

## **RANCH MANAGEMENT CONTEST**

Superintendent: Justin Bennett & Brett Bannon

Fair Barn Concession Area –1:00 pm Friday

Contest will be divided into Junior and Senior Levels:

Juniors: Ages 9 through 13

Seniors: Ages 14 through 18

**Awards:**

**Senior Division:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Individual buckle donated by Northeastern Soil and Water Conservation District.

**Junior Division:** 1<sup>st</sup>– Individual buckle donated by Northeastern Soil and Water Conservation District.

The contest will consist of:

Plant identification (25 Plants) and livestock judging (1 class each of sheep, beef, and horses). Combined total scores will determine winners.

1. Any resident of Union County between the age of 9 and 19 years may compete.
2. Entries must be made at the contest booth by noon of the day of the contest.
3. Entrants will be furnished with score cards and have one minute to identify and check the characteristics of each plant in the contest.
4. One point for each plant correctly identified and one point for each characteristic correctly checked.
5. If the plant is not correctly named, no credit will be given for the characteristic.
6. Common names from the Manual of Grasses of the United States will be used to judge identification.
7. In the event of a tie, a coin toss will determine winners.
8. Plant judging contest will consist of 25 plants. Plants in the contest will be selected from 84 possibilities. Lists of plants may be obtained from the Soil Conservation Office or County Extension Office.
9. Livestock judged will be what is available at the time of the contest. Each class will be worth a total of 50 points for the correct placing. Hormel Scoring will be used.

### **2025 WINNERS**

Senior Division:

1<sup>st</sup> – Cotton Dunavan

2<sup>nd</sup> – Hadley Crisp

Junior Division:

1<sup>st</sup> - Scarlet Bannon

2<sup>nd</sup> – Kaitlyn Townsend