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TO: Vocational Agriculture Instructors
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DATE: August 20, 2026
SUBJECT: 2026 Area 1 Range Judging Contest

DATE: Tuesday, September 15, 2026

LOCATION: Cheyenne County, Sidney NE

CHECK-IN: 8:30–9:00 a.m. at the Sidney Shooting Park (trap houses)

Please watch for signage. Limited restroom facilities on site.

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



Pre-Registration is required, and the deadline is **September 10, 2026**. Please go to [2026 Area 1 Range Judging](#) or scan the QR code to register.

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

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

The 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 Area 1 contest results will be posted on www.nesrm.org. Select Nebraska Range Judging, Results.

We look forward to seeing you and your students on September 15th! If you have questions, or changes prior to the contest date, contact Kristin Dickinson at kristin.dickinson@usda.gov or Yolanda at yhruska@spnrd.org.

