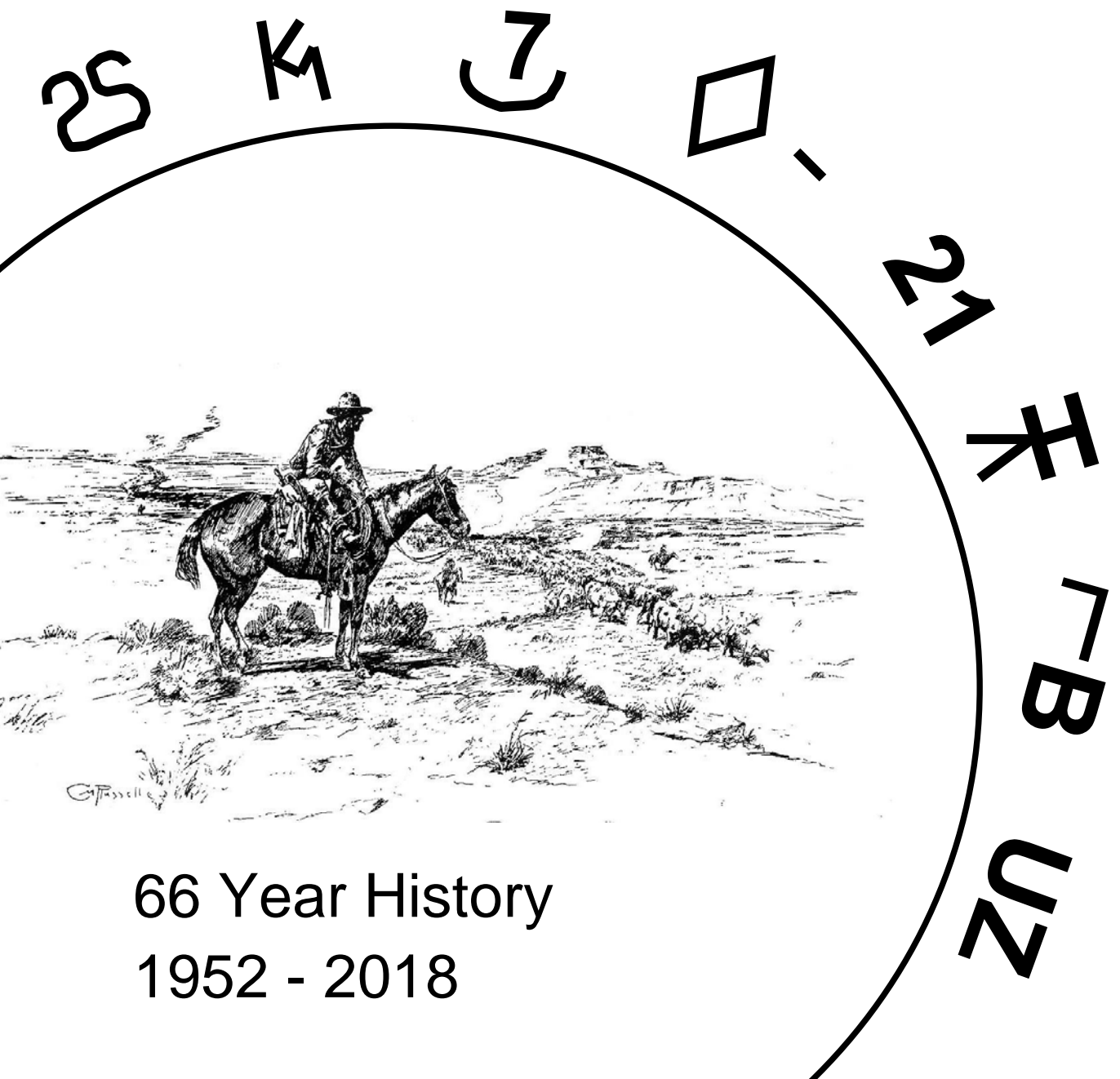


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**SIXTY YEAR HISTORY
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The sixth edition of the Nebraska Section History is to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the organization of the Nebraska Section. The Section was organized on October 9, 1952, at Fort Robinson, Nebraska. The formal charter was issued by the Society for Range Management on January 23, 1953.

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I. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION-SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

The international organization was founded in 1948 as the American Society of Range Management (ASRM). In 1971, the official name was changed to Society for Range Management (SRM). The objectives of the organization were as follows: (1) To foster advancement in the science and art of grazing land management, (2) To promote progress in the conservation and greatest sustained use of forage and soil resources, (3) To stimulate discussion and understanding of scientific and practical range and pasture problems, (4) To provide a medium for the exchange of ideas and facts among society members and with allied technologists, and (5) To encourage professional improvement of its members.

The first officers were:

President	Joseph F. Pechanec
Vice President	Wilton T. White
Secretary-Treasurer	Harold F. Heady

Council:

B. W. Allred	George Stewart	David F. Costello
L.A. Stoddart	Fred G. Renner	Vernon A. Young

By the end of 1948, the Society had 664 members of which 476 were charter members. Charter members that later became members of the Nebraska Section were:

Dr. John M. Aikman	Dr. E. J. Dyksterhius	Dr. J. E. Weaver
Dr. Marvel L. Baker	Walter M. Nixon	Dr. Elverne C. Conard
C. M. Schumacher		

In addition, Jack S. McCorkle, Hardy, was a charter member who transferred into the Nebraska Section from another Section.

II. NEBRASKA SECTION ORGANIZATION-SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

The Nebraska Section was organized at a meeting held at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, October 9, 1952. The meeting was chaired by Lorenz F. Bredemeier. A motion was passed to petition the ASRM for a charter. Dr. E. J. Dyksterhius, also a member of the national Board of Directors, assisted with the organization of the Section.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: (1952)

Article 1. NAME. "The name of the organization shall be the Nebraska Section of the American Society of Range Management."

Article 2. OBJECTIVES. "The objectives shall be those of the parent society with emphasis on promoting greater application, interest and knowledge concerning management of grazing lands in the State of Nebraska."

Article 3. MEMBERSHIP. "Those persons shall be eligible for membership who are members of the American Society of Range Management, and who reside or work in Nebraska."

Article 4. OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of the Section shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. The governing body shall be known as the Section Council, consisting of current officers and the immediate past Chairman.

Section 3. Tenure of office shall be one calendar year, or the remainder thereof. Officers shall not succeed themselves.

Section 4. Unexpired vacancies shall be filled by unanimous action of the Section Council.

Article 5. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. Officers shall be elected by letter ballot supplied to all members by the Secretary as described herein.

Section 2. The Chairman shall appoint a nominations committee of (3) three members on or before August 1 of each year. The nominations committee shall prepare a list of two candidates for each elective office. This list shall be transmitted to the Secretary on or before September 15.

Section 3. The Secretary shall send each member a typed, mimeographed or printed ballot containing a list of all candidates on or before October 1. Essential instructions will accompany the ballot. Marked ballots shall be returned to the Secretary on or before October 30. On or before November 1, the ballots shall be counted by the Secretary and two witnesses, preferably members of the Society. Candidates receiving a simple majority of votes shall be declared elected. A tie vote shall be resolved by the Council. All members will be notified of the election results by November 15. Officers shall take office not later than January 1, following their election.

Article 6. MEETINGS. Section Council meetings shall be at times and places determined by the Council. There shall be at least one general business meeting each year. This meeting may be most conveniently held during any one of the State-wide conferences where range workers are gathered for any purpose. Much business and inter-change of ideas will be through correspondence.

Article 7. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to the Constitution may be submitted at any business meeting. Amendments shall be referred to the entire membership by letter ballot and shall be adopted by majority vote of ballots returned.

BY-LAWS

Article 1. MANAGEMENT OF THE SECTION

Section 1. The Chairman shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Section. He shall appoint necessary committees and preside at Section meetings.

Section 2. Committees shall be accountable to the Council under general supervision of the Chairman.

Section 3. Amendments to the By-Laws may be submitted at any business meeting. Amendments shall be referred to the entire membership by letter ballot and shall be adopted by majority vote of ballots returned.

The following petition to establish the Nebraska Section of the American Society of Range Management was submitted to the Board of Directors of ASRM:

We the undersigned members of the American Society of Range Management, in good standing, do hereby request approval by the Board of Directors of the American Society of Range Management, of the Nebraska Section and of the attached Constitution and By-Laws under which this Section proposed to conduct its business.

Signature	Organization/occupation	Location	Date
B. Wallace Mills	Rancher	Hay Springs, NE	October 9, 1952
Charles M. Schumacher	SCS	Halsey, NE	"
Arden B. Gunderson	Ins. Co. Loans	Gering, NE	"
Orville Indra	SCS	Stapleton, NE	"
Leslie E. Johnson	AES	Lincoln, NE	"
R. L. Davis	BAI	Fort Robinson, NE	"
Harold Jacquot	Rancher	Halsey, NE	"
Selvester Vanderbeck	SCS	Mullen, NE	"
Elverne C. Conard	AES	Lincoln, NE	"
Ervin W. Schleicher	AES	Fort Robinson, NE	"
M. B. Posson	Rancher	Chadron, NE	"
D. L. Kay	Rancher	Crawford, NE	"
Robert M. Koch	AES	Lincoln, NE	"
E. J. Dyksterhuis	SCS	Lincoln, NE	"
Vernon P. Chicoine	Rancher	Chadron, NE	"
Dean L. Higgins	SCS	Valentine, NE	"
Frank Harris	Rancher	Marsland, NE	"
Edward A. Waits	Rancher	Tryon, NE	"
L. F. Bredemeier	SCS	North Platte, NE	"
Clifford Quick	Co. Agent	Stapleton, NE	"
Howard Temple	Co. Agent	Theford, NE	"
H. J. Cox	Rancher	Mullen, NE	"
Telford M. Ewing	Rancher	Gering, NE	"
Charles H. Scott	SCS	Scottsbluff, NE	"
Wm. B. Patton	Rancher	Harrisburg, NE	"
Wm. J. Gentry	Rancher	Gering, NE	"
Marvel L. Baker	AES	Lincoln, NE	"
Chas. W. Stavely	FS	Nenzel, NE	October 13, 1952
Glenn Buck	Rancher	Wood Lake, NE	"
Sid E. Salzman	Rancher	Ainsworth, NE	17
Eugene Newton	Co. Agent	Ainsworth, NE	18
George L. Wiseman	US F&W Ser	Valentine, NE	21
Lloyd R. Ramelli	US F&W Ser	Ellsworth, NE	"
O. B. Waddill	Rancher	Gordon, NE	29
F. A. Leistriz	Rancher	Lakeside, NE	November 4, 1952
C. L. Peterson	Rancher	Lakeside, NE	10
C. Leonard Peterson	Student	Lakeside, NE	"
J. W. Turelle	SCS	Lincoln, NE	19
E. H. Doll	SCS	Lincoln, NE	24
Harold W. Cooper	SCS	Lincoln, NE	"
Wilkie Collins Jr.	SCS	Lincoln, NE	"
E. G. Jones	SCS	Lincoln, NE	"
Ted B. Jeary	Rancher	Lincoln, NE	"
J. K. Brandeberry	FS	Lincoln, NE	"
S. A. Nicholas	SCS	North Platte, NE	December 1, 1952
Paul A. Dobson	Rancher	Exeter, CA	12
Joy J. Deuser	SCS	Lincoln, NE	29
Ralph M. Hartung	SCS	Lincoln, NE	"
C. R. Hill	SCS	O'Neill, NE	January 10, 1953
D. C. Schaffer	Rancher	O'Neill, NE	"
Clarence Ernst	Rancher	O'Neill, NE	"

The proposed Nebraska Section Constitution and By-laws were presented by Lorenz F. Bredemeier to the ASRM Officers and Directors on January 19, 1953, at the 5th Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico. President Stoddart requested that Mr. Bredemeier meet with the Audit Committee, composed of Dr. E. J. Dyksterhuis and W. T. White, to review and study the Nebraska petition and to report upon it on January 23, 1953 at the ASRM Board of Directors meeting in Portland, Oregon. On that date, Dr. Dyksterhuis

recommended approval of the Constitution and By-laws submitted by the Nebraska Section. He then moved for acceptance of the Nebraska petition and issuance of a Charter. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vernon A. Young and the motion was passed.

III. NEBRASKA SECTION-ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Certificate of Incorporation of the Nebraska Section - SRM was signed by Allen J. Beerman, Secretary of State, State of Nebraska, as a non-profit corporation on October 29, 1973. They are recorded on film roll 73, page 1092, Miscellaneous Incorporation, Nebraska State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Nebraska Section - SRM, were filed November 7, 1973, with Walter L. Wadlow, Hooker County Clerk, Mullen, Nebraska. They are recorded in Book 6, page 371. Incorporators for the Section were Don Cox and John Sautter. The Nebraska Section - SRM is recorded as a non-profit organization, which is tax-exempt under the provisions of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended from time to time.

The objectives of the Nebraska Section - SRM, as it was incorporated are as follows: (1) To develop an understanding of rangeland ecosystems and of principles applicable to management of range resources, (2) To assist all persons who work with range resources in keeping abreast of new findings and techniques in both the science and art of range management, (3) To improve the effectiveness of range management in obtaining the products and values necessary for man's welfare from range resources, (4) To create a public appreciation of the economic and social benefits to be obtained from the range environment, and (5) To promote the professional development of its membership.

IV. NEBRASKA SECTION OFFICERS

Year	President	President Elect	Past President	Secretary/ Treasurer	Newsletter Editor	Council Person
1953	Lorenz Bredemeier	Sid Salzman	None	Elverne Conard	Elverne Conard	None
1954	Sid Salzman	Dean Higgins	Lorenz Bredemeier	Leslie Johnson	Elverne Conard Elverne Conard	None
1955	Dean Higgins	George Wiseman	Sid Salzman	Selvester Vanderbeek	George Wiseman	None
1956	George Wiseman	Donald Burzlaff	Dean Higgins	Charles Mowery	George Wiseman	Don Sylvester Ralph Baker
1957	Don Sylvester	E. H. Howarth	George Wiseman	Eugene Newton	George Wiseman	Ralph Baker Robert Koch
1958	Don Burzlaff	Don Cox	Don Sylvester	Charles Stavely	Charles Scott	Robert Koch W. J. Stuart
1959	Don Cox	S. Vanderbeek	Don Burzlaff	Richard Dunn	Don Burzlaff	W. J. Stuart Eugene Schroeder

Year	President	President Elect	Past President	Secretary/ Treasurer	Newsletter Editor	Council Person
1960	W. J. Stuart	Dale Langford	Don Cox	Eugene Daniels	Don Burzlaff	Eugene Schroeder Charles Scott
1961	Richard Dunn	Walter Fick	W. J. Stuart	Dale Langford	Lorenz Bredemeier	Charles Scott Dan Merkel
1962	Walter Fick	Don Clanton	Richard Dunn	Weston Whitwer	Lorenz Bredemeier	Dan Merkel Sid Salzman
1963	Don Clanton	John Sautter	Walter Fick	Charles Schumacher	Lorenz Bredemeier John Vallentine	Sid Salzman Don Harford
1964	John Sautter	Jim Peters	Don Clanton	Henry Bond	Charles Schumacher John Vallentine	Walter Fick Don Harford C. Reed Hamilton
1965	Jim Peters	Don Harford	John Sautter	Warren Peden	Gerald Chaffin John Vallentine	C. Reed Hamilton Olin Waddill
1966	Don Harford	Warren Peden	Jim Peters	Jerry Rolenr	John Vallentine John Sautter	Olin Waddill Jerry Garner
1967	Warren Peden	Larry Davis	Don Harford	Phil Rickey	John Sautter John Vallentine	Jerry Garner Charles Peterson
1968	Larry Davis*	Jerry Garner	Warren Peden	Harlan DeGarmo	John Vallentine	Charles Peterson Glenn Buck, Jr.
1969	Jerry Garner	Harlan DeGarmo	Vacant	Leonard Thye	Mick Helberg	Glen Buck, Jr. Phil Rickey Warren Peden
1970	Harlan DeGarmo	Bob Hill	Jerry Garner	LeRoy Asher	Mick Helberg	Phil Rickey Ken Weyers
1971	Bob Hill	Ray Sall	Harlan DeGarmo	Ken Noonan	Jim Nichols Don Cox	Ken Weyers* Richard Leitschuck Robert Bobek
1972	Ray Sall	Phil Rickey	Bob Hill	Ken Noonan	John Sautter	Robert Bobek Merle Prince
1973	Phil Rickey	Gary Greder	Ray Sall	Lloyd Anderson	John Sautter	Robert Bobek Peter N. Jensen
1974	Gary Greder	Elmer Schrag	Phil Rickey	Leonard Thye	Larry Peterson	Peter N. Jensen C. Reed Hamilton
1975	Elmer Schrag	Peter N. Jensen	Gary Greder	Dennis Gerdes	Larry Peterson	C. Reed Hamilton Ken Noonan
1976	Peter N. Jensen	Lowell Moser	Elmer Schrag	L. J. Perry	James Stubbendieck	Ken Noonan Sid Salzman

* Vacated Office

Year	President	President Elect	Past President	Secretary/ Treasurer	Newsletter Editor	Council Person
1977	Lowell Moser	Ken Noonan*	Peter N. Jensen	L. J. Perry	James Stubbendieck	Sid Salzman Merritt Plantz
1978	Leonard Thye	Paul Seevers	Lowell Moser	James Stubbendieck	Dan Bose	Merritt Plantz Dave Hamilton
1979	Paul Seevers	Jim Nichols	Leonard Thye	James Stubbendieck	Pat Reece	Dave Hamilton Jim Emal
1980	Jim Nichols	Herb Gerhard*	Paul Seevers	James Stubbendieck	Steve Waller	Dave Hamilton Dan Bose
1981	Jim Emal	James Stubbendieck	Jim Nichols	Lowell Moser	Steve Waller	Dan Bose* Brent Lathrop Irene Graves
1982	James Stubbendieck	Mick Helberg	Jim Emal	Lowell Moser	Steve Waller	Irene Graves George Chavez*
1983	Mick Helberg	Pat Reece	James Stubbendieck	Lowell Moser	Steve Waller	Brent Lathrop Nadine Bishop
1984	Pat Reece	Nadine Bishop	Mick Helberg	Lowell Moser	Roger Wittie	Brent Lathrop Gene Lehnert
1985	Nadine Bishop	Steve Waller	Pat Reece	Daryl Cisney	Roger Wittie	Gene Lehnert Susie Oldfather
1986	Steve Waller	Brent Lathrop	Nadine Bishop	Daryl Cisney	Roger Wittie* Scott Gall	Susie Oldfather Cort Dewing
1987	Brent Lathrop	Susie Oldfather	Steve Waller	Daryl Cisney	Scott Gall	Cort Dewing Al Steuter
1988	Susie Oldfather	Sid Salzman	Brent Lathrop	Daryl Cisney	Scott Gall* Mary Raymer	Al Steuter Cal Schulz*
1989	Sid Salzman	Jack Maddux	Susie Oldfather	Daryl Cisney	Mary Raymer	Milton King Cathie Mills
1990	Jack Maddux	Cort Dewing	Sid Salzman	Daryl Cisney	Mary Raymer* Mary Schrader	Cathie Mills Shelia Valasek
1991	Cort Dewing	Cathie Mills	Jack Maddux	Daryl Cisney	Mary Schrader	Shelia Valasek Jim O'Rourke
1992	Cathie Mills	Shelia Valasek	Cort Deweing	Daryl Cisney	Mary Schrader	Jim O'Rourke John Gross
1993	Shelia Luoma	Jim O'Rourke	Cathie Mills	Daryl Cisney	Mary Schrader	John Gross Bill Carhart
1994	Jim O'Rourke	John Gross	Shelia Luoma	Cathie Mills	Mary Schrader	Bill Carhart Dave Cook

* Vacated Office

Year	President	President Elect	Past President	Secretary/ Treasurer	Newsletter Editor	Council Person
1995	John Gross	Bill Carhart	Jim O'Rourke	Cathie Mills	Mary Schrader	Dave Cook Daryl Cisney
1996	Bill Carhart	Dave Cook	John Gross	Cathie Mills	Mary Schrader Sherry Preston	Daryl Cisney Terry Enfield
1997	Dave Cook	Daryl Cisney	Bill Carhart	Cathie Mills	Sherry Preston	Terry Enfield Bob Masters
1998	Daryl Cisney	Terry Enfield	Dave Cook	Bob Sprentall	Sherry Connot	Bob Masters Lora O'Rourke
1999	Terry Enfield	Bob Masters	Daryl Cisney	Bob Sprentall	Sherry Connot	Lora O'Rourke Walt Schacht
2000	Bob Masters	Lora O'Rourke	Terry Enfield	Bob Sprentall	Sherry Connot	Walt Schacht Teri Edeal
2001	Lora O'Rourke	Walt Schacht	Bob Masters	Bob Sprentall	Sherry Connot	Teri Edeal Scott Willet
2002	Walt Schacht	Teri Edeal	Lora O'Rourke	Bob Sprentall	Sherry Connot	Scott Willet Al Steuter
2003	Teri Edeal	Scott Willet	Walt Schacht	Bob Sprentall	Sherry Connot	Al Steuter Chuck Butterfield
2004	Scott Willet	Al Steuter	Teri Edeal	Leslie Stewart-Phelps	Sherry Connot	Chuck Butterfield Jerry Volesky
2005	Al Steuter	Chuck Butterfield	Scott Willet	Leslie Stewart-Phelps	Sherry Connot	Jerry Volesky Dana Larsen
2006	Chuck Butterfield	Jerry Volesky	Al Steuter	Leslie Stewart-Phelps	John Ortmann	Dana Larsen Mary Reece
2007	Jerry Volesky	Dana Larsen	Chuck Butterfield	Leslie Stewart-Phelps	John Ortmann	Mary Reece Doug Whisenhunt
2008	Dana Larsen	Mary Reece	Jerry Volesky	Leslie Stewart-Phelps	Jamie Hornickel	Doug Whisenhunt Michael Croxen
2009	Mary Reece	Doug Whisenhunt	Dana Larsen	Leslie Stewart-Phelps	Jamie Hornickel	Michael Croxen Curtis Talbot
2010	Doug Whisenhunt	Michael Croxen	Mary Reece	Leslie Stewart-Phelps	Jamie Hornickel Shelly Taylor	Curtis Talbot Nick Simonson
2011	Michael Croxen	Curtis Talbot	Doug Whisenhunt	Leslie Stewart-Phelps	Shelly Taylor Kristin Miller	*Nick Simonson Cindy Tusler
2012	Curtis Talbot	Jon Soper	Michael Croxen	Leslie Stewart-Phelps, Angie Peterson	Kristin Miller	Cindy Tusler Bob Broweleit

***Vacated office**

Year	President	President Elect	Past President	Secretary/ Treasurer	Newsletter Editor	Council Person
2013	Jon Soper	*Cindy Tusler Bob Broweleit	Curtis Talbot	Angie Peterson	Kristin Miller	*Bob Broweleit Karla Jenkins
2014	Bob Broweleit	Bob Broweleit	Jon Soper	Angie Peterson	Sheila Luoma	Karla Jenkins Jeff Nichols
2015	Bob Broweleit	Karla Jenkins	Bob Broweleit	Angie Peterson	Sheila Luoma	Jeff Nichols Anthony Perlinski
2016	Karla Jenkins	Jeff Nichols	Bob Broweleit	Angie Peterson	Sheila Luoma	Anthony Perlinski Mitch Stephenson
2017	Jeff Nichols	Anthony Perlinski	Karla Jenkins	Angie Peterson	Laura Rubeck	Mitch Stephenson Lance Schutte
2018	Anthony Peplinski	Mitch Stephenson	Jeff Nichols	Angie Petersen	Laura Rubeck	Lance Schutte Jack Arterburn
2019	Mitch Stephenson	Lance Schutte	Anthony Perlinski	Angie Petersen	Laura Rubeck	Jack Arterburn Brad Schick

V. NEBRASKA STUDENT CHAPTER OFFICERS

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Range Management Club was organized in the fall of 1978. At the 1979 Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Section the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Range Management Club was formally recognized as a Student Chapter.

A. UNL Range Management Club Officers

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer	Reporter
1979	Barb Bush	John Menghini	Dan Duncan	Brad VanPelt	Rocky Plettner
1980	Dan Duncan	Brad VanPelt	Bill L'Heureux Kerry Keyes	Cathie Wiederspan	Roger Overleese
1981	Linda Miller Brian Johnson	Brian Johnson Kerry Keys	Nick Bilotft	Josh Saunders	Russ Engle Rachel Ondov
1982	Rachel Ondov Daryl Cisney	Josh Sanders Ed Mahon	Lynn Atkins Renee McKnight	Brian Johnson Steve Kyser	Kerry Keys Kim Stine
1983	Steve Kyser	Lynn Atkins Andi Mann	Kim Stine	Nick Weber Tim Griffin	Andi Mann Renee McKnight
1984	Kathy Hulse	Kim Stine	Dave Cook	Tim Griffin	Renee McKnight
1985	Mary Raymer	T.K. Rogers	Kim Stine	Ron Sorensen	LeAnn Zimmerman
1986	Dave Horak	LeAnn Zimmerman	Mike Stec	Jerry Kovarik	Mary Raymer
1987	Mike Stec	LaRene Mansfield	LaRene Mansfield	Jennifer Robinson	Stan Boltz Dave Horak
1988	LaRene Mansfield	Justin Derner	Rex Prior	Jon Keller	Mike Stec

A. UNL Range Management Club Officers cont.

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer	Reporter
1989	Justin Derner	Dave Burkhalter	Rex Prior	Bill Rhea	Janel Weber
1990	Lisa Clarke	Rex Prior	Rhonda Hansen	Mike Tinkham	Dave Burkhalter
1991	Pat Speirs	Lori Divis	John Ortmann	Dave Burkhalter	Beth Pinckney
1992	Lori Divis	Sheryl Post	Carisa Wildhagen	Beth Pinckney	Julie Nelson
1993	Keith Harmony Julie Nelson	Julie Nelson Brenda Younkin	Becky Harms	Charles Upchurch Susan Mullins	Ryan Tompkins
1994	Brenda Younkin	Jeff Rawlinson	Chad Taylor	Susan Mullins	Loren McCormick
1995	Loren McCormick	Jennifer Hoffmann	John Enfield*	Melissa Hackbarth	*
1996	Jennifer Hoffman	Kylie Faulk	Kolby Wykert	Stuart Brehm	*
1997	Jennifer Hoffman	Stuart Brehm	Pete Clark	Kolby Wykert	*
1998	Anna Bodie	Ingrid Jordan	vacant	vacant	vacant
1999	Anna Bodie	Ingrid Jordan	Jen Flear	Kristin Nollette	Lisa Baumert
2000	Rob Ferguson	Joe Martin	Jen Flear	Lisa Baumert	Kristin Nollette
2001	Jen Flear	Kelly Brink	Michael Gillilan	Kristin Nollette	Trevor Smith
2002	Nick Haack	Kristin Nollette	Justin Linder	Michael Gillilan	Jessica Warner
2003	Justin Linder	Nick Haack	Jessica Warner	Tim Roggasch	Elisha Greeley
2004	Jessica Warner	Tim Roggasch Rodney Lamb	Chris Skrdla	Gab Schnuelle	*
2005	Rodney Lamb	Jessica Warner	Melissa Thompson	Merilynn Hirsch	*
2006	Merilynn Hirsch	Shelly Taylor	Jess Milby	Lars Anderson	*
2007	Jess Milby	Lars Anderson	Nick Easterly	Lars Anderson	*
2008	Lars Anderson	Jess Milby	Traci Sanderupp	Jess Milby	*
2009	Laura Snell	Ben Schiltz	Daniel Frank	Sammi Bray	*
2010	Ben Schiltz			Ben Beckman	*
2011	Chelsea Fullerton	Joe Schumacher	Jenna Jenkins	Thomas Volkmer	*
2012	Chelsea (Fullerton) Luthy	Jeanna Jenkins	Ashley Burns	Kyra Baldwin	*
2013	Kyra Baldwin	Jeanna Jenkins	Vicki Simonson	Vicki Simonson	Kayla Tarr
2014	Kyra Baldwin	Jake Drozda	Vicki Simonson	Vicki Simonson	*
2015	Kyra Baldwin	Ethan Freese	Ethan Freese	Ethan Freese	*
2016	Ethan Freese	Autumn Dunn	Ellen Dolf	Ellen Dolf	*

B. UNL Range Management Club Officers cont.

Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer	Reporter
2017	Ethan Freese	Cecile Renfro	Nick Coffey	Nick Coffey	
2018	Evan Laible	Asha Scheideler	Nick Sanders	Nick Sanders	

* Combined offices of Secretary/Reporter

B. Chadron State College Ag Club-Range Division

Year	President	Vice-President-Range
1989	Theresa Bruns	
1990	Rick Peterson	
1991	Paige Wolken	
1992	Jack Gabel	
1993	Lori Boggs	Carol Nicolaus
1994	Jennifer Steib	Julie Reedy
1995	Julie Reedy	Kristin Miller
1996	Kelly Ekberg	Levi Fisher
1997	Kelly Ekberg	Christy Reedy
1998	Jolene Quaring	Dustin Ladenburger
1999	Nathan Butler	David Russell
2000	Katie Quitmeyer	Marji Patz
2001	Katie Quitmeyer	Aarron Simonson
2002	Clayton Hergott	Ben Keep
2003	Clayton Hergott	Cherette Mastney
2004	Carmen Williams	Rachel Novakovich
2005	Rachel Novokovich	Emily Brown
2006	Ann Kepler	Ingrid Drieling
2007	Sarah Anderson	Kimmy Mott
2008	Amy Tullis	Justin Lemmer
2009	Austin Horn	Jamie Hornickel
2010	Kody Schwager	Paul Stellato
2011	Cassidy Emerson	Samantha Evans
2012	Torie Lindsey	Miles Proctor
2013	Katie Whalen	Adam Deiterman
2014	Sam Porter	Nate Jech
2015	Cole Kayton	Nate Jech
2016	Cole Kayton	Spencer Gerck
2017	Melissa VanDerslice	Emily Heimann
2018	Emily Heimann	Vanesa Yeoman

C. National Student Conclave Officers

Year	Name	Office	Institution
1984	Kathy Hulse	President	UNL
1985	Mary Raymer	Secretary	UNL
1986	Mary Raymer	President	UNL
1988	Michael Stec	Reporter	UNL
1990	Justin Derner	President	UNL
1992	Terri Eilers	Reporter	UNL
1994	Julie Nelson	President	UNL
1994	Brenda Younkin	Secretary	UNL
1995	Kristin Miller	Secretary	CSC
1996	Jennifer Hoffmann	President	UNL
1996	Kylie Faulk	Secretary	UNL
1996	Julie Reedy	Reporter	CSC
2001	Chad Feik	President	CSC
2001	Jenny Fleer	Secretary	UNL

C. National Student Conclave Officers cont.

Year	Name	Office	Institution
2002	Kelly Phillips	Secretary	CSC
2004	Anita Bartlett	Secretary	CSC
2004	Jessica Warner	Reporter	UNL
2005	Jessica Warner	President	UNL
2006	Ingrid Drieling	Secretary	CSC
2007	Shelly Taylor	Secretary	UNL
2008	Shelly Taylor	Secretary	SDSU
2009	Shelly Miller	President	CSC
	Jamie Hornickel	Reporter	CSC
2010	Kody Schwager	Secretary	CSC
2012	Jeanna Jenkins	Reporter	UNL
	Katie Whalan	Secretary	CSC
2013	Jeanna Jenkins	Secretary	UNL
2015	Jeanna Jenkins	Secretary	UNL

D. UNL Range Management Club Awards

Year	Trailboss Award	Senior Alumni Award	Recognition Award
1981*	Cathie Widerspan	Cathie Widerspan	Jim Stubbendieck
1982	Brian Johnson	Josh Saunders	Jim Stubbendieck Karen Lilja Steve Waller
1983	Andi Mann	Andi Mann	
1984	Kathy Hulse	Kim Stine	John and Sue Stevens
1985	Kim Stine	Tim Griffin	
1986	Jerald Kovarik	LeAnn Zimmerman	Kelly Roberts
1987	Stan Boltz	Mary Raymer	
1988	Jennifer Brollier	David Horak	
1989	Mike Stec	LaRene Mansfield	
1990	David Burkhalter	Tom Koerner	Woody Wagner
1991	Pat Speirs	Rex Prior	Mary Miller
1992	Lori Divis	Pat Speirs	
1993	Keith Harmony	Lori Divis	Steve Waller
1994	Brenda Younkin	Ryan Tompkins	
1995	Susan Mullins	Becky Harms	
1996	Kylie Faulk	John Enfield	
1997	Jennifer Hoffman	Kylie Faulk	
1998	Ingrid Jordan*		
1999	Anna Bodie*		
2000	Rob Ferguson*		
2001	Jennifer Fleer*		
2002	Kristin Nollette*		
2003	Justin Linder*		
2004	Unknown		
2005	Michael Gillilan*		
2006	Jessica Warner*		
2007	Jess Milby*		
2008	Merilynn Hirsch*		
2009	Lars Anderson*		
2010	Laura Snell*		
2011	Ben Beckman*		
2012	Chelsea Luthy*		
2013			
2014	Kyra Baldwin*		
2015	Vicki Simonson*		
2016	Ethan Freese*		

D. UNL Range Management Club Awards cont.

Year	Trailboss Award
2017	Hanna Miller*
2018	Cecile Renfro*

* Trailboss and Senior Alumni Award Combined

E. Chadron State College Ag Club-Range Division Awards

Year	Outstanding Range Management Student Award
1993	Carol Nicolaus
1994	Kristin L. Miller
1995	Julie Ann Reedy
1996	Julie Ann Reedy, Kristin L. Miller
1997	Kelly Ekberg
1998	?
1999	Dustin Ladenberger
2000	Marji Patz
2001	?
2002	Ben Keep
2003	Cherette Mastney
2004	Kelly Phillips
2005	Rachel Novokovich
2006	Ingrid Drieling
2007	Jenny Walker
2008	
2009	Dan Ruterbories
2010	
2011	
2012	Cassidy Emerson and Samantha Evans
2013	
2014	
2015	
2016	
2017	
2018	

F. Plant Identification Team

G. Undergraduate Range Management Examination (URME)

Year	Place	Location	School
2015	First	Sacramento, CA	UNL

H. SRM Annual Meeting Booth Competition

Year	Place	Location
1985*	Third	Salt Lake City
1986	Third	Orlando
1987	Third	Boise
1991	Third	Washington, DC
1992	Fourth	Spokane, WA
1996*	Second	Wichita, KS
2002	Third	Kansas City

* Joint UNL/CSC Range Clubs

I. Undergraduate Public Speaking Contest

Year	Name	Place	Institution
1993	Julie Nelson	Third	UNL
1994	Brenda Younkin	First	UNL
1995	Brenda Younkin	Second	UNL
1995	Kristin Miller	Third	CSC
1996	Brenda Younkin	Second	UNL
1999	Jenny Fleer	Third	UNL
2000	David Russell	First	CSC
2001	Jenny Fleer	First	UNL
2002	Kelli Carr	Second	CSC
2006	Ingred Drieling	Fourth	CSC
2009	Laura Snell	First	UNL
	Shelly Miller	Second	CSC
2017	Jessica Hurd	Fifth	CSC

J. Rangeland Cup Competition

Year	Place	Institution
2007	Third	CSC
2009	First	CSC
2011	Third	CSC

VI. NEBRASKA RANGE JUDGING PROGRAM

The Nebraska range judging program was initiated in 1954 when Donald F. Burzlaff, University of Nebraska, and Lorenz F. Bredemeier, Soil Conservation Service, held the first range judging school in Nebraska at Ainsworth with 25 contestants. The program was restricted for several years to the western two-thirds of the state. In 1966, Peter N. Jensen held range judging training schools for vocational agricultural teachers and county extension agents in the eastern one-third of Nebraska. The five range judging areas were then expanded to seven to cover all of the Nebraska's 93 counties.

A Travel Scholarship was established in 1990 to support team travel to the Old West Regional Range Judging contest or the National Land Pasture and Range Judging contests. In 1991, divisional classifications were changed from an age base to high school class. This was complemented in 1992 with the "senior" division including juniors and seniors and the "junior" division being sophomores and below.

The participation in the area contests, which reached a high of 1141 contestants in 1977, was as follows:

Range Judging Contest (Area)

Year	Youth	Open	FFA	4H	Adults	Professional	Total
1955-1961	Information is not available						
1962	---	123	57	23	--		253
1963	---	90	59	16	--		250
1964	---	148	74	21	--		254
1965	---	150	60	35	--		245

Year	Youth	Open	FFA	4H	Adults/Professional	Total
1966	---	205	56	23	--	284
1967	---	314	44	56	--	414
1968	---	405	46	38	--	489
1969	---	340	38	68	--	446
1970	---	577	55	66	--	698
1971	---	682	32	85	--	799
1972	---	609	50	41	--	700
1973	---	875	57	56	--	988
1974	---	939	82	116	--	1,137
1975	---	961	55	102	--	1,118
1976	--	740	66	99	--	905
1977	---	980	45	116	--	1,141
1978	107	645	48	72	31	903
1979	---	774	42	86	18	920
1980	---	783	46	61	37	927
1981	21	761	41	78	24	925
1982	19	631	44	73	19	786
1983	---	601	38	77	12	728
1984	---	396	201	85	16	698
1985	---	338	124	20	14	496
1986	---	311	177	26	12	532
1987	---	337	173	5	21	536
1988	---	358	199	9	20	586
1989	---	407	164	15	12	598
1990	---	309	168	2	15	494
1991	---	407	201	1	12	621
1992	---	302	357	3	15	677
1993	---	284	288	9	15	596
1994	---	330	437	1	21	789
1995	---	355	365	3	16	739
1996	---	394	417	1	20	832
1997	---	306	377	2	26	711
1998	---	305	358	5	15	683
1999	---	351	428	5	24	808
2000	---	391	369	4	24	788
2001	---	382	441	1	25	849
2002	---	344	420	2	28	794
2003	---	395	529	9	24	957
2004	---	405	553	8	27	993
2005	---	398	538	14	22	972
2006	---	433	613	6	25	1,081
2007	---	397	612	16	19	1,044
2008	---	406	598	6	28	1,038
		Senior	Junior		Adults/Professional	Total
2009		386	561		32	979
2010		491	618		30	1,139
2011		490	601		40	1,131
2012		433	642		27	1,102
2013		441	725		31	1,197
2014		508	726		41	1,275
2015		555	700		30	1,285
2016		498	703		40	1,241
2017		504	689		41	1,234
2018		469	747		40	1,256

The state contest held annually to climax the range judging program and the participation was as follows:

Range Judging Contest (State)

Year	Location	Youth	Open	FFA	4H	Adults Professional	Total
1956	Halsey			---	--	----	50
1957	Ainsworth			---	--	----	150
1958	Valentine			---	--	----	100
1959	Theford			--	--	--	200
1960	North Platte			---	--	---	200
1961	Broken Bow			---	--	----	204
1962	Halsey		76	84	57		217
1963	Valentine		111	94	70	--	275
1964	Alliance		86	47	70	--	203
1965	O'Neill		81	27	26	--	134
1966	North Platte			---	--	----	186
1967	Ainsworth			---	--	----	201
1968	Kearney		133	29	29	--	186
1969	Theford		121	35	35	--	191
1970	Atkinson		114	44	62	--	220
1971	Broken Bow		83	47	28	--	158
1972	Oshkosh		97	31	20	--	148
1973	Red Cloud		108	37	17	--	162
1974	Ogallala		109	31	27	--	167
1975	Burwell		169	53	37	--	259
1976	North Platte		155	45	32	--	232
1977	Lincoln		167	45	28	--	240
1978	Valentine		238	15	15	20	273
1979	Curtis	10	149	32	12	17	220
1980	Atkinsen		---	---	--	--	225
1981	Chadron	10	100	18	12	10	150
1982	Lexington	2	151	17	11	11	192
1983	Imperial		94	8	6	12	120
1984	Norfolk		52	101	3	16	172
1985	Tryon		74	80	11	15	180
1986	Oskosh		87	91	11	9	198
1987	Bassett		58	102	4	16	180
1988	Osceola		66	113	1	15	195
1989	Loup City		98	124	0	20	242
1990	Broken Bow		107	144	1	16	268
1991	Scottsbluff		88	126	2	13	229
1992	Curtis		135	129	--	16	280
1993	Ainsworth		116	121	2	16	255
1994	Keystone		130	126	1	17	274
1995	Bartlett		208	213	2	19	442
1996	Hemingford		137	144	3	14	328
1997	Red Cloud		132	158	3	16	309
1998	North Platte		106	102	2	14	224
1999	Battle Creek		142	151	3	13	309
2000	Chadron		112	87	1	10	210
2001	Imperial		112	86	7	9	214
2002	O'Neill		145	180	2	16	343
2003	Broken Bow		107	176	2	19	304
2004	Elwood		146	163	6	20	335
2005	North Platte		115	167	8	15	305
2006	Aurora		135	195	3	18	351
2007	Ainsworth		137	204	7	16	364
2008	Burwell		247	162	3	20	432
2009	Ogallala		136	194	2	18	350

Range Judging Contest (State) Cont.

Year	Location	Senior	Junior	4H	Adults Professional	Total
2010	Red Cloud	177	182	0	20	379
2011	Sidney	154	181	3	19	357
2012	Stanton	164	185	2	18	369
2013	Genoa	195	234		21	450
2014	Curtis	180	198		25	403
2015	Scottsbluff	190	215		22	427
2016	Lincoln	191	182		29	402
2017	Ogallala	243	262		31	536
2018	Imperial	177	244		27	488

VII. NEBRASKA RANGE YOUTH CAMP

The Nebraska Range Youth Camp was organized in 1963 and annually has been sponsored by the Nebraska Section SRM. The range camp was created for youth between the ages of 14 to 18, because of the need to provide training to young people in range and practical range management, and to encourage and develop future leadership in the field of range management.

The first camp was held at the State 4-H Camp, Halsey, under the leadership of Dr. John F. Vallentine. The instructors at this camp included John Vallentine, John Sautter, Don Harford, Selvester Vanderbeek, Les Messersmith, Walter Fick, Dick Dunn, Don Burzlaff, Forest Lee, Don Cox, Gerald Chaffin, Jerry Garner, Reed Hamilton, Chet Paxton, Dick Fleming, and Elmer Schrag.

The camp has been held every year at the State 4-H Camp, Halsey, except 1968 when it was held at the School of Technical Agriculture, Curtis, and in 1969 when it was not held. Until 1970, the camp was attended only by young boys but in 1970 the camp was open to both girls and boys with Irene Graves, Ainsworth, attending.

Scholarships to attend the camp were made available by the Natural Resource Districts, FFA Chapters, banks, and private individuals. From 1976 to 1980, the Old West Regional Commission Range Program provided funds for the range camp. The two top students were provided with \$100 awards to attend the National Youth Range Forum held in connection with the International SRM Annual Meeting. In 1980 ranch sponsorship was initiated with 8 ranches providing \$50.00 and the use of their brands. Campers were then organized into ranch crews representing sponsoring ranches. Crew and individual competition was incorporated into camp activities. Since 1980 registration fees and camp sponsorships have been used to provide travel expenses to the SRM Annual Meeting for the top students. In 1980 an award for the Top Returning Camper was initiated.

Award winners to attend the International SRM Meetings:

	Sauter Award	Wester Award	Mann Award	Cox Award
1989	Shandon Anthony			
1990	Christy Davis	Cary Skibinski		
1991	Kristin Miller	John Enfield		
1992	Sara Nelson	Renee Hipke		
1993		Adam Beal		

1994	Jenny Kaslon		
1995	Jason Smith	Eric Behlke	
1996		Andrew Schaaf	
1997			Maria Fisher
1997			Jamie Eberle
	Wester/Cox Award (Combined)		
1998	Michelle Goeman and Kurt Nixon		
1999	Sarah Foland and Stacey Bess		
2000	Joye Kreycik, Gena Kimminau and Dawn Rahn		
2001	James Winchester and Farris Williams		
2002	Blake Thompson and Tim Palla		
2003	Shelly Taylor and Nick Horne		
2004	Autumn Kadavy and Jessica Milby		
2005	Ben Beckman and Jamie Hornickel		
2006	Jenita Qualm and Nicole Ruterbories		
2007	Jake Nelson		
2008	Tom Kelly		
2009	David Kennedy and Courtney Doremus		
2010	Jeanna Jenkins and Kyra Baldwin		
2011	Tevyn Baldwin, Laura Gorecki, and Cassidy Linabery		
2012	Cody McBride		
2013	Blair Hartman		
2014	Kelsey Phillips, Trent Elsen		
2015	Drayden Bellamy		
2016	Kasey VanWinkle, Cade Francis		
2017	Bailee McMillan		
2018	Nathan Burnett		

The Range Youth Camp summary is as follows:

Year	Location	Date	Number of Participants	Camp Fee	Top Students
1963	Halsey	August 18-24	27	\$25	Unknown
1964	Halsey	August 9-15	43	\$25	Unknown
1965	Halsey	August 8-14	28	\$25	Unknown
1966	Halsey	August 7-13	40	\$25	Unknown
1967	Halsey	August 6-11	25	\$30	Calvin Williams, Bill Hartnell
1968	Curtis	August 4-9	27	\$30	Allan Wining, Calvin Paschold
1969	Not held				
1970	Halsey	June 15-19	34	\$30	Irene Graves, Robert Hendricks
1971	Halsey	June 7-11	34	\$30	Terri Sturtz, Bruce Tinkham
1972	Halsey	June 19-23	51	\$35	Myron Kunnermann, Lowell Graves
1973	Halsey	June 18-22	46	\$35	James Runner, John Buss
1974	Halsey	June 17-21	49	\$40	Rod Trumbull, Monty Sierks
1975	Halsey	June 16-20	49	\$50	Randy Saner, Deb Collins
1976	Halsey	June 14-18	49	\$55	Kerry Keyes, Joanne Goeke
1977	Halsey	June 20-24	41	\$55	Connie Smith, Pam Smith
1978	Halsey	June 12-16	49	\$55	Patrick Costello, Lisa Miller
1979	Halsey	June 11-15	43	\$65	Renee McKnight, Dan Tvrdy
1980	Halsey	June 9-13	54	\$85	Valerie Starr, Brad Strauch, Nick Webber*
1981	Halsey	June 8-12	38	\$85	Mick Gropopf, Mary Raymer, Valerie Starr*
1982	Halsey	June 7-11	56	\$90	Della Keeter, Mark Kozeal, Mary Raymer*
1983	Halsey	June 6-10	57	\$90	Matt Gotschall, Randy Leska, Todd Hale*
1984	Halsey	June 11-15	54	\$90	Christine Doolittle, Jim Lierman, Kelly Reichman*
1985	Halsey	June 17-21	65	\$95	Tim Goeke, Dale Schiffren, Lynette Packard*
1986	Halsey	June 16-20	46	\$95	Darrell Schneider, Christi Thompson, John Nollette*
1987	Halsey	June 15-19	46	\$105	Tim McAbee, Tom Phillips, Ronnie Snyder*
1988	Halsey	June 13-17	42	\$125	Nathan Brinzda, Shandon Anthony, Tammi Crick

The Range Youth Camp summary is as follows: cont.

Year	Location	Date	Number of Participants	Camp Fee	Top Students
1989	Halsey	June 19-23	41	\$125	Tom Hoffman, Kristi Child, Shandon Anthony*
1990	Halsey	June 11-15	36	\$150	Kim Anderson, Justin Jarecke, Bret DeBusk*
1991	Halsey	June 10-14	32	\$150	Adam Olson, Adam Smith, Jeff Bruns*
1992	Halsey	June 15-19	38	\$150	Sara Nelson, Sara Leistriz*
1993	Halsey	June 14-18	58	\$175	Renee Heermann*, D.J Mottl
1994	Halsey	June 27- July 1	47	\$175	Bryan Wadas, Sara Leistriz*
1995	Halsey	June 26-30	52	\$175	Eric Behlke, Crystal Ogden*
1996	Halsey	June 24-28	47	\$175	Chris Arnold, Dean Smith*
1997	Halsey	June 23-27	62	\$175	Jamie Eberly, Carissa Myers*
1998	Halsey	June 22-26	31	\$175	Jon Dockhorn*, Kari Boettcher, Michael Gillilan
1999	Halsey	June 21-25	42	\$175	Patrick Peterson*, Myra Hipke, Greg McClanahan
2000	Halsey	June 19-23	54	\$175	Brad Molesworth*, Joye Kreycik, Maggie Bernt
2001	Halsey	June 25-29	48	\$175	Tim Roggasch, Janette Davidson*, Krystal Large
2002	Halsey	June 17-21	44	\$175	Tim Roggasch*, Jesse Ziegler, Brady McCumber
2003	Halsey	June 16-20	54	\$175	Brady McCumber*, Robert Froning, Angela Wendell
2004	Halsey	June 14-18	41	\$250	Nick Horne*, Jessica Milby, Shelly Taylor
2005	Halsey	June 13-17	37	\$250	Dan Ruterbories*, Brennan Keiser, Matthew Frickel
2006	Halsey	June 12-16	39	\$250	Amanda Duvall, Brennan Keiser*, Michael Beyer
2007	Halsey	June 11-15	37	\$275	Ryan Frickel*, Samantha Krikac, Amanda Duvall
2008	Halsey	June 9-13	32	\$275	Debra Wray*, Amanda Duvall, Kent Frickel
2009	Halsey	June 8-12	34	\$275	Kent Frickel*, Jonny Ference, Christie Schauer
2010	Halsey	June 7-11	41	\$275	Jonny Ference*, Cole Gibbens, Tom Krcilek
2011	Halsey	June 13-17	39	\$275	Jonny Ference*, Taylor Hornickel, Reid Stagemeier
2012	Halsey	June 11-15	59	\$275	Taylor Hornickel*, Jayson Rezek, Laura Gorecki
2013	Halsey	June 10-14	50	\$275	Jessica Hartman*, Heather Bently, Jerod Suhr
2014	Halsey	June 9-13	58	\$275	Chelsea Nollette*, Elianne Helhecker, Chase Samuelson
2015	Halsey	June 8-12	32	\$325	Jaythan Scheideler*, Sarah Kesterson, Henry Schneider
2016	Halsey	June 6-10	44	\$325	Asha Scheideler*, Jose Medrano, Sheridan Wilson
2017	Halsey	June 5-9	32	\$200	Asha Scheideler*, Marrisa Baker
2018	Halsey	June 11-15	16	\$200	Drayden Bellamy*, Alex Flessner

* Top Returning Camper

VIII. NEBRASKA SECTION ANNUAL MEETINGS

Year	Location	Date
1954	Ainsworth	May 27
1955	Fort Robinson	October 7-8
1956	Valentine	September 28-29
1957	North Platte	September 13-14
1958	Mullen	October 3-4
1959	Fort Robinson	November 20-21
1960	Lincoln	October 28-29
1961	Broken Bow	September 15-16
1962	Halsey	September 14-15
1963	Valentine	September 13-14
1964	Alliance	September 17-18
1965	O'Neill	September 16-17
1966	North Platte	September 15-16
1967	Ainsworth	September 28-29
1968	Kearney	September 26-27
1969	Theford	September 25-26
1970	Atkinson	October 1-2
1971	Broken Bow	October 22-23
1972	Lincoln	September 15-16
1973	North Platte ¹	October 12-13

VIII. NEBRASKA SECTION ANNUAL MEETINGS cont.

Year	Location	Date
1974	Ogallala	September 27
1975	Kearney ¹	October 16-18
1976	Chadron ²	August 19-21
1977	Lincoln ²	October 6-7
1978	North Platte	November 2-3
1979	Ogallala	November 1-2
1980	North Platte	November 6-7
1981	Kearney	November 5-6
1982	Ogallala	November 4-5
1983	North Platte	November 4-5
1984	Kearney	November 1-2
1985	Ogallala	November 7-8
1986	North Platte ³	November 5-7
1987	Kearney	October 15-16
1988	Valentine ⁴	October 13-14
1989	Grand Island	October 12-13
1990	Broken Bow	October 11-12
1991	Kearney	October 10-11
1992	Fort Robinson	October 15-17
1993	O'Neill ⁵	October 21-22
1994	Hot Springs, SD ⁶	September 29-October 1
1995	North Platte	October 5-6
1996	Grand Island	October 3-4
1997	Omaha	October 8-10
1998	Ogallala	October 14-16
1999	Kearney	October 20-22
2000	Chadron	October 4-5
2001	Lincoln	October 3-5
2002	Lexington ⁷	October 9-11
2003	Kearney ⁸	October 15-17
2004	Ainsworth	October 6-8
2005	Valentine	October 6-7
2006	North Platte	October 11-13
2007	Grand Island ⁹	October 10-11
2008	Valentine ¹⁰	October 6-8
2009	Sidney	October 21-22
2010	Halsey – 4-H Camp	October 12-14
2011	Sidney ¹¹	October 4-6
2012	Ogallala	October 9-11
2013	Ainsworth	October 9-10
2014	North Platte	October 7-9
2015	Scottsbluff	October 14-16
2016	Gothenburg	October 12-14
2017	Chadron	October 17-19
2018	North Platte	October 16-18

1. Joint meeting with the Soil Conservation Society of America.
2. Joint meeting with the SCSA, Nebraska Forage and Grassland Council, and Nebraska Society of Professional Soil Scientists.
3. Joint program with Range Management Cooperative Committee.
4. Joint meeting with the South Dakota Section.
5. Joint meeting with the Nebraska Section HRM.
6. Joint meeting with the South Dakota and Wyoming Sections.
7. Joint meeting with the Nebraska Wildlife Society and Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition.
8. Joint meeting with the Nebraska Sustainable Ag Society.
9. Joint meeting with the Nebraska Wildlife Society and Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition
10. Joint meeting with the South Dakota Section
11. In conjunction with State Range Judging Contest held October 4th

IX. NEBRASKA SECTION AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP ACTIVITIES

A. Awards

In 1963, the Nebraska Section initiated the first awards program. The award was to be known as "The Nebraska Range Management Award". The recipient was recognized for outstanding success in the management and improvement of Nebraska range resources. The awardees are as follows:

The Nebraska Range Management Award

Year	Recipient
1963	Dr. J.E. Weaver, Lincoln
1964	Dr. Marvel L. Baker, Lincoln
1965	Lorenz F. Bredemeier, Madison, WI
1966	Donald A. Cox, Mullen
1967	D.E. Hutchinson, Lincoln
1968	Walter Fick, Inman
1969	Dr. Donald F. Burzlaff, Lincoln
1970	Dr. Elverne C. Conard, Lincoln
1971	C. Reed Hamilton, Thedford
1972	Peter N. Jensen, Lincoln
1973	Dr. Laurence C. Newell, Lincoln
1974	Keith Keyes, Elsmere
1975	John Sautter, Mullen
1976	Glenn E. Miller, Lincoln

The revision of the by-laws in 1975 expanded the awards program. The "Nebraska Range Management Award" was renamed "Rangeman of the Year Award". In addition, an "Outstanding Service Award" was created to recognize those members in the Section or state who had made outstanding contributions in service to the range industry or profession. Other "Special Awards" were approved as deemed appropriate by the Awards Committee. Special awards would recognize service to the profession by non-members. Changes were not considered by the Awards Committee until 1977.

The awards program was revised in 1977. The "Rangeman of the Year Award" was changed to "**Rangeman's Award**", and the "Outstanding Service Award" was renamed the "**Range Management Service Award**". The "Rangeman's Award" recognizes ranchers for outstanding success in management and improvement of Nebraska rangeland resources. The "Range Management Service Award" recognizes other professionals for outstanding services in the development and use of Nebraska rangeland resources.

The awardees were as follows:

Year	Rangeman's Award	Range Management Service Award
1977	Henry Haumont, Broken Bow	James T. Nichols, North Platte
1978	Sid Salzman, Ainsworth	Don Bose, Stamford
1979	Leonard Peterson, Lakeside	Tom Bragg, Omaha
1980	John Long -Don Cacek, Superior	Elmer Schrag, North Platte
1981	Martin Viersen, North Platte	Harry Stokely, Valentine
1982	John Colwell, Hay Springs	Elmer "Pete" and Abbie Gudmundsen, Sun City, AR

Year	Rangeman's Award	Range Management Service Award	Outstanding Young Range Professional Award
1983	Dick and Jerry Ballard, Valentine	Lowell Moser, Lincoln	
1984	Byron and Wayne Eatinger, Valentine	Leonard Thye, Ogallala	
1985	Dwight Baltensperger, Bushnell	Don Clanton, North Platte	
1986	Kenneth Rogers, Stapleton	James Stubbendieck, Lincoln	
1987	Jack Maddux, Wauneta	Pat Reece, Scottsbluff	
1988	Joe Falkenburg, Harrison	Steve Waller, Lincoln	
1989	Roy and June Stewart, Newport	Brent Lathrop, Geneva	
1990	Kevin Large, Palisade	Daryl Cisney, Ogallala	
1991	Ravenscroft Family, Valentine	Nadine Bishop, Imperial	
1992	Enfield Ranch, Arthur	Jim O'Rourke, Chadron	
1993	Clarence and Judy Lanka, Stapleton	Susie Oldfather, Kearney	
1994	Bruce and Debra Fischer, Valentine	Mary Schrader, Benkelman	
1995	Allen Steuter, Johnstown	Chuck Butterfield, Lincoln	
1996	Kenny and Elaine Frasier, Max	Cathie Mills, Mason City	
1997	Wayne and Shari Rodocker, Halsey	Mary (Raymer) Reece, North Platte	
1998	Adkinson Inc. Benkelman	Scott Willet, Lincoln	
1999	Tippetts & Myers Ranch,	Dave Cook, Oshkosh	
2000	Maseberg Ranch LTD, Thedford	Kimberly Stine, Stapleton	
2001	Richard Sabata, David City	Robert Sprentall, Chadron	
2002	Dodson Ranch and Farm, Maywood	Jill Epley, Gordon	
2003	Dave and Loretta Hamilton, Thedford	Bill Carhart, North Platte	
2004	Chris Helzer, Aurora	Terry and Cheri Enfield, Arthur	
2005	Kent Aden, Cozad	Sherry Connot, Chapman	
2006	Prescribed Burn Task Force	Jeff Nichols, North Platte	
2007	Accepted by Teri Edeal, Lexington		
2007	Not awarded	Kristin Miller, Sidney	
2008	Bruce and Vicki Troester, Marsland	Not awarded	
2009	Carr Ranch, Jim and Becky Carr	Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition (NGLC)	
2010	Kelly Ranch, Sutherland	Dr. Walter Schacht, Lincoln	
2011	Darby Creek Ranch, Sidney	Leslie Sterwart-Phelps, Crawford	
2012	Not Awarded	Not Awarded	
2013	Otter Creek Ranch, Don Tisdall	John Gross, Johnstown	
2014	Broken Box Ranch, Sundstrom Family	Shelly (Taylor) Kelly	
2015	Lemoynes and Rhonda Daley	Not Awarded	
2016	Scott Stout, Curtis	Bob Broweleit, Seneca	
2017	Mathewson Family, RGM Corp. Sidney	Angie Petersen, North Platte	
2018	Skip Marland, North Platte	Dana Larsen, Thedford	Bradley Schick, Red Cloud

Note: Outstanding Young Range Professional Award added as a new award to the Nebraska Section in 2018

Year	Special Award
1986	Marianne Beel, Valentine
1989	Hamilton Family, Thedford
1992	Don Cox, Mullen
1996	Mary Schrader, Benkelman
1997	Walter Fick Sr., O'Neill
1998	Mike Davis and Randy Vlasin (Ag Ed Instructors Special Award)
1999	Dennis Mottl, Dave Ference and Don Phillips (Ag Ed Instr. Special Award)
2006	Mary Reece, Special Outstanding Service Award
2007	Mary Schrader, Special Award
2008	Sid Salzman, Special Award of Merit
2009	Doug Whisenhunt, North Platte, Special Award of Merit for Prescribed Burn Promotion Kathryn Clark, NRD Secretary, Special Award of Merit for over 15 years of Youth Ed Promotion
2017	Daryl Cisney, Ogallala, Recognized for contributions to Nebraska Range Judging, 32 yrs

B. Scholarships

The Nebraska Section initiated a scholarship program in 1977 to encourage and to assist outstanding students pursuing a career in range management or range science. One award was given in 1977, but this was expanded to two awards in 1978. In 1985 the scholarships were combined to provide one scholarship of increased value. In 1990 two scholarships were again awarded. To be eligible, the student must be a sophomore or junior in college or university, residing in Nebraska and be in a Range Management major or option.

In 1990 the criteria were revised. Students must be Nebraska residents pursuing careers in range management or range science. To qualify the college or university must offer a major or option in Range Science or Range Management or have a Range Plant ID Team or Range Management Club recognized by the Society for Range Management; and the student must be at least a sophomore.

The recipients of the scholarships to date are:

Year	Recipient	Amount (\$)
1977	Cheryl Nielsen, Waverly	150
1978	Mark Shirley, Maywood	150
	John Campbell, Jr., North Platte	150
1979	Brad VanPelt, Harrisburg	175
	Gene Bloom, North Platte	175
1980	Linda Miller, Beatrice	200
	Lin Jeffres, Burwell	200
1981	Rachel Ondov, Lincoln	200
	Lin Jeffres, Burwell	200
1982	Andrea Mann, Winside	250
	Lynn Atkins, Kimball	250
1983	Steven Kyser, Ainsworth	250
	Kim Stine, Burwell	250
1984	Kim Stine, Burwell	250
	Tim Murphy, Franklin	250
1985	Mary Raymer, Stuart	450
1986	Mary Raymer, Stuart	450
1987	Mike Stec, Long Pine	500
1988	Justin Derner, Bartlett	500
1989	Justin Derner, Bartlett	750
1990	Paige Wolken, Callaway	600
	Jane Franklin, Alliance	600
1991	Paige Wolken, Callaway	750
	Beth (Pinckney) Evasco, Firth	750
1992	Beth (Pinckney) Evasco, Firth	750
	Wade Dickinson, Lodgepole	750
1993	Brenda Younkin, Ashby	750
	John Enfield, Arthur	750
1994	Brenda Younkin, Ashby	750
	Jennifer Hoffmann, Nenzel	750
1995	Loren McCormick, Herman	750
	Kristin Miller, Gurley	750
1996	Kylie Faulk, Gordon	750
	Jennifer Hoffman, Nenzel	750
1997	Jennifer Hoffman, Nenzel	500
	Kelly Ekberg, Wakefield	500

Scholarships Cont.

Year	Recipient	Amount (\$)
1998	Ingrid Jordan, Omaha	500
	David Daniel Russell, Gordon	500
1999	Dustin Ladenburger, Straton	500
	Anna Simmons Bodie, Burchard	500
2000	Bradley Holliday, Laramie WY	500
	Kathryn Quitmeyer, Lexington	500
2001	Kristin Nollette, Nenzel	500
	Casey Redman, Burwell	500
2002	Michael Gillilan, Hardy	500
	Cherette Mastny, Bellewood	500
2003	Jamie Eberly, Kilgore	500
	Cherette Mastny, Bellewood	500
2004	Jamie Eberly,	500
	Michael Gillilan, Hardy	500
2005	Jessica Warner, Allen	500
	Ingrid Drieling, Oakland	500
2006	Shelly Taylor, Burwell*	500
	Jessica Milby, Fullerton	500
2007	Justin Lemmer, Cozad	500
	Jessica Milby, Fullerton	500
2008	Samatha Bray, Waterloo	1,000
	Sarlyn Morse, Imperial	1,000
2009	Michelle Miller, Minatare	1,000
	Daniel Frank, Bassett	1,000
2010	Ben Beckman, Elgin	1,000
	Kody Schwager, Ord	1,000
2011	Caleb Miles, Thedford	1,000
	Samantha Evans, Cody	1,000
2012	Kyra Baldwin, Mitchell	1,000
	Kristie Olmer, Madison	1,000
2013	Jacob Drozda, Bellwood	1,000
	Lacey Clarke, Berwyn	1,000
2014	Lacey Clarke, Berwyn	1,000
2015	Ethan Freese, Lincoln	1,000
	Tevyn Baldwin, Mitchell	1,000
2016	Dakota Altman, Lincoln	1,000
	Kylie Knigge	1,000
2017	Cecile Renfro, UNL	1,000
	Kortni Burnett, CSC	1,000
2018	Vanessa Yeoman, CSC	1,000
	Asha Scheideler, UNL	1,000

* Received the Masonic Scholarship at the National SRM in 2007

C. Graduate Student Travel Grant

In 1982 the Section approved a motion to provide a travel grant to be funded from the scholarship fund to the National SRM meetings for a graduate student based on a competitive paper given at the Annual Section Meeting. Students submit an abstract in accordance with the SRM deadlines. A panel of judges will evaluate the presentations. The winner will be awarded the travel grant pending acceptance of the paper by the national program committee.

Year	Recipient	Amount (\$)
1983	Eric Kocher	100
1984	Michael Ward	100
1985	Stuart Smith	150
1986	not awarded	
1987	not awarded	
1988	Jeff Mullahey	150
1989	not awarded	
1990	not awarded	
1991	John Hendrickson	150
1992	not awarded	
1993	John Ortmann	150
1994	not awarded	
1995	John Ortmann	150
	Mark Horney	75
1996	Bob Broweleit	150
1997	not awarded	
2005	Eric Mousel	150
2006	Neal Bryan	
2007	Paul Schroder	
2008	Jon Soper	
	Kelly Brink	
2010	Jordan Johnson	
	Jess Milby	
	Lars Anderson	
2011	Laura Snell	200
2012	Laura Snell	200
2013	Laura Snell	200

D. 4-H State Fair Award

In 1982 the Section approved a motion to provide a prize such as a range management or range wildflower book, for the top 4-H Range project at the State Fair

Year	Recipient	County
1983	Laird Ruth	Lancaster
1984	Marc Ericksen	Hooker
1985	Levi Derner	Wheeler
	Justin Derner	Wheeler
1986	Kim Andersen	Sheridan
1987	Jess Ravenscroft	Cherry
1988	Jess Ravenscroft	Cherry
1989	Ryan Ravenscroft	Cherry
1990	Jaclyn Wilson	Sheridan
1991	Jaclyn Wilson	Sheridan
1992	Sara Leistrizt Sheridan	
1993	Jacyln Wilson	Sheridan
	Tami Bucta	Grant
1994	Bridget Connell	Logan
Year	Recipient	County
1995	Ryan Hunter	Sheridan
1996	Bridget Connell	Logan
1997	Skeeter Connell	Logan
1998	Not Judged	
1999	Not Judged	
2000	Not Judged	
2001	Not Judged	

2002 Not Judged
 2003 Not Judged
Note: Award has not been given since late 1990's

E. Section Awards

Year	Award
1984	Membership Increase (2nd)
1985	Distinguished Service Award, FFA
1990	Newsletter Award (3rd)
1990	Membership Increase (1st)
1992	Newsletter Award (top 5)
1994	Newsletter Award (2 nd)

X. NEBRASKA SECTION MEMBERS THAT HELD NATIONAL OFFICES AND RECEIVED NATIONAL AWARDS.

National Offices/Awards

Year	Office/Award	Recipient
1967	Outstanding Achievement Award	E. J. Dyksterhuis
1968	American Society of Range Management, President	E. J. Dyksterhuis
1969	American Society of Range Management, President	Donald A. Cox
1971	American Society of Range Management, President	Lorenz F. Bredemeier
1977	Outstanding Achievement Award	Daniel L. Merkel
	Fellow Award	Dr. E. J. Dyksterhuis
	Fellow Award	Donald A. Cox
	Fellow Award	Lorenz F. Bredemeier
	Fellow Award	Daniel L. Merkel
1979	Outstanding Achievement Award	David E. Hutchinson
	Fellow Award	Donald F. Burzlaff
	Society for Range Management, President	Daniel L. Merkel
1986	Outstanding Achievement Award	Thomas N. Shiflet
1987	Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award	James L. Stubbendieck
	Outstanding Achievement Award	John F. Vallentine
1989	Outstanding Achievement Award	James T. Nichols
1991	Fellow Award	James L. Stubbendieck
1992	Outstanding Achievement Award	Erling T. Jacobson
1994	Fellow Award	Steven S. Waller
1994	Director	James T. O'Rourke
1997	Fellow Award	Sid Salzman
1998	Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award	James T. O'Rourke
	Fellow Award	James T. O'Rourke
1999	W. R. Chapline Land Stewardship Award	Walt Fick Sr.
	AFGC Presidential Citation	James T. O'Rourke
2001	Society for Range Management, President	James T. O'Rourke
	W.R. Chapline Land Stewardship Award	Jack Maddux
2003	Fellow Award	Patrick E. Reece
2005	Outstanding Achievement Award	Robert Masters
2007	Fellow Award	Walt Schacht
2008	Outstanding Achievement Award	Chuck Butterfield
	Outstanding Achievement Award	Jerry Volesky
2009	Outstanding Achievement Award	Mary Reece
2010	Fredric G. Renner Award	James T. O'Rourke
	Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award	Chuck Butterfield
2011	Fredric G. Renner Award	James Stubbendieck
2012	Outstanding Young Range Professional	Kristin Miller

National Offices/Awards cont.

Year	Office/Award	Recipient
2013	Sustained Life Achievement Award	Daryl Cisney
2017	Fellow Award	Jerry Volesky
2018	Outstanding Young Range Professional	Mitchell Stephenson
2018	Excellence in Range Management Award	Terrell Farms, Hay Springs

XI. RANGE SHORTCOURSE

The Range Shortcourse originated as part of the Old West Regional Program. Dan Bose served as coordinator for the first shortcourse and Dr. Lowell Moser has served as coordinator for all subsequent shortcourses. The program has been co-sponsored by the Nebraska Section, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and since 1980, Chadron State College has also been a co-sponsor. The week-long course is designed to provide adults who have a background in agriculture or natural resources to familiarize themselves with range management. The course combines field and classroom instruction for range livestock producers, agency personnel, producers, teachers and college students. College credit is offered through UNL and Chadron State College. In 1988, the Twin Platte NRD initiated a scholarship program for local science teachers to attend. In 1992, the shortcourse had its first international participants, two students from Canada.

Year	Location	Date	Attendance
1978	Scottsbluff	June 26-30	31
1980	Chadron	June 16-20	32
1982	Chadron	June 21-25	27
1984	Chadron	June 18-24	46
1986	Chadron	July 13-18	46
1988	Chadron	July 12-17	37
1990	Chadron	July 15-20	63
1992	Chadron	July 12-17	44
1994	Chadron	June 19-24	43
1996	Chadron	June 17-21	49
1998	Chadron	June 14-19	49
2000	Chadron	June 25-30	48
2002	Chadron	June 23-28	34
2004	Chadron	June 20-25	45
2006	Chadron	June 18-23	32
2008	Chadron	June 15-20	33
2010	Chadron	June 21-25	37
2012	Chadron	June 18-22	20
2014	Chadron	June 16-20	29
2016	Chadron	June 20-24	33
2018	Chadron	June 18-22	30

XII Family Range Camp

The Family Range Camp is intended to be a blend of educational, historical, and recreational activities for all age groups. It is a true camping experience. Sleeping in tents and preparing group meals a part of the activity. The camp emphasizes the relationship between the soil, plants, livestock, and wildlife, as well as look at cowboy and American Indian history.

Year	Location	Date	Families
1995	Chadron	June 15 – 17	2
1996	Rushville	June 6-8	6
Year	Location	Date	Families
1997	North Loup	June 19 - 21	7
1998	Parks	June 11 – 13	Cancelled
1999	Parks	June 17 – 19	8
2000	Ogallala	June 15 – 17	Cancelled
2001	Ogallala	June 14 – 16	Cancelled
2002	Hay Springs	June 13 – 15	Cancelled
2003	Not Scheduled		

Disbanded due to lack of participation. Equipment sold at Crazy Auction in Valentine 2008.

XIII. NEBRASKA SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

- 1952 On October 2 the Nebraska Section was organized at Fort Robinson.
- 1953 Several range field days were held on ranches and proved to be very popular. Dr. Elverne C. Conard, Secretary-Treasurer, published the first Section newsletter. The Society dues were \$6.00 with \$.75 returned to the Section.
- 1954 The Nebraska Section hosted the Seventh Annual National Meeting of the American Society of Range Management in Omaha, January 26-29 with the headquarters at the Hotel Fontenelle. Dr. Marvel Baker and Wilkie Collins were co-chairpersons of the Arrangements Committee. Floyd D. Larson was Chairperson of the Program Committee. There were 235 people registered for the meeting. The following Nebraskans presented papers:
- Dr. John E. Weaver, University of Nebraska, entitled "Toward a Better Understanding of Vegetation."
- Bruce Snyder, Paxton, Nebraska, entitled "Utilization of Pastures in the Production of Finished Yearling Cattle."
- Dr. Ruth Leverton, Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station, Lincoln, entitled "Meat and the Diet."

1955 John F. Keller, Valentine, stated in the Nebraska Section newsletter, "My parents homesteaded in the North Loup River Valley in the spring 1884, and I can remember my father saying he could have walked over the hills adjacent to the valley most anytime of the first few years without ever stepping on a blade of grass. That would be impossible today."

The first two-day Annual Meeting of the Section was held at Fort Robinson, October 7, with a ranch style dinner served in the Comanche dining room. A photography contest called the "Nebraska Section in Action" was sponsored by the Section. The entries were exhibited and judged at the Annual Meeting. Selvester Vanderbeek had the winning set of photographs. Lorenz Bredemeier suggested a state-wide range judging contest at the annual meeting.

1956 A \$75 contribution by the State Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts made possible the awarding of prizes for the first time to top range judging individuals. The top three individual youths received copies of Drs. J. E. Weaver and F. W. Albertson's new range book entitled "Grasslands of the Great Plains." The three top adults received one-year membership to the American Society of Range Management. In addition, new attractive ribbons were awarded to all individuals and team members by the Nebraska Section - ASRM.

1957 A range and ranch management curriculum was first introduced at the University of Nebraska (Lincoln). It was a non-departmental curriculum with advisors in many departments. The Section Council went on record to promote the new curriculum. The inadequacy of this was obvious; thus, the responsibility for the range management curriculum was transferred to the Department of Agronomy in the fall, 1961. The Section Council also put in the record that the Nebraska Section should be the sponsoring agency of all range activities in Nebraska.

1958 The Nebraska Section was recognized at the ASRM Annual Meeting at Phoenix for having the largest percentage increase of membership in 1958; showing a gain of 36 percent or an increase of 91 to 124 members. Don Burzlaff first proposed a range camp at the annual meeting. A motion passed at the annual meeting stated that council members were to serve as a committee whose sole responsibility is to solicit articles for the newsletter.

1959 A survey indicated that there were 100 wild turkeys living along a ten-mile area of the Niobrara River south of Gordon. This population resulted from a release of 4 hens and 2 gobblers on the Mills ranch by the Gordon wildlife club in the fall of 1953. The turkeys were imported from West Virginia.

The Nebraska Section dedicated a native grass display at the intersection of Highway 2 and 83, east of Thedford, on September 19. Grasses and forbs indigenous to the Sandhills were planted in a nursery and a sign was erected. Don Cox, John Sautter and Dale Langford were responsible for this activity.

A motion was made at the annual meeting to prepare a letter of support for the present interest and the hope that continued interest will result in an adequate range management program under one department at the University of Nebraska.

- 1960 The Nebraska Section offered its newsletter to non-members for \$1.00 per year. The State Range Judging Contest was held in conjunction with the annual meeting.
- 1961 Range Conservation Stamp (4 cents) was officially released at the ASRM National Meeting at Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 1962 Nebraska Section members attending the Fifteenth Annual ASRM Meeting at Corpus Christi, Texas, January 23-26 were Lorenz Bredemeier, Don Burzlaff, Dan Merkle, E. C. Conard, Don Cox, E. J. Dyksterhius, and Dick Dunn.
- 1963 The Nebraska Section recognized its first Rangeman of the Year Award. The first Range Youth Camp was held at the 4-H Camp, Halsey. The Nebraska Section hosted the summer meeting of the American Society of Range Management during July 5 and 6. The headquarters was the Pawnee Hotel, North Platte, with a tour of various ranches in that area. Richard Bolli received the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Honor Award. Mr. Bolli was a student at the University of Nebraska (Lincoln) majoring in range management. The award was based on scholastic ability, professional promise and leadership in extra-curricular activities.

The Section was not in favor of the formation of a separate international Society for Range Management. A suggestion was made to provide a grant for scholarship or assistantship for graduate students.

- 1964 The Nebraska Section won first place for displays at the Annual Meeting in Wichita, Kansas, February 11-14. The displays were prepared by Dr. Vallentine and Peter Jensen. A native grass sub-committee was established by the Nebraska Centennial Commission in preparation for Nebraska's Centennial Year - 1967. The committee was established to publicize and promote the historic and economic significance of natural grasslands. There were several Nebraska Section members on this Committee.
- 1965 The Eighteenth Annual ASRM Meeting was held on February 9-12 at Las Vegas, Nevada. The Nebraska Section members attending were E. C. Conard, Clint Hall, Don Burzlaff, Don Cox, Ray Sall, Elmer Vogel, Fred Dickinson, Gary Fick, Dick Dunn, John Vallentine, Glenn Miller, Bob Hill, Bayne Grubb, Jim Sattler, Orville Kaschke, Frank Dietrick, Peter Jensen, Selvester Vanderbeek and Jim Peters.

Nebraska Section Member Dr. J. E. Weaver, Professor Emeritus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, authored his sixteenth book, entitled "Native Vegetation of Nebraska."

- 1966 Warren Fairchild, Chairperson, Nebraska Native Grass Centennial Committee, reported a response to the Centennial Grassland Recognition Program. Fairchild stated over 100 farmers and ranchers have been awarded the Centennial Grassland Management and Seeding Certificates. In addition, twenty-six have received the top Centennial Grassland Management Award, an engraved plaque.

The Section supported the continuation of Fort Robinson as a Range Research Station. Student Range Society Chapters were discussed at the annual meeting. A motion was accepted to promote re-seeding of go-back land for the 1967 Centennial Year. The Section also supported a plan to have the emphasis (SRM) changed from winter meetings to summer meetings.

- 1967 Nebraska hosted the 3rd National Grassland Field Day, July 12-14 at the Mead Field Laboratory, Mead, Nebraska. The activity was sponsored by the American Forage and Grassland Council and the University of Nebraska. Several Nebraska Section members assisted Dr. Donald F. Burzlaff, the Arrangements Chairperson. The Section passed a resolution in support of having the SRM main office located in Denver.

- 1968 The Lancaster County 4-H Range Judging Team, coached by Emery Nelson, placed 3rd in the 4-H Division at the International Range and Pasture Judging Contest, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The Section passed a resolution to sponsor little bluestem as the official Nebraska State Grass.

- 1969 The Nebraska Section and Soil Conservation Society of America sponsored Legislative Bill 729, Eightieth Session, making little bluestem, *Andropogon scoparius*, Nebraska's State Grass. The bill was written by Senator Stan W. Matzke, but was introduced by Maurice A. Kremer, 34th District and Wayne L. Schreurs, 24th District. It was one of the shortest legislative bills ever signed into law in Nebraska. It read ..."Little bluestem, known as *Andropogon scoparius*, is hereby declared the official state grass of Nebraska." Its final reading was on May 1st and was signed into law by Gov. Norbert T. Tiemann. Nebraska was the first state in the United States to legally name a state native grass.

Ninety-five percent of the members were favorable on a proposed joint section with South Dakota.

1970 The Nebraska Section - ASRM has 19 members present at the twenty-third Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. Those attending included Roger French, Jim Nichols, Don Clanton, Peter Jensen, Tom Shiflet, Don Cox, Leonard Thye, Jerry Garner, Merle Prince, Ken Weyers, Mick Helberg, E. C. Conard, Leon Thompson, Arnold Heerwagen, Gary Greder, Orville Kaschke, Harlon DeGarmo, David Rogers, and Bayne Grubb. In addition, Ed Fick and Carl Andersen attended the Youth Range Forum.

1971 The official name of the society was changed from the American Society of Range Management to Society for Range Management. Tri-state meeting (Nebraska, Wyoming, and South Dakota) was held on September 10-11 at Crawford, Nebraska.

1972 Dan Heinz, member of the Nebraska Section and District Ranger, Nebraska National Forest, Halsey, accepted an assignment to help people of Ghana, Africa, to help preserve and develop their natural resources.

Dr. Ross McKinney, Chairperson, University of Kansas Environmental-Health Engineering Department, was quoted in the Nebraska Section newsletter as saying, we are now witnessing "one of the largest con games ever played, the environmental con game." He warns us not to be conned into believing things are getting worse and worse...when actually "the situation is getting better and better." He reminds us this progress is not being made by the environmental con men but by the "plodding professional who does the work and is never recognized."

A motion was approved to support the SCSA recommendation that cottonwood be named the state tree.

1973 Range Quotes as appeared in the Nebraska Section newsletter:

"It is generally recognized that a rancher's real wealth lies in the forage produced on his land, most assuredly, he cannot maintain highest meat production from his land unless the production and quality of the forage is maintained. Furthermore, certain basic knowledge of forage plants increases the rancher's ability to maintain or to increase the forage production of his lands." J. W. Southworth (Rancher).

"Know grasses well enough to manage them right so they will yield more, and livestock will do better. The soil will be preserved, and management costs will go down." B. W. Allred (President, SRM 1953).

"The rancher cannot stand by and hope someone will protect his interests in the land. He must immediately and aggressively solve these problems. Livestockmen who approach range management in a spirit of understanding and

a willingness to cooperate in putting together a workable multiple-use program on the land are the farsighted ones. This requires that the stockmen have a positive plan of action to improve the range. Stockmen must develop leadership in land management. There is no reason to wait for others to develop the plan." Hugh W. Colton (Rancher).

"As we go about our day-to-day work on the range, both ranchers and technicians, let us not lose sight of the fact nor forget that a nation is rich only so long as its supply of soil, water and plant resources is greater than the needs of its people. We must never let these resources dwindle to a point where they are just meeting our basic needs. We know from history what happens to great nations when they fail to conserve and husband their soil and range resources. We need abundance to prosper, progress, and maintain our standard of living." Fred G. Renner (President, SRM 1949).

1974 A joint meeting was held with the Soil Conservation Society of America on June 14-15, Norfolk, Nebraska. It was the SCSA Annual Meeting with approximately 25 Nebraska Section members attending.

1975 The Society for Range Management received a grant from the Old West Regional Commission in April. The grant was extended in 1977 to provide funds through 1979. The objective of the four-year grant was to improve the range resources in Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

The grant was administered by Dan Bose, State Coordinator, under the advisement of a State Board, made up of six ranchers and eleven federal and state agencies personnel. The program placed emphasis on youth and adult educational programs. These programs included the development and publishing of "Rangeland Resources of Nebraska." The publication provided information on areas surrounding ownership, range conditions and products related to rangelands of Nebraska.

The development of three education films were also a major part of the program. Three 25-minute films, "Rangelands - An American Heritage," "Rangeland - The Silent Resource," and "Range Improvements" were produced and released. In addition, fourteen slide cassette programs on rangeland related subjects were developed.

The Nebraska Range Youth Camp received additional funding through the Old West Regional Range Program, as did various range judging activities. In 1977, the Old West Regional Range Program held its Second Annual Regional Range Judging Contest at Halsey. The contest location is rotated with the other four states.

1976 The Nebraska Section hosted the twenty-ninth Annual Meeting, Society for Range Management in Omaha, February 17-20, with the headquarters at the Hilton Hotel. Dr. L. J. Perry, Jr. was the General Chairperson, Dr. James Nichols was the Program Chairperson, and Peter N. Jensen was the Arrangements Chairperson. There were 816 people registered for the meeting.

A motion was accepted in support of "reestablishing past positions in range and pasture management and expand for future positions in the area" at UNL. This was communicated to the administration.

1977 Eighty people participated in the Quad-County (Chase, Dundy, Hayes, and Hitchcock) range meeting on July 14. The group toured the Clint McCalleum, Marvin Large, and Jack Maddux ranches. The tour concluded with a steak cook-out at the Izaak Walton League cabin on the shores of Enders Lake.

Nebraska Section Summer Rangeland Tour was conducted in Brown and Keya Paha Counties. The group toured the Sid Salzman, Jerry Bammerlin and the Art Heerten ranches. The business meeting and dinner was held in Ainsworth.

The Nebraska Section released two position statements: 1) water quantity and quality and, 2) range research.

1978 The first field range management school for University credit was held at Scottsbluff, June 26-30. The school was under the administration of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with instruction by University of Nebraska, Extension Service, and other federal and state agencies personnel. The students were primarily University of Nebraska undergraduate and graduate students, vocational agriculture teachers, county extension agents, land managers, and agricultural leaders.

Two resolutions were adopted at the annual meeting. The Section supported the "Bottle Bill", Proposition 301. A second resolution was forwarded to the SRM regarding Board of Director procedures in personnel changes recently completed.

1979 SRM membership dues were \$28 for a regular, \$13.50 for student, \$41 individual sustaining, and \$20 for emeritus.

The Old West Regional Range Program (OWRRP) was terminated on June 30, 1979. The Old West Regional Commission sponsored the SRM range program, which was curtailed in April 1975. The following Nebraska Section members served on the OWRRP Advisory Committee; Dan Bose (coordinator), Elmer Schrag, Reed Hamilton, Don Harford, Keith Keyes, Vic Krause, Ken Leistritz, Sid Salzman, Jim Nichols, and Pete Jensen. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Range Management Club was formally recognized as a Student Chapter.

1980 The second range shortcourse was held at Chadron State College during July 16-20th with 32 students. The instructors were from UNL-Lincoln, Chadron State College, SCS, Forest Service, and North Platte and Panhandle Experiment Stations.

The UNL Range Management Club held its First Annual Rangeland Symposium on April 18th at the University of Nebraska East Campus Student Union. Resolution was approved to oppose the inclusion of range management within the proposed School of Natural Resources, UNL.

SRM Regional Range Judging contest was held on September 30th at Washburn, North Dakota. The Gordon, Nebraska FFA team placed second.

1981 The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Board of Regents accepted a gift of 12,817 acres near Whitman from Mr. and Mrs. Gudmundsen, which was dedicated on June 26th to be known as the Gudmundsen Sandhills Research Center.

The Nebraska range judging program was modernized through the use of the computer as part of the UNL-L AGNET SYSTEM. Twelve Nebraska NRD's contributed \$1,011 and UNL-Lincoln \$200 to underwrite the expense of developing the program and a supply of computer cards. (Note: After two years of use at the state contests and select area contests, the UNL-Lincoln Extension Service dropped the range judging program and the computer program was discontinued).

The First Annual Nebraska Range Appreciation week was observed in September.

1982 The Nebraska Section co-sponsored a Range Field Day with the Kansas-Oklahoma Section on the Simmental Ranch near Mankato, Kansas, July 13th. The Range Shortcourse was held at Chadron June 21-25 with 27 participants. Gov. Charles Thone proclaimed the week of June 6-12 as Range Conservation Week. During the week there were numerous TV and radio spot announcements by Gov. Thone, regarding range conservation. In addition, there were many other news releases and activities.

1983 The Annual Meeting was held on a Friday and Saturday. Two resolutions were adopted at the Nebraska Section Annual Meeting. (1) The need to protect the fragile soils of the Nebraska Sandhills from further exploitive center-pivot irrigation development be strongly presented to the Nebraska Legislature and legislation be implemented to protect the Sandhills from exploitation, and (2) the chairperson of the Gudmundsen Sandhills Research Center (GSRC) Planning Committee and the Chairperson of the GSRC Management Committee encourage the Director of the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station

establish a firm support base for research at the GSRC through the development of new funding or the reallocation of existing funds to provide: (a) professional support staff, (b) technical support, and (c) operating funds.

- 1984 The Nebraska Range Management Cooperative Committee was formed consisting of federal and state agencies, University of Nebraska organizations, and livestock producers. The major goal of this committee was to bring agencies, organizations, constitutions, and individuals together who have major interests and/or responsibilities for range management programs for the development of stronger, cooperative efforts in areas of shared concerns, and to cooperate in a manner which allows range management staff to be more effective in assisting users of range resources.

The Range Shortcourse was held at Chadron June 18-24 with 46 participants. The Nebraska Section was recognized at the SRM Annual Meeting for its membership increase-second among all sections.

A resolution supporting the addition of livestock wells, livestock crater pipelines, and crossfencing to the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation program list of eligible sections.

- 1985 U.S. Forest Service issued a new policy to permit fire to play a more natural ecosystem role on the 32 million acres of congressionally designated wilderness areas they administer.

The Nebraska Section membership was as follows: regular--100, student--23, regular sustaining--3, emeritus--3, life--9, life sustaining--2, for a total of 140.

The Nebraska Section had \$14,635.03 in their assets at the end of the year, which included the scholarship investment monies.

A resolution recognizing that prescribed burning can be a valuable management practice under appropriate conditions for Nebraska's range and pasture resource was adopted at the annual meeting.

The Nebraska Section was presented a Distinguished Service Award by the Nebraska FFA.

- 1986 The Nebraska-Kansas-Colorado Ranch Field Day was held on August 2nd at the Jack Maddux ranch near Wauneta, Nebraska. The field day was held in conjunction with the Maddux Cattle Company Centennial Celebration. There were over 400 people on the tour and many more later for the barbecue and dance. This tour was co-sponsored with the Range Management Cooperative Committee and provided the first proceedings of a summer tour.

The Annual Meeting was also cosponsored with the Range Management Cooperative Committee. A three-day meeting was conducted with a ranch management symposium consisting of 18 speakers. Proceedings were available.

The Administrative Handbook was revised. The archives were cataloged and housed in Keim Hall on UNL's East Campus. The archives contain a complete set of annual meeting and executive council meeting minutes as well as a copy of every newsletter. The Section History was updated. The Constitution and By-Laws were updated as amended in the past. The Administrative Handbook, Section History, Constitution and By- Laws were all computerized.

1987 Janel Weber, Christie Thompson, and Darrell Schneider represented Nebraska in the High School Youth Forum. Darrell placed third in the paper presentations and was also elected President. The UN-L Range Management Club placed third in the both competition with their booth entitled "Appreciation and Understanding of Rangelands--It Begins with Youth". The club also held a symposium in the spring, "Wildlife and the Range". Leafy spurge workshops were held in O'Neil, Ainsworth, and Bassett. A resolution on leafy spurge was adopted at the annual meeting. The summer tour was in Chadron and 37 participants observed management practices for riparian habitat. Over 300 people attended a field day at the Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory. The first range management major was approved at UN-L.

1988 The University of Nebraska-Lincoln hosted the Eighth Annual Rangeland Symposium with the theme "The CRP in 10 Years...What will it be like?". This was held on March 11. 57 people attended the summer tour held in Sherman County.

1989 The SRM summer tour was held at the Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory on June 17 and was held in conjunction with the University of Nebraska Field Day.

The Section presented a program on range management at the December meeting of the Cow/calf Council of the Nebraska Cattleman's Association. This year the Section had a 27% increase in membership. The initial involvement of the Chadron State College Range Club began in the fall of 1989 when the club was represented at the Section annual meeting.

1990 Four High School Youth Forum members represented the Section at the Annual Meeting in Reno. Participants were Shandon Anthony (Valentine), Cassey Deisley (Gordon), Michi Wendell (Grant) and Kristi Child (Gordon). The Information and Education Committee prepared a Membership Directory. The Summer Tour was held near Grand Island and hosted by the Platte River Whooping Crane Trust. The annual meeting was held in Broken Bow and

included an invited presentation by Dr. Dave Engle, Oklahoma State University. This year's annual meeting also had tours. The bylaws affecting the procedure for the election of the President-Elect were revised. The nominating committee will only nominate one candidate and the President-elect will be selected at the annual meeting following any additional nominations from the floor. The William P. Wester Scholarship Fund was established. This was the first year for a Range Youth Camp Exchange Program. Mary Walker of Richey, Montana, attended Nebraska's Youth Camp and Shandon Anthony represented Nebraska at the Montana Youth Camp. The Range Management Division of the Chadron State College Ag Club was organized.

- 1991 The UNL Range Management Club sponsored the Eleventh Rangeland Symposium on Riparian Issues. The Section hosted the SRM Summer Meeting, July 12-16. The tour of the Sandhills with stops at the Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory and haying at the Triangle Ranch were of special interest. A resolution was passed at the annual meeting to oppose the proposed ban against federal employees being actively involved in professional organizations on official time.
- 1992 Chadron State College (CSC) and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln signed an agreement for a 2+2 academic transfer program and a 3+1 program to provide a range management major at CSC. As of March 31, the Section had 168 members, a 5% increase from last year. Technological Advances in Natural Resources Management was the title of this years Rangeland Symposium. The annual meeting was held at Fort Robinson and included tours and several family activities. The state range judging contest had the highest participation in the history of the event. The Old West Regional Range Judging Contest was held in Scottsbluff October 4-5.
- 1993 The Nebraska Section SRM is asked to help with the development of the Harrop Sandhills Park, 20 miles north of Taylor. The Nebraska Section and the Nebraska Section of Holistic Resource Management collaborated by contributing to each others newsletter and sponsoring a joint meeting in O'Neil. The Section passes a resolution to support the formation of a Center for Grassland Studies at UN-L. The 13th Rangeland Symposium, focusing on Sandhills wetlands, was renamed the Natural Resources Symposium and was jointly sponsored by the UN-L Range Club the Soil and Water Resources Club, and the Wildlife Club.
- 1994 The Nebraska Section bylaws were revised. The Nebraska Section was selected to host the 1999 International SRM meeting. Keith Harmoney (UNL) received the combined URME/Plant ID award at the annual SRM. The Nebraska Section Newsletter placed second in the Newsletter contest. A joint meeting of the Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming Sections was held in Hot Springs, South Dakota. Invited speakers were Frank and Debra Popper, authors of the "Buffalo Commons" concept. The 14th Natural Resources Symposium was held focusing

on Environmental Ethics. Two producer scholarships to the Nebraska Range Shortcourse were offered. Jaqueline Matthews of Stapleton and Justin Bradley of Brewster were the recipients.

1995 The Nebraska Section received a \$14,000 grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust to help finance some improvements to the Range Youth Camp at Halsey, and to help develop the Family Range Camp. The UN-L Range Club combined with the UNL Wildlife and Soil and Water Resources Clubs to present the 15th Natural Resources Symposium titled "Natural History of Nebraska". The first Family Range Camp was held June 15-17, south of Chadron on the O'Rourke ranch. The number of participants in the State Range Judging Contest was an all-time high. The topic of the Section Annual Meeting was "Managing Grasslands: Responsibilities and Opportunities". This was the first time that graduate students from the University of Nebraska-Kearney Biology Department participated.

Jason Smith represented the Nebraska Section in the High School Youth Forum. A special meeting of the membership was held March 27 in North Platte to vote on ByLaws amendments, which were approved. Nebraska Section dues were raised from \$4 to \$5. The summer tour was held jointly with the Soil and Water Conservation Society at Halsey. The State Range Conservationist office was moved to North Platte. The Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition (GLCI) held its first meeting. Nine Nebraska schools sent teams to the Old West Regional Range Judging Contest in Rapid City. The Chadron State College Ag Club Range Division was granted SRM Student Chapter status.

1997 The Section was well represented at the Golden Anniversary meeting of the SRM in Rapid City. Over 20 posters and papers were presented by Nebraskans. The Section, under the leadership of Troy Hindman, developed a web page (www.ianr.unl.edu/srm). The Section served as a co-sponsor for the Old West Regional Range Judging Contest held at Alliance. A wind storm made the Third Annual Family Range Camp more exciting than usual at Davis Creek. The Section membership approved a resolution at its annual meeting supporting the development of a Grazing Livestock Systems major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

1998 Several Nebraskans represented the Section at the International SRM meetings held Gadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. Maria Fisher and Jamie Eberly represented Nebraska in the High School Youth Forum. Dr. James T. O'Rourke was honored at the meetings by being awarded the SRM Fellow award and the Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award. The UNL plant ID team placed fourth. The video "Roots of Stewardship" was produced and released by the Nebraska Grazinglands Coalition with assistance from NRCS. Long term Nebraska Section member Leonard Thye passed away. Harlan DeGarmo also passed away in July. Intense planning was under way for the International meeting to be held in Omaha in 1999.

- 1999 The International SRM/AFGC meeting held in Omaha derived the largest profit from an annual meeting to date. The total profit was \$117,793.89, of which \$80,483.82 went to SRM in Denver, \$17,342.68 to AFGC in Georgetown, TX, and \$11,779.39 to the Nebraska Section SRM. Kim Stine received the State Range Management Specialist of the year award at the international SRM meetings in Omaha from the NRCS. Nebraska Section Meetings were held at Kearney. A March wild fire started by an electrical surge at an abandoned house north of Mullen burned almost 30 miles to the east leaving 71,500 acres charred in its wake. The Ranch Practicum course was introduced by the University of Nebraska. UNL introduces new Grazing Livestock Systems Major. Lorenz Bredemeier, charter member of the Nebraska Section passes away in August. James T. O'Rourke received the American Forage and Grassland Council Presidential Citation.
- 2000 The black tailed prairie dog was listed as a candidate for the Endangered Species Act by USFWS. Rod Baumberger of South Dakota was named as seven-state coordinator for Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative by NRCS. The conversion of range site descriptions to ecological site descriptions was initiated by NRCS. Long term member and past International SRM President Donald A. Cox passes away in October. The First National Conference on Grazing Lands was held in Las Vegas. Bob Masters leaves ARS and joins private industry.
- 2001 The Nebraska Grazing Conference was held in Kearney. The annual International SRM meeting was held in Kona, Hawaii. The Nebraska High School Youth Forum participants take first, second and seventh. They were Joye Kreycik of Wood Lake, Dawn Rahn of Atkinson and Gena Kimminau of Guide Rock respectively.
- 2002 The International SRM annual meeting was held in Kansas City. The Old West Regional Range Judging Contest held at Valentine.
- 2003 The International SRM meeting was held at Casper, WY. SRM signed a Technical Service Provider Memorandum of Understanding with the NRCS. The Center for Grassland Studies co-sponsored a tour and conference at the Brush Creek Ranch. The Mike and Cynthia Kelly Ranch of Sutherland was awarded the National Environmental Stewardship Award. Nebraska SRM sponsors its 40th consecutive Range Youth Camp near Halsey.
- 2004 Shelly Taylor represented the Nebraska Section for the High School Youth Forum at the International SRM meetings in Salt Lake City, UT with a first-place presentation on "Grasshoppers in the Sandhills". The Don Cox Memorial Grass Display was dedicated July 16, 2004. The display features nine impressive plant mounts of grasses important to the Nebraska Sandhills along with a hand-woven plant matt made by Don Cox himself. The display is featured on the east wall of the lodge ballroom at the 4-H Camp near Halsey,

NE. Don Cox (1912 -2000) was a prominent SRM member.

2005 An SRM summer range tour was held in July featuring the University of Nebraska Barta Brothers Ranch and the Nebraska Public Power District wind farm near Ainsworth. The International meetings were held at Fort Worth, TX where Nebraska graduate student Eric Mousel took first place in the PhD level paper contest.

Three long term NE SRM supporters passed away: Dave Jones of the Diamond Bar Ranch in Logan County and Martin Viersen of the Viersen Ranch at North Platte and Robert Baum, retired SCS/NRCS of Tecumseh.

2006 The Prescribed Burn Task Force of Dawson, Buffalo, Lincoln and Custer counties, along with the Loess Canyon Rangeland Alliance of southeast Lincoln County took prescribed burning for eastern red cedar control to a new level. Doug Whisenhunt, NRCS, was instrumental with the help of many other landowners and volunteers in conducting a 1400 acre burn on April 11. July brought significant wildfires to the state (ignition not related to prescribed burning). First, in the Niobrara breaks north of Valentine, then in the Sioux and Dawes County Complexes.

2007 Patrick Reece, Rangeland Ecologist at the UNL Panhandle Research and Extension Center retired at the end of September.

2008 The joint meeting of the Nebraska and South Dakota Sections in Valentine was a great success where 138 people joined together to discuss sustainable grasslands. Long term NE Section member Sid Salzman was recognized with the “Special Award of Merit”. The Family Camp trailer and camping equipment was auctioned off during the Crazy Auction at the meeting in Valentine.

2009 The Nebraska Section and Sandhills RC&D were awarded \$1,000 dollars by the Virginia Smith Charitable Trust for financial assistance with Range Youth Camp.

Tom Kelly of Sutherland represented Nebraska SRM at the International SRM annual meeting in Albuquerque, NM during the High School Youth Forum presentations where he won first place with his presentation “Restoring the Birdwood”.

2010 Two long term supporters of Nebraska SRM passed away:
Dr. James T. Nichols, retired Range and Forage Specialist with UNL. A memorial was designated to the NE Section in Nichols name to be used for scholarships for students to attend the Youth Range Camp.

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Dr. Ron Weedon, professor of Physical and Life Sciences, Chadron State.

Many NE Section members were able to enjoy the wonderful accommodations that range campers experience at the Halsey State 4-H Camp for the annual meeting held in October.

- 2011 Dr. Walt Schacht, professor at UNL, and his wife Carol spent a year in the southwestern African Country of Namibia, where he assisted other scientists on woody encroachment of grasslands. UNL graduate students Lars Anderson and Laura Snell traveled to Namibia on grants provided by the Grassland Foundation.

The first annual North American Invasive Plant Ecology and Management Short Course was held at North Platte. Steve Young, Weed Ecologist with UNL, organized the course.

- 2012 The NE Section cooperated with the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition to host a summer tour that drew over 200 participants from around the country. The tour was held July 19th in the heart of the Nebraska Sandhills. Participants toured the Abbot Ranch (part of the Rex Ranches), Tippet-Myers Ranch (Lynn Myers), and the Blue Creek Ranch (Ted Turner Ranches).

- 2013 The Nebraska Section SRM held a 50th Anniversary Range Camp Reunion at the Hamilton Ranch north of Thedford and at the State 4-H Camp near Halsey on August 24th. Reunion participants enjoyed a tour of the Hamilton Ranch, a plant ID contest, reminiscing by former camp participants and a barbecue. Mary Reece, long time camp co-director organized the event.

Daryl Cisney of Ogallala received the Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award at the 66th Annual Meeting of SRM in Oklahoma City. He was recognized for his involvement in every educational opportunity offered by the Nebraska Section SRM to youth and adults over many, many years. “He is one of a select few to hold an organization together with their consistent, sustained presence and dedication over the years”.

- 2014 The annual NE Section meeting was held in North Platte. Bob Broweleit of Seneca, served as the president of the NE Section for two consecutive years (2013-14 and 2014-15). Subsequently he was responsible for organizing two annual meetings and running the business of the section for two full years. He accepted this responsibility to keep the order of succession of council members on schedule due to the 2014 President Elect taking a new job out of state.

- 2015 Sid Salzman of Ainsworth, NE passed away February 21st, two days before his 88th birthday. Sid was a charter member of the NE Section. He served as the President of the Nebraska Section in 1954 and again in 1989. Sid was active in the NE Section since its inception in 1952 through the year of his passing in

2015. That is 63 years of dedicated service! He received the NE Section Rangeman's Award in 1978 and the Fellow Award from SRM in 1997, as well as the NE Section Special Award of Merit in 2008. He ranched and dedicated his life to his family and the community of Ainsworth, NE.

- 2016 The annual NE Section Meeting was held at Gothenburg, NE on October 13th-14th at the Monsanto Water Learning Center. The theme for the meeting was "Capitalizing on Range Management Opportunities". There were over 110 people in attendance at the meeting, including members, landowners and students. The tour was held at the Broken Box Ranch owned by the Sundstrom family, south of Brady, NE. The Sundstroms were the 2014 Rangeman's Award recipients. There were over 50 people in attendance at the tour.
- 2017 Nadine Bishop, NRCS State Range Management Specialist and long-term NE Section SRM member was presented the 2016 NRCS Rangeland Conservationist of the Year at the 2017 Annual Meeting in St. George, Utah. This esteemed award is presented annually and recognizes NRCS Conservationists who have exhibited superior accomplishments in rangeland conservation.
- 2018 The James and Lora O'Rourke Family (RuJoDen Ranch) was awarded the prestigious 2018 Nebraska Leopold Conservation Award. The award honors Nebraska landowner achievement in voluntary stewardship and management of natural resources. The award was presented by Governor Pete Ricketts joined by Sand County Foundation, the Alliance for the Future of Agriculture in Nebraska. Cargill, and the Nebraska Environmental Trust. The O'Rourke's are long term members of the Nebraska Section SRM and active at all levels of leadership and involvement throughout their lifetimes.