

2005 Outstanding Cooperator Award



Charlie Schneider with the Clay High School's 2005 Envirothon Team

Charlie Schneider was proudly named the Outstanding Cooperator of the Lucas Soil & Water Conservation District for 2005.

Mr. Schneider is a vocational agricultural teacher and FFA advisor with Clay High School in the Oregon Local School District. Charlie is actively involved in the programs that the Lucas SWCD offers, from Envirothon to Clean Your Streams. Charlie has lead his FFA students to fifth and third place in the Envirothon contests in 2005 and 2006. Both years the team has competed at the state level and gained valuable experience in the environmental field as well as working as a team. The Lucas SWCD's Seedling packing has been held at Clay High School Ag Center for approximately the past 10 years and Charlie is usually at the center of the trailer instructing the students in the appropri-

ate way to dip the bundle of trees in the Terrasorb mixture and bag them, being careful to leave no roots exposed. The extra unclaimed trees have found good homes through the Clay High School grounds as well as the teachers when needed.

The perch that Charlie raises in the tanks in the agricultural center are purchased through the District's fish fingerling sale in the fall. Charlie and a group of students from Clay High School also participated in the pilot Lead and Line clean-up in Spring 2005 where they collected lead and fishing line out of the Maumee River.

The District wishes to thank Charlie and the Agricultural education department at Clay High School for all that they do to support District programs.