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UTAH CONSERVATION DAY PROCLAIMED AT NRCS 70TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

NRCS in Utah recognized landowners and partners for protecting the state's natural resources during a joint meeting of Utah Conservation Commission and the Utah Water Quality Board held September 26 in Salt Lake. Agriculture Commissioner Leonard Blackham presented NRCS State Conservationist Sylvia Gillen with a proclamation from Governor Jon Huntsman, Jr., that declared September 26 as Conservation Day, in honor of the agency's 70th anniversary. The anniversary's theme, "A Partner in Conservation Since 1935," reflects the agency's mission—providing leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain, and improve our natural resources and environment.



Commissioner Blackham, speaking for the governor, praised NRCS for its rich conservation legacy that has resulted in many benefits to the state's citizens—abundant food and fiber, clean water, pure air, productive soils and open spaces to use and enjoy.

NRCS is planning another 70th anniversary celebration at the annual meeting of the Utah Association of Conservation Districts set for November 2-3 in St. George. An exhibit will feature conservation progress over the seven decades. Organizers are looking for old survey and other conservation tools that could be shown along with the modern tools of today. If you are willing to share any old equipment for display purposes, contact NRCS Public Affairs Specialist Ron Francis.

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