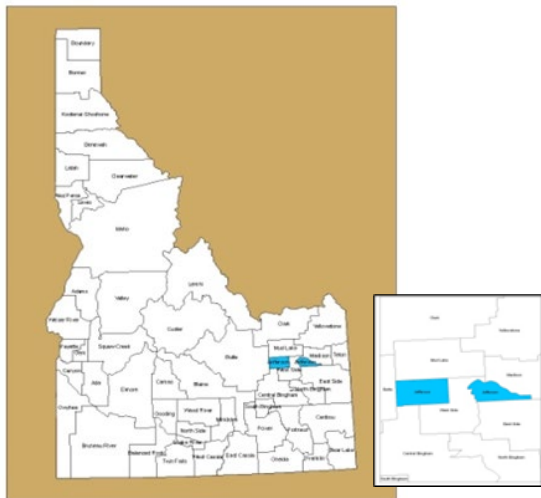


Jefferson

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 2022-23 Revenue

State Funding \$29,730.21

County Funding \$ 9,500.00

No-till drill income \$2,448

Tree sales income \$9,015.97

The fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30



Pete McGarry was honored for nearly 40 years of service as a board member for Mud Lake and then Jefferson SWCDs

Recent Projects

Jefferson SWCD secured two **Water Quality Projects for Agriculture** grants for geomembrane lining of irrigation canals. The projects address water loss from sink holes and impact 169 shareholders on about 12,000 acres.

Payout was made for two previous WQPA grants at their completion in the spring of 2023. These affected 209 shareholders on 5,778 acres.

The district owns a a15' **Great Plains no-till drill**. It was used on 204 acres during the fiscal year.

Jefferson SWCD presented a check to Mud Lake Fair and Rodeo Board for \$31,750 toward the new livestock barn at the fairgrounds.



September of 2022, we held an **Urban Ag High Tunnels tour** with NRCS and East Side and West Side Districts.

January 2023 a workshop on **controlling voles** and promoting **cover crops** was held in Terreton.

In February 2023 an area **Soil Health Workshop** was held jointly with East Side and West side Districts.

In March 2023 a **Russian Olive Control** workshop and a field trip were sponsored by the district.

Sampling celery on Urban Ag High Tunnel tour.



Education

Dolly the Idaho Dairy Cow visited the **Mud Lake Fair and the Rigby Fair** in August 2022. 105 youth and 20 adults visited at the Mud Lake Fair. 231 youth and 65 adults visited the booth at the Rigby Fair. A board of district activities and advertising for NRCS and FSA programs were on display.

Healthy Soil, Healthy Life Poster Contest- October 2022. Finley Schroeder placed 1st, Ethan Barney 2nd, and Ellie King 3rd. Finley also placed 4th in division.

Healthy Soil, Healthy Life Speech Contest- October 2022. Ellyse Thomas placed 1st, Mack Poole 2nd, and Maddisen Ricks 3rd. Ellyse placed 3rd at division.

Soil & Range Judging September 2022 took place at Justin Place Farm in Hamer. West Jefferson HS Range team placed first locally and third at state. Rigby HS Soil team placed first locally and first at state. JSWCD catered lunch for the event. JSWCD also honored Don Bird, who retired as FFA instructor after several decades of service.

Jefferson SWCD participated in Rigby FFA's **3rd Grade Field Day**, in May 2023, with a water cycle station and with Dolly the Idaho Dairy cow at a dairy station. 581 students and 65 adults visited each station over the course of two days.

The district sponsored an **Envirothon team** in April, which unfortunately were unable to attend. The district employee attended Envirothon in Challis and helped with the execution of the contest.

Donations- Idaho Ag in the Classroom, State Soil Judging, High Country RC&D Cloud Seeding and Administrative donation. IASCD, IDEA, Division VI. Rigby Fair board.

Board of Supervisors

Pat Hendren	Chairman	Ryan Holman	Supervisor
Joe Slagowski	Vice-Chairman	Bob Harrop	Supervisor
Lanny Burtenshaw	Supervisor	Allen Lovell	Supervisor
Ric Sterzer	Supervisor	Linda Patterson	Administrative Assistant

District Outreach

6 scholarships were paid by the district for youth attendees at **University of Idaho Extension Natural Resource Camp** in June 2023.

Scholarships for Jefferson County seniors planning to major in agriculture-related fields were awarded to 4 Rigby HS students. They were Hannah Clark, Halle Miller, Cooper Shaffer, and Hailey Stucki, who will receive \$1,000 after attending at least one semester of college.

Conservation Farmer of the Year for 2023 was awarded to Brock Egan who farms and ranches in the West Jefferson/ Medicine Lodge area. He was recognized at the Farmers/ Merchants Banquet in March.

Brock started working on his family farm at eight years old. The farming operation grew to 6000 acres of pivots, private dry grazing, and BLM forest allotments for 1,200 pairs. There is also a 10,000 head feed lot. Eagan's strip-till and no-till. They renovated 2 miles of Upper Irving Creek, which spurred 14 miles of conservation efforts on Medicine Loge Creek, among their neighbors.

Our **annual Tree and Shrub Sale** provides wind break and landscape trees to farms and homes in the area. Ongoing purchase of trees and bushes for Fish & Game projects, by producers farming on F&G land, continued this year. The fairgrounds had to be scraped to remove a late snow so a semi could get in to deliver trees. We are thankful for a good working relationship with the maintenance crew and the fair board.

80 juniper trees were donated to Hamer and Terreton Elementary 4th graders. The seedlings were distributed by the Lions club.