

East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in September of 1956 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users in the eastern half of Cassia County.

Mission (or Function):

- Set high standards for conservation of natural resources.
- Educate both youth and adults in conservation practices and needs.
- Encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations, etc. to accomplish conservation goals.
- Carry out a well-balanced resource conservation program focused around soil erosion, water management improvements and reduction of flood damages on the Raft River.

FY 2015 Accomplishments:

- Held annual Tree Sale, selling 2,500 seedling trees to community patrons and landowners around the area. Hybrid and Lombardy poplars were popular choices this year as new windbreak projects were started in the area.
- In January the districts built a website that includes East Cassia, West Cassia, and Minidoka Districts. It includes Direct Seed program information, Educational programs, information on the three boards, and districts operation.
- East Cassia, West Cassia, and Minidoka SWCD's have been working jointing to promote the Direct Seed Drill program. The districts have been renting both drills out this year to landowners for test plots, as well as offering a cover crop seed rebate to landowners who purchase cover crop seed up to 40 acres.

- Awarded two college scholarship of \$500.00 each to high school seniors who will be majoring in an agricultural related field.
- Donations were given to support Envirothon, Forestry Contest, KYG, NRCS, and the IASCD Conference.



Future Plans and Projects:

- Continued partnership with NRCS and the Conservation Commission to promote the CCPI Nutrient and Irrigation Water Management program available to landowners. 2014 will be the final year for this project.
- In January, West Cassia, East Cassia and Minidoka districts will hold a Direct Seed Drill Workshop, which will educate landowners on the benefits of No-Till practices and cover crops.

FY 2015 District Funding:

State- SWC	\$14,714
County	\$5,000
Other income	\$1,410
Tree Sale	\$1,330
Administrative Revenue	\$500
Total	\$22,954

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