

TO: Agricultural Education Instructors

FROM: Ben Beckman, Area 5 Contest Coordinator

DATE: August 24, 2026

SUBJECT: 2025 Area 5 Range Judging Contest

DATE: Thursday, September 10, 2026
LOCATION: Pierce, NE - Knox County
CHECK-IN: 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. – Pierce County Fairgrounds
101 E Lloyd St, Pierce, NE 68767

The Knox County Farm Bureau, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Nebraska Extension, and the Nebraska Section of the Society for Range Management are contest sponsors.

Pre-Registration is required by September 4th. Please go to https://go.unl.edu/area5_range_registration or scan the QR code above. All registration this year will be through the online platform.



This link is a Qualtrics survey in which you can enter all contestant names. **Junior Division** is grade 9 - 10. **Senior Division** is grade 11 - 12, and **Adult Division** for instructors, parents, bus drivers, and anyone else wanting to participate. Please enter all the contestants in the text box below the appropriate division.

The registration fee is \$3.50 per contestant (due and payable at check-in). Please make checks payable to Nebraska Society for Range Management. Registration fees are non-refundable.

Contest guidance and study resources can be found in EC150, Revised February 2025, is available here: [Range Judging Handbook](#).

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



There will be a question following registration that will ask for volunteers to help during the contest as a group leader. If you are willing to help yourself or bring along someone to lead a group please let us know.

If you know of any groups (FFA Alumni would be a great go to) or individuals that would like to help out, would love to have them. Please share our link here: <https://go.unl.edu/25rangevol> or this QR code:

We look forward to seeing you and your students on September 10th! If you have questions, or changes prior to the contest date, contact Ben Beckman (bbeckman3@unl.edu).

