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STUDENTS LEARN CONSERVATION VALUES

Over the past several weeks, conservation education activities have been held across Utah—two are



reported here. The Morgan Conservation District worked with the Morgan High FFA to host a September 29 Farm Field Day in Deep Creek. Fourth graders spent the day learning about farming and conservation. Participants included USU, NRCS, NCBA, and local producers. The top accompanying photo shows NRCS Rangeland Management Specialist Shane Green teaching students about soil and water conservation. They visited nearby Deep Creek to identify the kinds of insects that live in the stream, and how they can be a good indicator of water quality.

The annual Environmental Immersion Day was held October 5 at Thanksgiving Point in Utah County. It is part of the yearlong Fairchild Challenge that challenges high school students to investigate environmental issues and devise imaginative and effective responses to the

issues. More than 400 students (from Cache Valley to Panquitch) attended the one day, hands on activity, that allowed them and their teachers to visit several educational stations around the Thanksgiving Point grounds. NRCS staffers presented a “soils properties” station that featured a soil probe demonstration and soil texturing experience. NRCS Soil Scientist Ray Grow (in bottom photo) shows students from Cyprus High School soil properties at various levels on the sample core. NRCS Public Affairs Specialist Ron Francis introduced the students to the agency and career opportunities.

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