



Registration Form

All teams must be registered by **Sept. 1, 2026**

Send Registration Form to:

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Name of School or Organization:

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Phone Number: _____

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Team Members:



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

- WV Grassland Steering Committee
- WV Conservation Districts
- WV State Conservation Committee
- WV Assoc. 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
- WVU Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station
- WV Farm Bureau
- WV Cattleman's Association
- WV Shepherd's Federation
- Wes-Mon-Ty RC&D
- Local Agribusinesses

2026

West Virginia Grassland Evaluation Contest

**Thursday
Sept. 10, 2026**

Jackson's Mill

Registration Deadline:

Sept. 1, 2026



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. The first place team is eligible to participate in the Mid-America Contest.

When is the Contest?

Rain or shine, the contest is **Sept. 10, 2026**

Where to Meet Before the Contest?

Meet at the WVACD Building no later than 10 a.m. Afterwards, contestants will travel to the contest site.

When is the Contest Registration Deadline?

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How Can I Get More Information?

You may contact Katy McBride at (304) 276-3496 or katy.mcbride@usda.gov

