



# 2010 West Virginia Grassland Evaluation Contest

**April 9, 2010  
Jackson's Mill**

**Registration Deadline:  
March 31, 2010**

## Registration Form

All teams must be registered by **March 31, 2010**.

Send Registration Form to:

Gary Redden  
USDA Natural Resources  
Conservation Service  
465 Ragland Road  
Beckley, West Virginia 25801

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Address: 

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Team Members:

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The WV Grassland Evaluation Contest Committee would like to acknowledge the many people who make this contest possible:

- The WV Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society
- WV Grassland Steering Committee
- WV Conservation Districts
- WV State Conservation Committee
- WV Association of Conservation Districts
- WV Conservation Agency
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- USDA Farm Service Agency
- WV Department of Agriculture
- WV FFA Association
- WVU Extension Service
- WVU College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Science
- WV Association of Professional Soil Scientists
- WVU Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station
- WV Farm Bureau
- WV Cattleman's Association
- WV Shepherd's Federation
- Wes-Mon-Ty RC&D
- Capitol Conservation District
- Local Agribusinesses



## West Virginia Grassland Evaluation Contest

### What is the Purpose of the Contest?

Developed by the West Virginia Grassland Steering Committee, the purpose is to improve the participants' knowledge of grassland management.

The West Virginia Grassland Steering Committee is an organization made up of farmers, educators, scientists, conservationists and government agencies with a common interest in forages. The committee is an advocate and proponent for improvement and continued wise use of grassland to improve water quality and maintain healthy and productive land and maximize profits.

### Why is Grassland Management Important?

The most basic human need is for food. Grassland is essential in meeting that need. Forages make up two thirds or more of the feed utilized for livestock. Forages are also very important to the health of the environment. They provide food and shelter for wildlife as well as greatly reduce soil erosion, and protect water quality.

### Who May Participate?

A contest team may consist of a maximum of 4 or a minimum of 3 FFA or 4-H members who are currently enrolled at the high school level.

### What are the Contest Categories?

- Pasture Condition
- Plant I.D.
- Soils Interpretation
- Wildlife Habitat

### What Are the Contest Prizes?

All members of the first place team will receive a \$500 scholarship, second place team members will receive a \$250 scholarship, and the highest scoring individual will receive a \$500 scholarship. High score individual award is sponsored by the Capitol Conservation District in memory of Ted Baciu, a deceased District Supervisor who had a passion for grassland education of young adults.

The first and second place teams will be eligible to participate in the Mid-America Contest and the WVGLSC will provide a \$500 travel stipend for each team.

### When is the Contest?

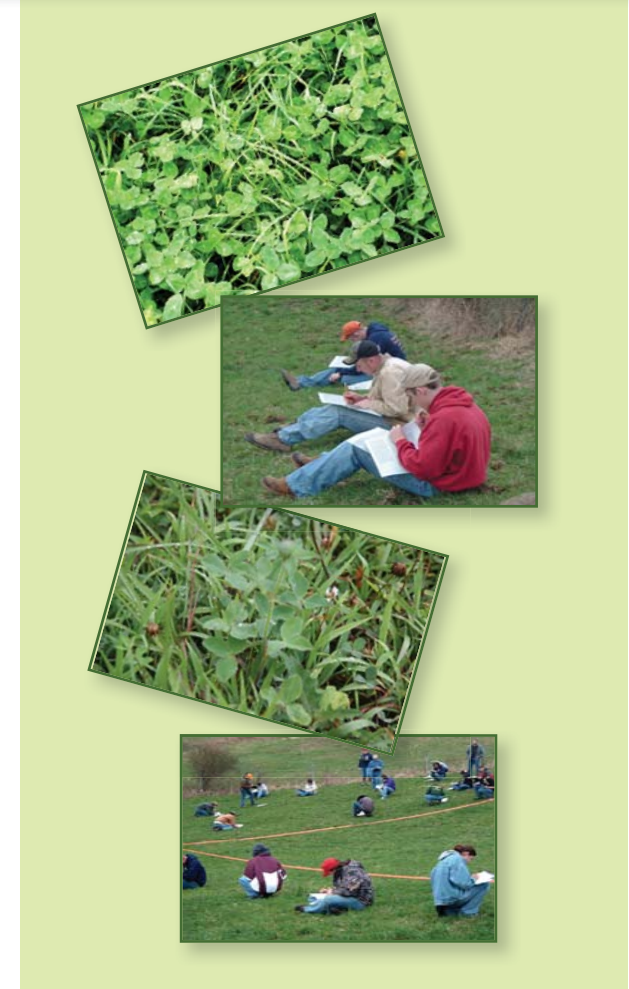
Rain or shine, the contest is April 9, 2010.

### Where to Meet Before the Contest?

Meet for registration 10:00 a.m. at the Jackson's Mill Airport Pavilion. Afterwards, contestants will travel to the contest site.

### When is the Contest Registration Deadline?

March 31, 2010



### How Can I Get More Information?

You may contact Gary Redden at 304-255-9225 ext. 136 or [Gary.Redden@wv.usda.gov](mailto:Gary.Redden@wv.usda.gov).

You also may visit [www.wvca.us/education/](http://www.wvca.us/education/).