

## **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT RULES**

### **RANGE PLANT ID**

The Range Plant Identification Contest is made up of plant specimens to be identified by common name. Specimens may be dried, pressed mounts, or fresh. Whole or partial plants will be used as necessary. Duplicate specimens of the same plant species may be found in the contest.

The official list of plant specimens will consist of 84 total that are listed on the scorecard. The Southwest District Contest will try to focus on plants commonly found throughout the district.

1. **Novice** will be required to identify **20 specimens**.
2. **Juniors:** will be required to identify 20 specimens plus identify whether the specimen is either **Desirable** or **Undesirable** for cattle forage.
3. Contestants will **NOT** be allowed to talk to each other during the contest. If a contestant does have a question, he/she may raise a hand and ask the superintendent.
4. **For Novices and Juniors:** The ties will be broken consecutively comparing answers to the odd numbered questions on plant identification (1, 3, 5, etc...). If there is still a tie, it will be followed by consecutively comparing answers to the even numbered questions (2, 3, 6, etc...). The tie will be broken at the first identification question where one member has the correct answer and the other incorrect answer.
5. Contestants will have **1 minute** to identify each plant and correctly mark their card before rotating to the next specimen.
6. References:
  - NM Ranch Judging Handbook, 200 m-4
  - NM Range Plants, Circular 374
  - FFA PowerPoint [http://www.nmsu.edu/~nmffa/state\\_cdes.htm](http://www.nmsu.edu/~nmffa/state_cdes.htm)