

To: FFA Chapters and Schools (must be located within Area 4 boundaries)
From: Brent Plugge, Area 4 Contest Coordinator
Date: August 25, 2025
Subject: 2025 Area 4 Range Judging Contest

CONTEST DATE: Wednesday, September 10, 2025
LOCATION: Hall County, Platte Valley Preserve
CHECK-IN: 8:00 to 9:00 am CT at shop (*directions below*)

REGISTRATIONS DUE: September 3, 2025

The Nebraska Section of the Society for Range Management, Nebraska Extension, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service are hosting the Area 4 contest.

Pre-Registration is required (online only), and the deadline is **Wednesday, September 3, 2025**. Please go to the Area 4 Range Judging registration link or scan the QR code. The link is as follows: Link:
https://go.unl.edu/area4_range_registration



The only method to register is using the link or QR code.
NO entries will be accepted by mail, email, or fax.

Make checks payable to:
Nebraska Society for Range Management or *NESRM*.
Cost is \$5/participant.*
Payment due at check-in. Registration fees are non-refundable.

For registration, you will need:

- School or FFA Chapter Name
- Instructor name, email, and telephone number
- Contestant name(s)
- Division: **Senior Division**- grades 11 & 12
Junior Division- grades 9, 10 or younger
Adult Division- instructors, parents, bus drivers, and other non-students.
- Online registrations are due Wednesday, September 3, 2025. No late entries.

Once your online registration is submitted, you will receive an email with a list of participants and their divisions (from Amy Timmerman).

Bring drops or substitutes to check-in. Additional students cannot be added- for example, if you pre-register 20 students, you will only get 20 cards the day of the contest.

Volunteers needed: If any FFA instructors are interested in leading a group during the contest, please contact Joe at joe.krolikowski@usda.gov or (308) 390-0156 prior to the contest.

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. The cards will be scored later, and official Area 4 contest results will be posted around September 18th on <https://www.nesrm.org/>. Select “Nebraska Range Judging,” then “Results.”

The most updated version of the [Nebraska Range Judging Handbook](#) is online, revised February 2025.

We look forward to seeing you and your students on **September 10th** at the Platte River Preserve near Wood River, Nebraska! If you have questions about the Area 4 contest, contact Brent Plugge at brent.plugge@unl.edu.

**Note: registration fees go back to the Range Judging Committee to cover expenses of ribbons, score cards, and National/Regional Contest travel scholarships.*

REMINDER: Husker Harvest Days is scheduled for September 9-11, 2025, therefore plan on more traffic than usual.

Directions to Platte River Preserve:

- *At Exit 300 on Interstate 80, take State Highway 11 south-southeast for approximately two miles. Or go south of Wood River, NE on Highway 11.*
- *Highway 11 will make a sharp curve to the east. As Highway 11 makes this curve, Platte River Drive will be the first gravel road that goes directly south from Highway 11.*
 - *Do not turn onto Platte River Drive, but continue east until the next right turn.*
- *There will be a driveway that goes to a newly constructed shop. Buses can park here.*

