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State FFA Competition Held at Lake Wanahoo.

(WAHOO) Students and instructors from 39 different FFA Chapters across the state of Nebraska were at Lake Wanahoo NRD Recreation Area on Wednesday, October 17th. 151 students competed in the 2018 State Land Judging Contest held at the recreation area.

The Lower Platte North Natural Resources District (NRD) partnered with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to host the state competition. Students judge four different soil pits utilizing an evaluation card to make their assessments on various factors including; depth of soil, surface texture, permeability, slope, thickness of surface, and erosion. The students also judge the land capability and recommended land treatments. Each card is scored and added together to determine overall scores for each individual student and team. Teams consist of four students from the same FFA chapter.

The state contest consists of teams and individual participants who advanced from regional competitions across the state. The top five teams advance to the national competition held in Oklahoma next spring. The 2018 State Land Judging Champion Team was from Franklin including students: Emma Goosic, Courtney Meade, Joe Kahrs, and Chase Haussermann. The 2nd place team was from Palmyra including students: Kaleb Kempkes, Briley Luff, Lilly Calkins, and Daniel Fry. In 3rd place was Norfolk including students: Kelcie Hall, Kari Labenz, Christopher Lidgett, and Jake Kluver. The 4th place team was from Fullerton and included students: Brent Wetovick, Logan Gustafson, Eljah Norman, and Ryan Hellbusch. In 5th place was Crete including students: Bailey Donner, Austin Lorenz, Walter Saurez, & Jayden Schorn. These 20 students will represent Nebraska at the national competition.

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