

TO: Vocational Agriculture Instructors
FROM: Connie McCarthy & Amy Timmerman, State Contest Coordinators
DATE: September 17, 2023
SUBJECT: 2025 State Range Judging Contest

DATE: Wednesday September 24, 2025
LOCATION: Keya Paha County
CHECK-IN: 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. at the
Springview Activity Center, 122 North Main
Street

The Lower Niobrara Natural Resources District, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nebraska Extension, and the Nebraska Section of the Society for Range Management are contest sponsors.

Pre-Registration is required, and the deadline is **September 19, 2025**. Please go to [State Range Judging](#) or scan the QR code. The preferred method is via the link, to register by mail, send completed forms and payment to: Lower Niobrara NRD, PO Box 350, Butte, NE 68722.

This link is a Qualtrics survey in which you can enter all contestant names. **Junior Division** is grade 10 or below (including junior high students), **Senior Division** is grade 12 or below, and **Adult Division** for instructors, parents, bus drivers, and anyone else wanting to participate. Please enter all the contestants in the text box below the appropriate division.

The registration fee is \$5.00 per contestant (due and payable at check-in). Please make checks payable to Lower Niobrara NRD. Registration fees are non-refundable.

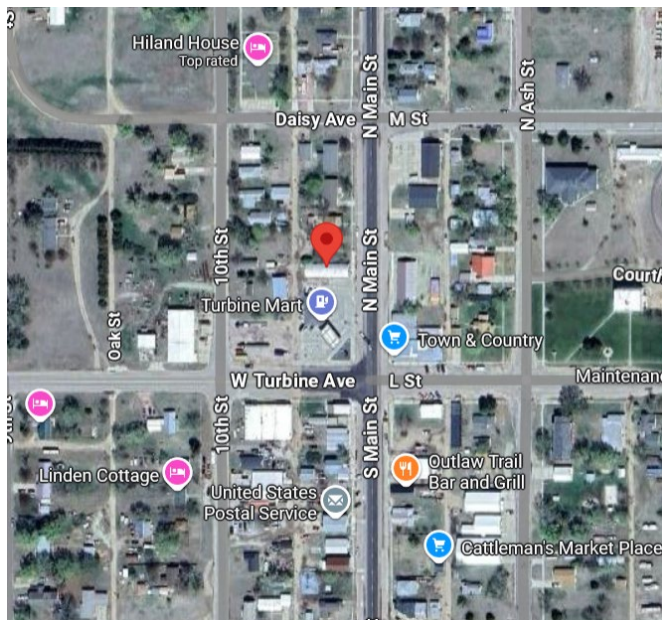
UTVs/ATVs will not be provided to students in crutches, post-surgery boot, wheelchairs, etc. at the State Range Judging contest or practice site. On Sept. 24th, accommodations will be made for students that travel slower, as a special group that will be led through the contest at a slower pace. FFA instructors- please let us know if you have students that would be part of this group at the morning registration.

The EC150, Revised July 2025, is available here [Range Judging Handbook](#).

There will be no awards following the contest. Upon completion of the contest, schools will be dismissed for the day and lunch is on your own. Within a day or two, official State contest results will be posted on www.nesrm.org. Select Nebraska Range Judging, Results.

There are a two options in Springview for snacks and lunch including The Outlaw Trail Bar & Grill (1-402-497-2237) and Turbine Mart (1-402-497-3000).

If you are looking for lodging, there is not anything available in Springview. Communities to explore for lodging options include: Ainsworth, Atkinson, Bassett, Valentine in Nebraska and Gregory, Winner in South Dakota. Travel time to these options will be a minimum of 40 minutes from Springview.



Practice location will be available for participants after 3 pm on Tuesday September 23rd. Here is a [google link](#) to the practice location, also a google map below. Physical address is Burton Ave and Green Valley Rd (5 miles south of Burton).

We look forward to seeing you and your students on September 24th! If you have questions, or changes prior to the contest date, contact Connie at cmccarthy@lnnrd.org or Amy at atimmerman2@unl.edu.

