

Canyon Soil Conservation District

Fact Sheet

General Information: Organized in 1951, the Canyon Soil Conservation District focused on farm-related soil and water problems. Farmers receive help leveling their land, lining ditches, installing irrigation pipelines, developing conservation cropping systems and learning to utilize crop residues for better soil and water conservation. Irrigation companies receive help upgrading their canals and diversions along the Boise River.

Mission (or Function):

- Provide quality leadership, information, education, technical assistance and financial assistance for the conservation and wise use of natural resources.

FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Conservation Technical Assistance was provided to 20 different producers on approximately 240 acres. Site visits, conservation planning, engineering designs, analysis and recommendations for improved gravity systems, sprinklers, and drip systems.
- 4 Conservations plans included installing a drip system on 56 acres of mint and sugar beets, pivot system on 31 acres, and an improved surface system (mainline, gate pipe, and sediments basins) on 51 acres.
- Participated and sponsored multiple outreach and education programs throughout the county.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Implement irrigation water management on six existing projects.
- Install sediment basins.
- Continue to address high priority natural resource issues documented by TMDL plans and Watershed Planning documents.
- Continue partnering with agencies, and plan and seek funding to address resource concerns.
- Promote natural resource conservation through outreach and education programs for youth and adults.



The drip system used less than half the water, fertilizer and pesticides as when furrow irrigated while yielding 40% more than normal first year yields.

FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	7,500
State Match	\$	<u>10,261</u>
	\$	26,261

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District Documents

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