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Area Land Judging Contest Held in McCook

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Curtis - 174 students from nine schools competed in the 2007 Southwest Area Land Judging Contest held in McCook on October 10.

High school FFA students were tested on their knowledge of soil, its texture and permeability, land use and land capability. The top finisher was Derek Hammer from Franklin High School. The top team was also from Franklin.

In addition to the winning team from Franklin, teams from Wilcox-Hildreth, and Arapahoe High School are qualified for the State Land Judging Contest to be held October 31 in Arapahoe. Winners in the individual division that reside within the Middle Republican NRD are Jared Aden and Calvin Rupe, both of Eustis-Farnam. They won a blue and red ribbon respectively. Ethan Jones of Medicine Valley was a red ribbon winner.

After the contest and before awards were presented, students were treated to tours of the 3 Star Dairy courtesy of Wendy and Rick Roberts and tours of the Nebraska Bull Service facility courtesy of Brian and Donetta Schafer. The contest site was provided by Don and Aggie Roberts and the soil profile pits were dug by Mark Moorhous of Moorhous Irrigation and Trenching of Culbertson.

The top finisher in the adult division was David Rucker, Franklin FFA Teacher. Other teams participating were Cambridge FFA, Holdrege FFA, Gothenburg FFA, Southwest FFA and Wilcox-Hildreth FFA.

The Middle Republican Natural Resources District, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Nebraska's Agricultural Education teachers sponsored the contest. The Red Willow County Fairgrounds Board provided the site for registration, lunch and the awards presentation.

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