salmon to assist with conducting the contest.
- Paid scholarships for six teens to attend Natural Resource Camp, after a two-year cancellation due to Covid 19 pandemic.
- Selected and awarded Conservation Farmer of the Year at annual Farmer/Merchant Banquet.
- The district will continue youth support and outreach with schools, FFA, 4-H, Envirothon, DUP, and other organizations to spread a conservation message.
- Jefferson SWCD will continue to be a working partner with East Side and West Side Conservation Districts as we coordinate in the Local Working Group and EQUIP ranking pool with NRCS.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Jefferson Soil & Water
Conservation District

FOR YEAR:

2021-2022

DUE :

December 20, 2022

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.



Board Supervisor Signature



Printed Name



Date



District Telephone



District Email Address

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