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2010 Rangeland Days:

The 27th annual SD Rangeland Days and the 6th annual Soils Days was held in Lemmon, SD June 22-23, 2010. Over 100 individuals participated in this event. This was a great opportunity for participants (ages 8 and up) and adults to learn more about one of the most important SD resources, our rangelands. The first day the rangeland participants traveled to practice sites to study plant morphology and identification and judging habitat suitability for livestock and wildlife. The soils participants traveled to a site where they were given the opportunity to learn soil texture, soil depth, past erosion, slope, and stoniness of the different layers of soil. That evening they returned back to town for supper and student presentations and displays. An adult presentation was provided by Kevin Sedivic, NDSU Extension Service.

The next morning the group headed out to the contest site where they were tested on plant identification and soil knowledge. The day concluded with lunch followed by an awards ceremony.

Rangeland Days was hosted by the Perkins County Conservation District, SDSU Cooperative Extension Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Forest Service, and Tatanka RC&D. The Grand River Grazing Association made a large donation to help with expenses.



Pictured above: Day 1 - Group of students studying plant identification



Pictured above: Day 2 - Kids identifying plants at the contest site