

De Baca Soil and Water Conservation District

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2023-2024 Report of Activities



Mission Statement

Promote conservation development and wise use of the land, water and renewable natural resources.

❖ Community Collaboration & Coordination

- ✓ Worked with local producers to submit Healthy Soils Program Proposal. The proposal was approved and funded.
- ✓ Implemented a local Cost Share Program. Producers can apply for the program and receive up to \$1000.00 towards a qualifying project.
- ✓ De Baca SWCD rain gauge program --Purpose of program: Distribute rain gauges to various producers to acquire accurate precipitation data to assist the NAP committee for loss determinations.
- ✓ Sent a representative from our Local SWCD board to RC&D Meetings.
- ✓ Nominated De Baca producers David and Mary Lucero for the Outstanding Conservationist Award through NMACD. The Lucero's were selected. Board members along with awardees David and Mary Lucero attended the NMACD Annual Meeting to accept the award.

❖ Information and Education

- ✓ Presented a Soil Stewardship Program to Fort Sumner Elementary during Earth Day
- ✓ Sponsored the NM Envirothon Program
- ✓ Sponsored the Prairie Partners Meeting
- ✓ Sponsored Pesticide Compliance CEU Training at the De Baca CES
- ✓ Partnered with the De Baca CES to provide Agriculture programs in each grade at Fort Sumner Elementary
- ✓ Currently working with the Fort Sumner School Greenhouse program to recover and repair the greenhouse
- ✓ Provided drought tolerant plants and soil to the school enrichment program to be planted in planter boxes in front of each school building.
- ✓ Partnered with Quay SWCD to provide monetary awards to winning 4-H and FFA teams at the State Competition
- ✓ Held a Conservation Poster Contest. The theme was "May the Forest be with you Always". We had 70 posters turned in and awarded 6 prizes in 2 age categories.

