

To: FFA Chapters and Schools (must be located within Area 4 boundaries)
From: Josie Crouch, Area 4 Contest Coordinator
Date: August 20, 2026
Subject: 2026 Area 4 Range Judging Contest

CONTEST DATE: Wednesday, September 9, 2026
LOCATION: Boone County, Petersburg Village Campus
(previously the old school)
203 E. Widaman, Petersburg, NE 68652
CHECK-IN: 8:00 to 9:00 am CT (*directions below*)

REGISTRATIONS DUE ONLINE: September 3, 2026

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

Pre-Registration is required (online only), and the deadline is **Thursday, September 3, 2026**. Please go to the [Area 4 Range Judging registration link](#) or scan the QR code.

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

Make checks payable to:

Nebraska Society for Range Management or *NESRM*.

Cost is \$5/participant. *

Payment due at check-in. Registration fees are non-refundable.

For registration, you will need:

- School or FFA Chapter Name
- Instructor name, email, and telephone number
- Contestant name(s)
- Division: **Senior Division**- grades 11 & 12
Junior Division- grades 9, 10 or younger
Adult Division- instructors, parents, bus drivers, and other non-students.
- Online registrations are due Thursday, September 3, 2026. No late entries.



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

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

There will be no awards following the contest. Upon completion of the contest, schools will be dismissed for the day, and lunch is on your own. The cards will be scored later, and official Area 4 contest results will be posted around September 10th on <https://www.nesrm.org/>. Select “Nebraska Range Judging,” then “Results.”

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

We look forward to seeing you and your students on **September 9th** at the Petersburg Village Campus in Petersburg, NE! If you have questions about the Area 4 contest, contact Josie Crouch at jcrouch5@unl.edu.

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

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Directions to Petersburg Village Campus (old high school):

- 203 East Widaman Street, Petersburg, NE
- Take Highway 32 to South 2nd Street and turn north.
- Turn right onto Widaman Street.
- The Village Campus is on the south side of the street.
- Ag Instructors can come into register and pick up cards.

