



Zone 4 Conservation Districts

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ZONE 4 SPOTLIGHT: DELTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Delta Conservation District is unique in many ways. One major difference is that the small town of Delta (and outlying area) has its own Conservation District. Located in Millard County, Delta's resources and climate has proven to be unique in itself. How do they utilize conservation practices that are vastly different than the rest of the state? Education, practice, faith, and trial & error.

Delta CD Supervisor, Chance Lyman



CHANCE LYMAN WITH HIS WIFE TRACY, DAUGHTER LEXIE AND SON HAZEN

Chance Lyman is one of the newest members on the Delta Conservation District board. With just over 1 year on the board, he is eager to learn, and willing to try new things. Chance wasn't born a farmer, but always had a passion for it. His Grandfather is one of his biggest role models, and his best memories are the summers spent on his Grandfathers farm. He also had the opportunity to live every little boys dream -his first job was in an excavator. He was a quiet kid that

excelled in school, but always wanted to be a farmer. His parents are both business professionals, but Chance had other plans. He



UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information on these and other events, visit our facebook:

[UT Conservation Dist. Zone 4](#)

NOVEMBER 18

Deadline to sign up for NRCS Programs for 2017

DECEMBER

Conservation Farmer of the Year – Fremont River CD

JANUARY 18

Zone 4 Meeting

DELTA CD



liked being outdoors, and putting in a hard days' work. He met and married a Delta girl, and moved to the family farm. For Chance, it's the perfect life. Farming is an age old practice, but Chance is looking to bring the latest science and technology to the family business.

Currently, he is a big advocate for Soil Health practices. –So big in fact, that he, along with the Delta CD board members, hosted a Soil Health Workshop. Chance has been working with NRCS and USU Extension to get as much knowledge as he can, and apply these practices to the family farm. So far, it has been a success. Chance has shared his experiences with others throughout the state, and wanted to bring his knowledge home.

Soil Health Workshop

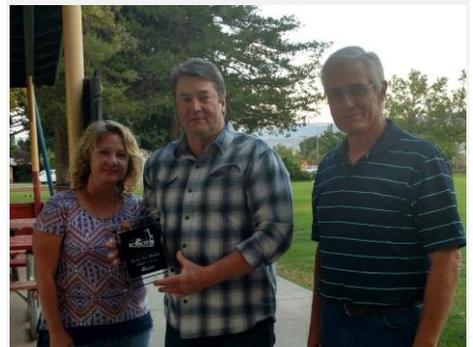
The Delta Soil Health Workshop was held September 21, 2016. Forty people attended the workshop –some came from as far as Juab County. The workshop began with a slideshow presentation, along with guest speakers Grant Cardon, of USU Extension, Paul McCollum, an area farmer, and Nels Hansen of NRCS. Many area businesses donated door prizes, and a raffle was also held to raise money for future workshops. Oversons Farm Center and Oasis Seed provided lunch, and USU Extension provided transportation and additional information. After the workshop and lunch, Chance took the attendees to his own farm to show the benefits of soil health. Then on to other farms to discuss cover crops and winter grazing. The tour was a great success! Delta CD hopes to hold other workshops like this in the future, and hopes other areas can do the same.

Delta Farm Field Day

Delta Conservation District is also passionate about education. Each year for over 20 years, Delta CD has sponsored and hosted a Farm Field Day for 3rd Grade students from Delta Elementary School. This year, the Field Day was held on September 7th. The eager 3rd grade students loaded on 3 busses, and the Conservation District supervisors led the groups. The kids had the opportunity to see Nye Dairy, and understand where milk, cheese, butter, yogurt and other dairy products come from. From there, the kids experienced Bailey Farms, where alfalfa is made into cubes and compressed bales. Then, on to Gunnison Bend Reservoir, to discuss water storage and canal systems. The kids enjoyed a lunch and participated in projects at the USU Extension building. It was a busy day full of excitement and education. With the support of so many area farms, and the help of the USU Extension, the Delta CD Board is ready to do it all again next year!



CONSERVATION FARMER OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Lee and Lisa Huntsman. They were the recipients of the Sevier CD 2016 Conservation Farmer of the Year.



Congratulations to Vernon & Victor Monroe and Families. They were the recipients of the Millard CD 2016 Conservation Farmer of the Year.



RESOURCE COORDINATOR UPDATE

TRACY BALCH

ZONE 4 RESOURCE COORDINATOR

Forest Service Plan Revision

As many of you may know, right now in the State of Utah; the Uintah, the Ashley, and the Manti-La Sal National Forests (NF) are in the process of updating their Forest Plans.

Forest plans guide management of NF lands to provide for multiple uses and a range of social, economic, and ecological benefits for the present and future.

The Manti-La Sal NF plan was written in 1986, and is outdated. Natural resources and social conditions have changed and there is new scientific knowledge available.

There are several phases to updating a Forest Plan: Pre-planning, the Assessment, Plan Development, and Implementation and Monitoring.

Forest Service personnel are in the first stage of pre-planning. During this stage is where they establish the Stakeholder Relationship. This means that the Forest meets with key stakeholders that have legal authority or special expertise in land management planning--- including, State, local, tribal, and federal governments and agencies.

The NFS is communicating with the local CDs and have actively sought them out to be a part of the stakeholder team.

If you have not had a chance to be involved yet, just wait. The NFS will be doing the rest of the State soon.

If you have any questions about this, please contact me. The Manti-La Sal also has a planning website to get any information about what they are doing, dates of open houses, and links to natural resource surveys that will help address the resource issues. You can find it at

www.fs.usda.gov/main/mantilasal/landmanagement/planning.

2016 COUNTY FAIRS



We had a great time at the County Fairs this year! Thanks to Millard, Juab, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, & Wayne Counties. The County Fair is a great event, and we enjoy being a part of it!



NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICES

NRCS PROGRAM - EQIP

NRCS is a federal program that focuses on voluntary conservation projects. These projects are done by land owners on their property, or by permittees on public lands. There are many options for conservation practices, and funding through NRCS can help landowners accomplish these practices.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):

- For Landowners and Permit Holders
- Incentive Funding available for conservation practices
- Irrigation, range, soil health, streambank restoration, high tunnels, & pasture improvements are among the list of practices.
- Deadline for 2017 funding is **NOVEMBER 18th, 2016**
- Visit your local NRCS office for more information or visit their website: www.nrcs.usda.gov

NRCS PROGRAM - CSP

The [Conservation Stewardship Program](#) (CSP) helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resources concerns. Participants earn CSP payments for conservation performance—the higher the performance, the higher the payment.

Farm Fact:

Farmers and ranchers receive only 16 cents out of every dollar spent on food at home and away from home. The rest goes for costs beyond the farm gate: wages and materials for production, processing, marketing, transportation and distribution. In 1980, farmers and ranchers received 31 cents.



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