

TO: Vocational Agriculture Instructors
FROM: Randy Saner and Kristy King, State Contest Coordinators
SUBJECT: 2026 State Range Judging Contest

DATE: Wednesday September 23, 2026

LOCATION: Lincoln County

**CHECK-IN: 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Central Time at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds,
5015 Rodeo Road North Platte, NE – Ag Building (marked on the map)**



The Twin Platte NRD, 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 18, 2026**.
Please go to [2026 State Range Judging Registration](#) or scan the QR code.
Only accepting on-line registrations.

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 UNL Extension. Registration fees are non-refundable.

UTVs/ATVs will not be provided to students in crutches, post-surgery boot, wheelchairs, etc. at the State Range Judging contest or practice site. On Sept. 23rd, accommodations will be made for students that travel slower, as a special group that will be led through the contest at a slower pace. FFA instructors- please let us know if you have students that would be part of this group at the morning registration.

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 State 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 23rd! If you have questions, or changes prior to the contest date, contact Randy Saner at randy.saner@unl.edu or Kristy King at Kristy.king@usda.gov



Practice location will be available for participants after 3 pm on Tuesday September 22nd. Here is a [google link](#) to the practice location, also a google map below.

Practice Site is located approximately 10 miles north of North Platte and is on the west/northwest side of Hwy 83. Please Park in the area north of the grain bins where the vegetation is shorter. Practice site will be located west of the grain bins/stack yard area.

