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# Franklin Conservation District

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## Other Accomplishments



Wheat Week is entering its 10th year! Last school year 22,147 students and 969 teachers were reached. Photo: Kara Kaelber

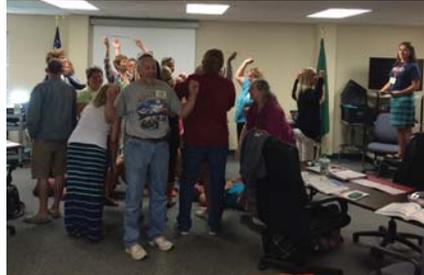


State Conservation Commission funds allowed for the conversion of a 45-acre rill irrigated field to sprinkler irrigation providing a water savings of 75-acre feet. Photo: Heather Wendt



SCC Engineering Grants supported the design and installation of many projects, including this orchard drip irrigation system. Photo: Heather Wendt

## 2016 Feature Accomplishment Science education for Washington teachers



At a three-day Natural Resources Workshop teachers participate in a Project Learning Tree activity called Tree Factory where they learn about systems. Photo: Kara Kaelber

### RESOURCE CHALLENGE

Franklin Conservation District's Education Director, Kara Kaelber, has been hosting teacher workshops since 2007 in conjunction with the Northwest Natural Resource Institute (NNRI). Washington teachers are often expected to teach science having little to no background in the subject matter. These educator workshops help provide teachers with knowledge and skills needed to feel comfortable teaching their students about natural resource conservation.

### PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS

Franklin Conservation District and NNRI delivered eight workshops across Eastern Washington and one workshop in Western Washington. These workshops reached 186 teachers, and each teacher reaches approximately 25 students, meaning a total of 4,650 students were reached. Using nationally recognized curriculum guides — Project WET, Project WILD, and Project Learning Tree — the workshops disseminate useful and effective science and conservation-based lessons to the teachers. The primary goal is for the teachers to use this knowledge and share it with their students. The workshops are educational, hands-on, engaging, and fun!



Teachers participate in a Sum of the Parts Project WET lesson at a workshop in Olympia. The lesson focuses on point and non-point source pollution. Photo: Kara Kaelber

**KEY PARTNERS:** Washington State Conservation Commission; Washington Grain Commission; Northwest Natural Resource Institute; Pacific Education Institute; Washington Potato Commission

## More work to do!

- Oversee the testing of two Deep Furrow Conservation Drill prototypes this fall.
- Coordinate the Voluntary Stewardship Program Workgroup in Franklin County.
- Oversee the implementation of 18 EQIP Irrigation Water Management contracts, in partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.