TO: Vocational Agriculture Teachers  
FROM: Amy Timmerman, State Contest Coordinator  
SUBJECT: State Range Judging  
DATE: September 12, 2019  

The State Range Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, September 25, 2019 in the O’Neill - Atkinson area. Registration will be from 8:00-9:00 at the Atkinson Community Center at 206 W 5th St. Atkinson, NE.

The Upper Elkhorn NRD, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nebraska Extension in Holt & Boyd County and the NE Section of the Society for Range Management are sponsors for the contest.

Contestants must compete in their own division. For example, *juniors* are high school sophomores and younger, *seniors* are high school juniors and seniors, and *adults* for anyone out of school. There is no limit on the number of individuals that may be entered.

The registration fee is **$5.00** per contestant and needs to be paid in full by the morning of the contest. Payment is to be made payable to “University of Nebraska – Lincoln”. There will be invoices/receipts in your registration packet that day of the contest. As in past years, the tabulations are computerized so we need to have student names ahead of time in order to get all the information entered. 

Registration will be completed on-line at [https://go.unl.edu/2019_state_range_judging](https://go.unl.edu/2019_state_range_judging) by 3 PM on Friday September 20th. You will receive a confirmation email following completion of your registration. If you have difficulties registering please contact Amy Timmerman or Kelli Knox located at the Holt County Extension Office at 402-336-2760. Registrations prior to the deadline are highly encouraged.

On Monday September 23rd, all registered advisors will receive an email with information regarding the practice site location and all the information you will need for the day of contest. Contestants will have access to the practice location on Tuesday September 24th from 1 pm till dark and Wednesday morning until registration closes.

Following the contest there will be no awards ceremony. Within a day or two of the completion of the contest, official state contest results will be posted on the NE Society for Range Management website ([www.nesrm.org](http://www.nesrm.org)) under the Range Judging tab and emailed out on the NE AgEd listserve. Awards will be mailed to the schools following
the contest. Area contest awards will be given to instructors at registration time on
Wednesday.

Please have contestants wear appropriate shoes (muck boots may be advisable) and
clothing the day of the contest. Depending on how much rain we have in the area prior
to the contest, contestants may walk up to half a mile to the contest location that
morning. We hope you bring a full bus to the contest! Since range and pastures
account for 52 percent of the land in the state of Nebraska, range judging contests are
an effective tool for teaching students about Nebraska’s rangelands and grasslands,
and the benefits of good range management.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 402-336-2760.