



To: Vocational Agriculture Instructors

From: Middle Niobrara NRD – UNL Extension – USDA NRCS

Subject: 2026 - Area 2 Range Judging Contest

**Contest DATE: Thursday, September 10, 2026**

**LOCATION: Middle Niobrara NRD – Valentine, NE**

**CHECK-IN: 8:30-9:30 a.m. CST at the MNNRD – 303 E HWY 20 - Valentine NE**

- Pre-register for the contest by Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. Please go to [https://go.unl.edu/area2\\_range\\_registration](https://go.unl.edu/area2_range_registration) or use the QR code on the **BACK**. We are only accepting online registrations!
- Registration fees are \$5.00 per contestant, due at check-in time or by mail to the MNNRD (Address above). Please make checks payable to the Middle Niobrara NRD. If you would like to receive a receipt prior to the contest, please contact the MNNRD Office (402-376-3241).
- There are 3 contest divisions: Junior (10th grade & under), Senior (11th & 12th grade), and Adult. Awards for the Area 2 contest will be given out at the State Range Judging Contest. Therefore, you will be dismissed from the field once the contest is complete. Lunch will be on your own.
- There will be limited parking available at the MNNRD, overflow parking will be in the paved lot of the old Shopko building just east of the MNNRD and Brewers on the highway.
- Reference Materials: EC150 - Range Judging Handbook and Contest Guide for Nebraska <https://extensionpubs.unl.edu/publication/ec150/2025/pdf/view/ec150-2025.pdf>

If you have any questions regarding **registration**, please contact Rick Joesph (MNNRD) at 402-376-3241 or [mnnrd@mnnrd.org](mailto:mnnrd@mnnrd.org) or Amy Timmerman (UNL) at [atimmerman@unl.edu](mailto:atimmerman@unl.edu). If you have questions regarding the **contest**, please contact Kaleb Puncochar (NRCS) at 402-376-1712 or [Kaleb.Puncochar@usda.gov](mailto:Kaleb.Puncochar@usda.gov).





**QR Code for Registration**

**Or Register Online with the link below**

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