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# Nebraska Section Society for Range Management Newsletter



## Message from the President

October, with its welcomed cooling fall temperatures and changes in colors to rangelands, is one of my favorite months. Maybe I am just excited for all the pumpkin spice in everything, but I really like the fall. I have had several opportunities to see the Nebraska SRM and its member in action this year.

I was recently at one of the district high school range judging events and it brought back many good memories of when I was in high school struggling to remember a certain grass or forb. To be frank, I never did that well in the competition. But, I remember thinking that understanding rangelands was intri-

guing and competing in the range judging was part of several experiences that led me to working in rangeland research today.

Range Judging, the NE Range Youth Camp, The High School Youth Forum, and the state and international SRM meetings are important learning opportunities that shape lives along with management of rangelands. I am continually impressed with the effort and sacrifice by the members of the NE SRM in making sure these things happen and happen at the highest levels of success. You all know who you are. I hope you know how appreciated your efforts are and the amazing difference you make in

people's lives.

I am looking forward to the SRM meetings in a few weeks. The NE SRM meetings provide a beneficial outlet to come together with others who are passionate about rangeland management. Lance Schutte as put together a great line up of speakers and tours and I look forward to expanding my understanding rangelands. Great things happen when people come together with a common goal. I hope to see everyone there!

## Historian's Report...by Jeff Nichols

### DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN THE NEBRASKA SECTION.....

#### Five Years Ago (2014)

The Nebraska Section Officers were: Bob Browleit, President; Bob Browleit, President Elect (note: Bob agreed to serve as President two years in a row to allow council members progression to stay on track from previous vacancy from the council); Jon Soper, Past President; Angie Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer; Sheila Luoma, Newsletter Editor; Karla Jenkins and Jeff Nichols were Council members.

The International meetings for

SRM were held in February 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, FL. Blair Hartman represented the Nebraska Section in the High School Youth Forum with her presentation on prescribed burning.

#### Ten Years Ago (2009)

The Nebraska Section officers were: Mary Reece, President; Dana Larsen, Past President; Doug Whisenhunt, President Elect; Leslie Stewart-Phelps, Secretary/Treasurer; Jamie Hornickel, Newsletter Editor; Michael Croxen and Curtis Talbot were Council Members.

The 62<sup>nd</sup> annual International meeting of SRM was held in Al-

buquerque, NM, Tom Kelly represented the NE Section at the High School Youth Forum, where he earned first place for his presentation on the Birdwood Creek Restoration. UNL placed in the top five in the Plant ID competition. Jess Milby of UNL was recognized in the top five for the combined award. Laura Snell of UNL took first place and Shelly Miller of CSC place second in the undergraduate public speaking contest. CSC took first in the Rangeland Cup Competition. Shelly Miller of CSC was elected national Student Conclave President and Jamie Hornickel, also of CSC, was elected Reporter. There were 38 Nebraskan's in attendance at the

## 2019 Range Judging by Kristin Dickinson

We have wrapped up the 64th year of range judging in Nebraska. This year, we reached 1272 participants through Area Contests and had the second largest state contest ever held, with 512 participants. This contest was held in Holt County. The top senior individual and overall grand champion was Sheridan Wilson from Arthur County and the top junior individual was Lucas Olson from West Holt. The top senior team and overall champion was from West Holt. Members were Martin Wentworth, Aaron Kraus, Jackson Butterfield, and Garrison Hansen. The top junior team was also from West Holt and had members Lucas Olson, Sadie Jarecke, Isaac Pstulka, and EmiLee Walnofer.

A huge thank you goes to the State Committee members and all the local contest committees for putting together some outstanding

contests! If we didn't have the great volunteers in Nebraska, we wouldn't have such a strong program.



We also honored Roger Lechtenberg and Dennis Mottl for their years of service to the state range judging committee. Roger and Dennis are now enjoying retirement after numerous years teaching range judging to students and serving on the State Committee.

Thank you, Roger and Dennis, for all of you service to range judging in Nebraska!

Invitations to host area and state contests for 2020 will be sent out later this fall.

It continues to be a great time for educating youth in Nebraska about the rangeland resource! Thank you to all that have assisted in one way or another with a contest or contests or helping schools to prepare for contests.



## Section Council Nomination

Ben grew up on a family farm in northeast Nebraska where he was involved with 4-H and FFA. After attending a few range judging competitions as a freshman, Ben participated in the Nebraska Range Camp and the International SRM High School Youth Forum during his high school career. Upon graduation he attended University of Nebraska - Lincoln, majoring in Grassland Ecology and Management and was an active member of the UNL Range Club and spend summers working for the UNL range and forage department. Returning to UNL for a masters degree under Dr. Walt Schacht and Dr. Jerry Volesky, Ben spent 2 years researching mob grazing impacts on litter decomposition and root development at the UNL Barta Brother's Ranch in the eastern sandhills. Ben currently lives in Hartington, NE with his wife, daughter and soon to join son. He serves Cedar, Knox, Pierce, Antelope and Madison counties in northeast Nebraska as a beef focused extension educator, he assisting producers with grazing management and forage production. He also currently serves on the Nebraska State Range Judging Committee as vice-president.



Ben Beckman



# WE WANT YOU!

### On the Nebraska SRM Section Council board!

If you are interested in joining the Nebraska SRM Section Council board, contact Committee Chairman Bob Browleit (308)240-0420 [bentbarc@gmail.com](mailto:bentbarc@gmail.com)

## How You Can Use Airbnb to Add Value to Your Small Farm or Ranch by Laura (Snell) Starr

Airbnb is an online tool that connects people who want to rent out their homes, extra bedrooms or even couches with people who are looking for accommodations in that location. More recently, Airbnb has also become a tool that connects people who are local experts, craft or hobby teachers, or can offer other activities to people looking to experience something new. This is a way for people to travel differently, learn the area, meet new people, and experience life like a local. This is also an opportunity for rural communities and producers to share their story, connect to new audiences and promote tourism.



I have been an Airbnb host for nearly four years now, meeting people from all over the world and sharing my rural way of life. I currently own a 3 bedroom/2 bath house on 10 acres in Modoc County, CA. Modoc County is in the northeast corner of California bordering Nevada and Oregon. It is quite rural with over 70% public land and just under 10,000 people. Guests that come and stay with me enjoy the amazing summer night skies filled with stars and wake up to a beautiful view of the Warner Mountains. When I first bought the property, I questioned how to earn income on a small property and also educate the public about rural living - Airbnb provided an opportunity. Now, beyond helping you to rent a space, Airbnb can also help you market experiences on your property or in your community.

Airbnb experiences are a relatively new program to Airbnb guests. People from around

the world are offering tours, classes, shows and more to people wanting to “experience” new things on their travels. In Nebraska, hosts are offering horseback riding, cooking lessons, farm tours, and history walks. Hosts manage their own page on Airbnb and set their calendar to offer experiences. Airbnb handles payment processing, customer service, and up to \$1 million insurance. There are a few things like rock climbing and scuba diving that the insurance doesn’t cover so make sure you read the fine print.

Over the last couple of years I have raised chickens and quail, raised a steer, cut firewood, and entered into a rangeland restoration project involving cutting down juniper for essential oils. I grow a good sized garden and have canned, dried, and frozen a lot of local produce. Airbnb guests have had the opportunity to ask questions, see new things, and even participate in the regular activities at my homestead. Guests have helped to bucket feed my 1000 pound steer, weed the garden, and even split firewood just for the experience. When I am able to offer these experiences to guests, I receive really favorably reviews and have often been a “super host” which is set on number of guests and favorable reviews.

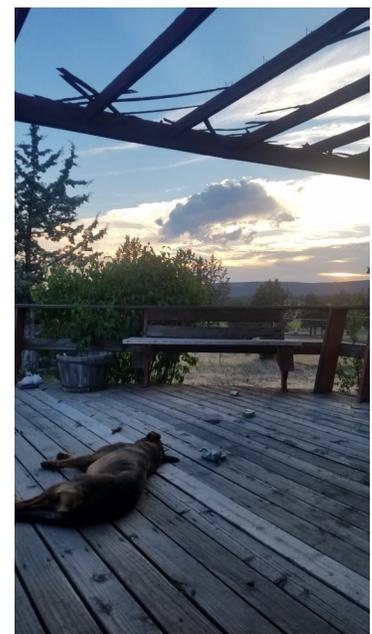


Airbnb has provided many benefits for my homestead over the past four years from mak-

ing new friends, educating the public and generating income. If you have ever thought about becoming a host for overnight guests or the new experiences program, I suggest you give it a try. Finding your hosting niche and telling your story will help you get more guests while also bringing interest to your property and community.



For more information, check out the full blog at <https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=30194>  
Laura Kay (Snell)-Starr UC ANR Modoc County Director and Airbnb Modoc Rural Retreat



## 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska Youth Range Camp by Sara Wahl

The 56<sup>th</sup> annual Nebraska Youth Range Camp took place June 10 – 14 at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, Nebraska lead by co-directors Shelly Kelly and Sara Wahl. Forty-nine students from all across Nebraska, including one camper from Colorado took part in the week-long camp. The students learned about similarity index, grazing management, ranch economics, rangeland soils, stocking rates, prescribed fire, wildlife, and much more. All activities that the campers participate in count towards points for earn the top “Crew” award and top individual for the week.

The overall top crew was Three Bar lead by Ashley Garrelts of the Sandhills Task Force. Her crew was made up of Amber Staab, Kaden Wykert, Kylie Bear, Makennen Havlat, and Sam McMillan.



The overall top new camper went to Logan Hafer of Anselmo and the top overall returning camper went to Sheridan Wilson of Lemoyne. The top newcomer exam award went to Luke Olson of Atkinson. Darla Nichols of Miller was awarded the most improved camper for the week.

Range Camp had sixteen ranch sponsors this year, along with a generous donation from

Corteava. This helped us cut our registration fee in half this year. We want to give a very special thanks to all of those who helped make camp possible, especially our Crew Bosses who helped us throughout the entire week. This year our crew bosses included: Teyvn Baldwin, Kortni Burnett, Brad Carlson, Travis Connot, Ashley Garrelts, Cody Grewing, Tim Griffin, Blair Hartman, Nizhoni LaFrance, Lisa McMillan, and Matt Zvolanek.



## Seeking Ranch Sponsors At a Glance

### Seeking Ranch Sponsor – Nebraska Youth Range Camp

The Nebraska Youth Range camp is seeking new ranch sponsors for the 57<sup>th</sup> annual camp and we need your help! Due to the generosity of our twenty ranch sponsors from last year we are able to cut our registrations cost in half for 2019. This would not be possible without the continued support of our ranch sponsors. We need the Nebraska Section members help! Would you or someone you know be interested in sponsoring the 57<sup>th</sup> Nebraska Youth Range Camp? We have three different levels of sponsorship available. If you know someone who is interested in serving as a ranch sponsor please contact Shelly Kelly at [shelly@sandhilltaskforce.com](mailto:shelly@sandhilltaskforce.com) or Sara Wahl at [sara.wahl@usda.gov](mailto:sara.wahl@usda.gov).



### Nebraska State Section Meeting

Oct 22–24, 2019

### Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition Event

Nov 11–14, 2019

Do you have information you want to share with other SRM Members?

Send an email to  
[Laura.Rubeck@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Laura.Rubeck@ars.usda.gov)

or

[Amanda.Hefner@tnc.org](mailto:Amanda.Hefner@tnc.org)

Get featured in the next newsletter!



## In Remembrance...Lowell E. Moser

The Nebraska Section is saddened to learn that Lowell Moser has passed away. Lowell was Section President in 1977 and received the Section Service Award in 1983 for his contribution to rangelands, the Nebraska Section, and the Society for Range Management.



Lowell E. Moser, 79, of Lincoln, died on April 27, 2019 after a long battle with cancer. He was born March 19, 1940, near Akron, OH, to Jess E. and Velma (Lowry) Moser. In 1946, the family moved to Seville, Ohio, and he grew up on a small dairy farm. Lowell graduated from Westfield High School in LeRoy, (now Westfield Center) OH, in 1958.

After attending Ohio University for one year, he transferred and received his B.S. from The Ohio State University in 1962. He earned his M.S. degree in Range Management from Kansas State University in 1964, and a Ph.D. in Forage and Turf Physiology from The Ohio State University in 1967. After three years as an assistant professor at OSU, Lowell accepted a position in Forage/Range teaching and research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. From 1970, to his retirement in 2005, he was a Professor of Agronomy at UNL. He took a sabbatical leave at the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1979. He taught courses in Forage and Range Management and Forage Physiology and his research was focused on grass physiology and growth. Lowell advised numerous B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. students, and many student groups. He was active in the leadership of numerous Department, College, and UNL committees.

Dr. Moser received numerous awards including a UNL/Amoco Distinguished Teaching Award in 1974, several UNL Advising Awards, the Gamma Sigma Delta International Service to Agriculture in 2001, and the CSSA/Monsanto Distinguished Career Award in 2008. He was awarded the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl Professorship in 1994, which he held for the rest of his career. Dr. Moser was named Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA), Crop Science Society of

America (CSSA), American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA). He received the Outstanding Service to Agriculture from Kansas State University in 1995. Dr. Moser was elected to many leadership positions including president of his professional organizations, ASA, CSSA, and the Honor Society of Agriculture-Gamma Sigma Delta. After retirement, he served on the Board and as President of the UNL Emeriti Association. He chaired the ASA Centennial Celebration Committee and also the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture Centennial Committee. He was a member of the Society for Range Management, Alpha Zeta, Farm-House, and the St. Mark's United Methodist Church. He also was interested in genealogy, traveling, reading, and gardening.

He leaves his wife of 54 years, Lovell Hunziger Moser, daughter and husband Carrie and Phil Heermann, granddaughters Melanie and Molly; son and wife, William and Christine Moser, grandson Zachary and granddaughter Emily. He was preceded in death by his parents, Velma and Jess Moser.

Memorials may be given to the University of Nebraska Foundation in his name (1010 Lincoln Mall; Suite 300; Lincoln, NE 68508) or to St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

## Historian's Report...continued

Section dinner.

### Twenty Years Ago (1999)

The Nebraska Section officers were: Terry Enfield, President; Bob Masters, President Elect; Daryl Cisney, Past President; Bob Sprentall, Secretary/Treasurer; Sherry Connot, Newsletter Editor; Lora O'Rourke and Walt Schacht were Council members.

The International meeting for SRM was held at Omaha Nebraska. The meeting was held jointly with the American Forage and Grassland Council (AFGC). It was the culmination of several years of planning and organizing by Nebraska SRM members and others. The meeting was deemed an outstanding success.

Walt Fick Sr. was honored at the meetings with the W.R. Chaplin Land Stewardship Award. Kimberli Stine was awarded the NRCS Range Management Spe-

cialist of the Year Award. Ingrid Jordan of Omaha placed second out of 76 contestants in the plant I.D. Contest. Jen Fler of Hoskins placed third out of 24 contestants in the Undergraduate Public Speaking Contest.

### Thirty Years Ago (1989)

The Nebraska Section officers were: Sid Salzman, President; Jack Maddux, President Elect; Susan Oldfather (Shuckert), Past President; Daryl Cisney, Secretary-Treasurer; Mary Raymer (Reece), Newsletter Editor; Catherine Mills and Milton King were Council members.

The international meeting was held in Billings, MT. Over 1500 people were registered. There were 40 people at the Nebraska section dinner. The bid to host the 1991 summer meetings and tour at North Platte Nebraska was awarded at the meeting in Billings.

### Forty Years Ago (1979)

The Nebraska Section Officers were: Paul SeEVERS, President; Leonard Thye, Past President; James T. Nichols, President Elect; James Stubbendieck, Secretary-Treasurer; Patrick Reece, Newsletter Editor; and Dave Hamilton and Jim Emal were council members.

The International SRM meetings were held in Casper, WY. Six graduate students, five high school students, and many other professionals and land owners attended the meetings from Nebraska. Jack Maddux of Wauneta presented a program on "Cowboy Planning and Management".

Regular membership dues were \$28.00 per year, which included the Journal of Range Management and Rangelands. Steve Waller was the membership chairman.

## Notes of Gratitude

Dear Nebraska SRM Section,

I would like to thank you for providing me with the opportunity of attending the High School Youth Forum. While attending the HSYF I was able to connect with twenty-two other high school students that share my passion of range and livestock. I learned about how different climates affected the ways of ranching. During the week we went on two ecological tours. They were the Como Park and Zoo as well as Prairie Restoration Company. At the Como Park and Zoo, I learned that bonsai trees do not stay small unless you tend to them. At Prairie Restoration Company, I experienced the process of cleaning seed. We were also able to attend a prescribed fire session where I learned how to properly fill out the paperwork. This information will be useful in my own operation. The many contacts that I made in Minneapolis will serve me in the future. The HSYF was a quality learning experience from which I took information home to better my operation.

Sincerely,  
Nathan Burnett  
Shelton, Nebraska



To those on the Arthur W. Sampson Fellowship Fund Selection Committee,

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your graciousness in selecting me the recipient of this award. It allowed me opportunities to present my graduate research I otherwise would not have had. Due to the generosity of this scholarship, I was afforded the opportunity to present orally at the National 2019 SRM meeting in Minneapolis, compete with a poster in the University-wide Science Fair, as well as take part in the Agronomy/Horticulture Elevator Speech Contest Spring 2019.

These opportunities both strengthened my presentation skills as well as instilled pride in the all the efforts graduate work has to offer.

Thank you again to all on the Arthur W. Sampson Fellowship Fund Selection Committee, as well as all of you on all scholarship committees. As students, we are very grateful for your efforts!

Take care,  
Laura Rubeck



THANK YOU PARTNER!

## Welcome to SRM!

The Nebraska SRM section would like to welcome its newest member, Emma Barnett!

While I was born in Hot Springs, SD, I grew up on the front range of Colorado, where my dad was a Soil Scientist/Ecologist for the US Forest Service for many years. Most of our family was from the Black Hills, and the NE Panhandle. After high school, my family moved to Rapid City, and I attended South Dakota State University, where in 2013, I received BS degrees in Range Science and Wildlife & Fisheries Science, with minors in Botany and Biology. After graduation I went to work for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources as a Rangeland Manager, overseeing grazing and agricultural leases across the southeastern portion of the state. After 5 years in WA, I was (and still am!) excited to be back in the Midwest. The sagebrush steppe was a great experience, but I've missed the prairie. In many ways, it's felt like a homecoming to be back in NE. I am thrilled to be a part of Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) as an Environmental Restoration Specialist in our Corporate Environmental Department. It is truly my dream career, and I am beyond blessed to work with some truly amazing scientists and professionals. My husband and I are loving the Kearney community, and are excited to put down roots here with our 3-year-old daughter, and 5-month-old son. In my spare time, wait - who am I kidding - I'm a mom, I don't have spare time! All jokes aside, when my tiny humans aren't keeping me busy, I enjoy photography and all things outdoors (camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, etc.). I am very much looking forward to being a part of the SRM Nebraska Section and can't wait to meet everyone at upcoming events!



**Nebraska**  
Society for  
Range Management  
**Photography**  
**C**ontest

*Show your creative side while supporting Nebraska Section SRMI*

*Proceeds from the photography contest will go towards funding opportunities for youth within the Nebraska SRM Section*

**Submission Categories**

- grasslands, forests, fresh water - lakes and rivers, deserts and arid land
- wildlife, animals and livestock
- rangeland, pastures and plants

**Submission Requirements:**

- Photographs should be submitted in frames or printed on canvas mounts
- Labels below should accompany submissions,
- Open to both SRM members and non-members

**Submission Location**

Photos will be submitted at the beginning of the SRM Nebraska Chapter meeting near the registration table on Wednesday Oct 23, 2019 near the registration table at the US Meat Animal Research Center, and will be displayed during the meeting until the Crazy Auction.

**Voting Procedures**

Meeting attendees will cast a popular vote for the top photo by 5 PM on October 23, 2019. The winner will be announced at the Crazy Auction. ALL PHOTOS submitted will be auctioned and offered for sale.

**SRM Photography Contest Entry Tag**



 **Photographer Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

 **Subject Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

 **Location Taken:** \_\_\_\_\_



**The Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition,  
Nebraska Extension and Green Cover Seed Present:**

## **Observing and Thinking: One Man's Journey to Regenerative Agriculture Featuring Shane New**



Shane New is a stockman and entrepreneur from Holton, Kansas. He is a graduate of Kansas State University. Shane was a civil contractor and sod producer for 20 years prior to completely focusing on regenerative agriculture. Despite doing various things, he has been doing soil health practices for many years. Some of these practices include no-tilling, cover crops, rotational grazing, and adaptive grazing. Shane is also a principle in Soil Health Academy.

Shane and his wife Kelli have three children. They own and operate New Family Farms located in Holton, Kansas. The farm consists of cover crops, cattle, and free range chickens. They currently market their meat and eggs directly to consumers. Shane and New Family Farms received the Soil Health Award in 2017 by the Jackson County Conservation District. This was awarded for outstanding accomplishments in the management of soil health and related sources. Shane also completed Dr. Elaine Ingham's Life in the Soils courses. His passion is production agriculture and believes that the future for agriculture and human health has to come from regenerative agricultural practices.

**Topics will include:**

- Knowing how to take economic values from your operations.
- Why are you doing it if you are losing money?
- Do we really know what foods should taste like?
- How to change the way you see.

Program also includes presentations from local farmers/ranchers that have experience grazing cover crops on row crop acres and a summary of the three year NET funded NGLC Grazing Cover Crops Project.

## 4 Nebraska Locations in 4 days

### Monday, November 11, 2019

9:30 AM – 4 PM (Central time)

United Methodist Church Hall, ~~Verdigre~~, NE

Contact Ben Beckman, Nebraska Extension in Cedar County

402 254 6821

### Tuesday, November 12, 2019

9:30 AM - 4 PM (Central time)

Valley County Fairgrounds, Ord, NE

Contact Steve Niemeyer, Nebraska Extension in GLW Counties

308 346 4200

### Wednesday, November 13, 2019

9:30 AM – 4 PM (Mountain time)

Chadron State College, Student Center, Chadron, NE

Contact Jack Arterburn, Nebraska Extension in Sioux, Box Butte, Dawes and Sheridan Counties

308 327 2312

### Thursday, November 14, 2019

9:30 AM – 4 PM (Central time)

Community Center, Blue Hill, NE

Contact Green Cover Seed

402 469 6784

No cost. Meal provided. Students and local FFA chapters encouraged to attend. Must preregister by November 6 to reserve a meal by pre-registering at the NGLC website (<https://nebraskagrazinglands.org/Grazing-Cover-Crop-Workshop>) or calling the UNL Extension office indicated or Green Cover Seed. For more information, contact Ron Bolze, Coordinator, NGLC, 402 321 0067 (cell) or [ron@nebraskagrazinglands.org](mailto:ron@nebraskagrazinglands.org).

**PRE-REGISTRATION**  
Due by October 1, 2019

	Number	Total
Regular Member	_____	_____
\$60.00 (Late 70.00)		
Non-Member	_____	_____
\$60.00 (Late 60.00)		
Spouse	_____	_____
\$20.00 (late 25.00)		
Student (includes banquet)	_____	_____
\$25.00 (Late \$30.00)		
Lunch included in Registration		
Banquet	_____	_____
\$20.00		
Tour (Free)	_____	_____
<b>Total Enclosed:</b>	<b>\$</b>	_____

Please fill out both sides of this form and mail with your check by

**October 1, 2019 to:**

Angie Peterson  
1802 West 1st St.  
North Platte, NE 69101

Make Checks Payable to:  
**Nebraska Section SRM**

**2019 Annual Meeting Lodging:**

A block of rooms is reserved at the C3 Hotel and Convention Center under "NE Society for Range Management"



Nebraska Section  
Society for Range Management,  
Presents:

Building Rangeland Resilience in  
the  
Rangeland/Farmland  
Interface

United States  
Meat Animal  
Research  
Center

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## 2019 Nebraska Section Meeting and Technical Training

**OCTOBER 22, 23, AND 24  
ALL TIMES ARE CST**

### Tuesday, October 22

6:30 pm Advisory Council Meeting – C3 Hotel and Convention Center

### Wednesday, October 23 United States Meat Animal Research Center

7:30-8:30 am Registration

8:30 am Section Meeting

10:00 am High School Youth Forum Presentations

10:30 am Break

11:00 am Undergraduate and Graduate Student Presentations

12:00 pm Lunch (Provided)

1:00 pm Welcome and Introduction to the United States Meat Animal Research Center. **Dr. Mark Boggess, Center Director**

1:45 pm GDEX: A 10 Year Study of Sandhills Stability and Grassland Resilience. **Dr. David Wedin, Professor of Agronomy, UNL**

2:30 pm Break

### Wednesday, October 23—continued

2:45 pm Patch Burn Grazing to Benefit Ecological Resilience. **Chris Helzer, The Nature Conservancy**

3:15 pm Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Working Lands Initiative-Integrating Playas Wetlands into Working Farms and Ranches. **Andy Bishop, Coordinator of Rainwater Basin Joint Venture**

3:30 pm Are Nebraska Grazing Lands at Carrying Capacity? **Walt Schacht, Professor of Agronomy, UNL**

4:30 pm Adjourn

5:00 No-host Social and Auction **C3 Hotel and Convention Center**

6:30 pm Banquet and Awards Presentations

### Thursday, October 24

#### **Field Tour Agenda**

8:00 am Meet at USMARC  
9:00 am Advancements made at USMARC by adopting management intensive grazing practices. **Chad Engle, Livestock Operations Manager, Lance Schutte, Range and Forage Manager**  
12:00 pm Adjourn

## 2019 Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Section Society for Range Management Clay Center, NE

### PRE-REGISTRATION

Name (how you want badge printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse (if attending) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Affiliation

Check all that apply:

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\_\_\_\_ Unaffiliated