

Contest Teams Please Note: The complete results including first place winners will be available after the conclusion of the Awards Banquet on landjudging.com and rangejudging.com. Fill in the blanks below with the information found there, or access the completed news release.

News Release

National Land & Range Judging Contest

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National Land Judging Contestants Return Home

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK — The _____ (chapter or club) from _____ has returned home after participating in the 55th annual National Land and Range Judging Contest in Oklahoma City. The group competed in the nation's top land judging event at a site near Oklahoma City.

Members of the _____ (chapter or club) tested their individual and team skills against other land judging teams from approximately 35 states across the nation by evaluating land characteristics like topsoil, subsoil slope and plant life. They were also required to recommend treatment to improve the land's adaptability for certain purposes like producing crops, raising cattle or building homes.

In Land Judging, FFA competition, the _____ (Chapter name), (home state) _____, chapter won in the team category and the first place individual winner was _____ from _____ (home town), _____ (state) _____. In the 4-H competition the _____ (Chapter name), (home state) _____, chapter, was the winning team, and _____ from _____ (home town), _____ (state) _____, was the individual winner. The adult category winner was _____ from _____ (home town), _____ (state) _____.

In the Range Judging Contest, the _____ (Chapter name), (home state) _____, chapter won the FFA team competition, and _____ from _____ (home town), _____ (state) _____, took the first place individual FFA award. The _____ (Chapter name), (home state) _____, chapter, won the 4-H team category, and _____ from _____ (home town), _____ (state) _____, placed first in the individual category. _____ from _____ (home town), _____ (state) _____, won in the adult category.

In Homesite Evaluation, the _____ (Chapter name), (home state) _____, chapter won the FFA team competition, and _____ from _____ (home town), _____ (state) _____, took the first place individual FFA award. The _____ (Chapter name), (home state) _____, chapter won the 4-H team category, and _____ from _____ (home town), _____ (state) _____, placed first in the individual category. _____ from _____ (home town), _____ (state) _____, won the adult competition.

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Contest cochairman Dan Lowrance, president of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts, presented the 2006 National Land and Range Judging Contest Honoree Award to Frank Evans of Stillwater. President of the Oklahoma Rural Rehabilitation Corporation and retired employee of Farmers Home Administration, Evans has recruited and coordinated group leaders for the Land & Range Judging Contest for the past 36 years. He served as a group leader himself for several years previous to that. Evans and his wife Jewell have been married for 56 years and have two grown sons.

Following the presentation of the honoree award, contest cochairman Russell Pierson urged teens and adults alike to commit themselves to a better environment for future generations. "I ask you to apply these land and range judging skills in ways that will help ensure this country remains "America the Beautiful," said Pierson.

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