



September 05, 2023

To: Vocational Agriculture Instructors
From: Adam Kimmerling, Information & Education Coordinator, Lower Big Blue NRD
Subject: 2023 State Range Judging Contest

The State Range Judging Contest will be held **Wednesday, September 27, 2023 with a practice date of Tuesday, September 26, 2023** in the Beatrice area. **Registration will be held at the Gage County Extension Office 1115 W. Scott St. Beatrice, NE 68310**-Buses should enter the west drive of the Gage County Fairgrounds and line up facing south to be led to the site.

- **Pre-register for the contest by Friday, September 22, 2023. (Register by mail with payment included or by email and pay the day of contest; see contact info below.)**
- **Registration fees are \$3.00 per contestant, due with registration or at check-in time.** Please make checks payable to Lower Big Blue NRD. If you need to make changes prior to the contest date, please email them to the Lower Big Blue NRD as soon as possible. You may also make minor changes on the day of the contest.

There are 4 contest divisions: Junior (sophomore class and under), Senior (junior & senior class) Professional(those employed in an agricultural related profession and Adult. **As per the Range Judging rules, do not put your students on teams. The scoring program will automatically sort students by the highest to lowest scores, placing your top scoring students on the same team. There is no limit on the number of individuals that can be registered.**

Restrooms will be available at both the registration and contest location.

There will be NO Awards ceremony following the contest, therefore you be dismissed once the contest review is completed at the contest site. Results will be emailed via the AgEd listserv & posted on the Nebraska SRM website as soon as possible.

Reference Materials:

- EC150 Range Judging Handbook and Contest Guide for Nebraska
- EC89-118 Nebraska Range and Pasture Forbs and Shrubs
- EC86-113 A Guide for Planning and Analyzing a Year-Round Forage Program
- EC91-123 Drought Management on Range and Pastureland
- EC92-124E Nebraska Handbook of Range Management
- EC05-170 Common Grasses of Nebraska

Available online at: <http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/epublic/pages/index.jsp>

If you have questions concerning the contest, you may contact me at the Lower Big Blue NRD office at 402-228-3402 or by email at kimmerling@lbbnrd.net

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM STATE RANGE JUDGING CONTEST

(No limit on the number of entries)
Registration Fee: \$3.00/contestant

NAME OF CHAPTER, CLUB, OR INDIVIDUAL _____

Contest Division	Number of Individuals	Number of Teams
Junior		
Senior		
Adults		
Total # of Participants		

TOTAL # OF PARTICIPANTS _____ x \$3.00 = \$ _____ Total Due
(Note that the amount charged per contestant goes back to the Range Judging Committee after this contest to help cover ribbon, score card and National/Regional Contest travel scholarship expenses.)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lower Big Blue NRD

Submitted by: Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

CONTEST-DAY PHONE NUMBER: _____

**Please return to: Adam Kimmerling, Lower Big Blue NRD
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Please return by: Friday, September 22, 2023

