

# 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 2014 Accomplishments:**

- In early spring, West Cassia, Minidoka, and East Cassia SWCD's held their annual Tree Sale, selling 2,500 seedling trees to community patrons and landowners around the area.
- West Cassia, together with East Cassia and Minidoka, were awarded a Conservation Grant that allowed the districts to purchase two direct seed drills.
- Awarded two college scholarship of \$500.00 each to high school seniors who will be majoring in an agricultural related field.

**Future Plans and Projects:**

- In February, the three districts will hold a Direct Seed Drill Workshop, which will educate landowners on the benefits of No-Till practices and cover crops.
- The districts are currently working on building a website that will allow for information to be available to the public on conservation programs, the annual tree sale, student programs, rental information of the direct seed drills, newsletters, and general district information.
- Participate in annual tree sale.



**No till-drill**

**FY 2014 District Funding:**

State Funding	\$ 13,918
County Funding	\$ 3,000
Local Tree Sale	\$ 1,205
Moisture Meter Rentals	\$ 5,550
Administrative Funds	\$ 1,730
Newsletter Advertising	\$ 405
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,808</b>

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