

Press Release



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Area 1 Range Judging Contest 2025

Range judging is a high school competition that challenges students to better understand Nebraska rangelands, which make up half of the state's land area. Range judging enables each participant to learn how to recognize range plants, range sites, and the need for proper grazing practices.

NRDs collaborate with the Society for Range Management, NRCS, and UNL Extension to host Range Judging contests throughout the state each September.

The North Platte NRD held the Area 1 Range Judging Contest on September 17th. The results are as follows for Junior and Senior Division team placing:

Junior:

1st Chadron

2nd Ogallala

3rd Hemingford

4th Creek Valley

Senior:

1st Sidney

2nd Kimball

3rd Ogallala

4th Gordon Rushville

Banner County was represented by Makynna Boettcher, Karlye Dittbenner, Kassie Loutzenhiser, Shawnie Mason. Tate Olsen, Jackson Onstott, Wilbur Reichenburg, and Austin West.

Gering was represented by Foster John, Eve Mosher, Eain Peterson, Bradley Rein, Dawson Stricker, and Kooper Wynne.

Mitchell was represented by Hadleigh Bolzer, Thomas Esselstein, Jace Hendren, Chloe Morrill, and Josie Weiss.

The State Range Judging Contest will be held on September 24, 2025, in Keya Paha County, hosted by the Lower Niobrara NRD.

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