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Lincoln County Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments



Completed channel reconstruction and tree planting project on Rock Creek.



Four informational signs installed at Reardan Audubon Lake North Trail as part of our Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant.



District staff replanting juniper trees following last year's living snowfence fire.

2016 Feature Accomplishment

Soil health tour and in-class experiment for fourth-graders

RESOURCE CHALLENGE

Soil health is a major concern for producers in Lincoln County and beyond. Although they may live quite close to working farms, many school-age children who live in town may not have had the opportunity to get hands-on experience seeing exactly how a farm operates. Lincoln County Conservation District wanted to provide this opportunity to help foster an interest and passion for conservation in the areas close to where they call home.



Davenport fourth grade class, producer Hal Johnson, Lincoln County Conservation District staff, and direct seed drill



In-class demonstration on the effect of soil cover on soil loss

PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS

Davenport Elementary School fourth-graders got a unique opportunity to learn about conservation farming practices both in the classroom and in the field. Funded by the Verle Kaiser Conservation Endowment, the two-day program included a hands-on demonstration in the classroom followed by a visit to local producer Hal Johnson's field, to see direct seeding in action. Seeing equipment in use and being able to ask questions was a big highlight for students. Hal explained what he was seeding, the benefits he has seen from switching to direct seed, and why he works hard to conserve soil.

KEY PARTNERS: Washington State University; Davenport School District; Lincoln County producer Hal Johnson

More work to do!

- Firewise outreach campaign, home assessments, community recognition, and fuels reduction.
- Sage-grouse habitat roadside fuel (vegetation) breaks.
- Davenport Community Garden fundraising and renovation for waterwise gardening.