

Nebraska Land Judging

Changes for 2023

Score Cards

In 2023, Nebraska Land Judging will officially be using a [ScanTron](#) card. Contestants will receive a [reference card](#), ScanTron card and capability chart. The ScanTron card has all four pits on the same card and they will keep it until they turn it in at the very last hole. As contestants finish or when time is expired, they will be asked to flip over their reference card to the field notes and place it over their Scantron Card. This will help prevent cheating and they'll also be ready to take notes at the next pit.

Please take time to practice with students on the ScanTron card especially with filling out the bubbles legibly. They MUST use a pencil on the ScanTron card.

Rules

Clipboards are now allowed to accommodate the new ScanTron cards. The rules will read:

Clipboard – Clean clipboards that contain no writing, markings, or measuring marks, preferably made of clear plastic.

Competition Costs

The fee to participate in land judging is now \$3/contestant. Adults wishing to compete should also include \$3 with registration. The fee was previously \$2/contestant.

Competition Regions

Merrick County was moved from the North Central Region to the South Central Region.

Educational Techniques

The diagram for [Ribboning Soils for Field Texture Determination](#) in the “Land Judging Guide Book - Fundamentals of Land Evaluation in Nebraska” was updated by soil scientists. Might be helpful to print the newest version when practicing with students.