

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 2013 Accomplishments:

- Awarded a college scholarship of \$250 to a high school student majoring in an agricultural-related field.
- Participated in BPA High Country RC&D Ag Energy Efficiency Program with local utility company United Electric to educate farmers and landowners on available power-efficient systems and updates.
- Participated in annual Tree Sale, selling 3,050 seedlings to local landowners for the purpose of landscaping and windbreaks.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to rent Moisture Meter Sensors to landowners participating in the CCPI Nutrient Management Program.
- In partnership with East Cassia and Minidoka Districts, purchase a No-Till Drill to be rented out to landowners.
- Participate in annual tree sale.



No till-drill

FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	2,500
Capacity Building	\$	1,000
State Match	\$	<u>3,420</u>
	\$	15,420