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**OKLAHOMA BULLETIN NO. OK190-3-7**

**SUBJECT: ECS - Mid America Grassland Contest**

**Purpose:** To announce a contest for 4-H and FFA members

**Expiration Date:** September 30, 2003

The Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts is sponsoring the 2003 Mid America Grassland Evaluation Contest. The contest will be held June 9 - 10, 2003 in Springfield, Missouri. This will be the fourth year that the contest has occurred. This contest features 4-H and FFA teams evaluating three areas of grassland management. They are Plant Identification, Grassland Condition, and Soils.

The contest emphasizes areas of the United States that have a forage base of legumes, cool season forages, and higher rainfall forages. This area would also include eastern Oklahoma.

If you know of local teams (4-H or FFA) that might be interested in training and competing in this contest, direct them toward, Melodie Marshall, District Conservationist, NRCS, Rolla, Missouri, (573) 364-6202, or email [mel.marshall@mo.usda.gov](mailto:mel.marshall@mo.usda.gov). She can send the information needed to enroll and study for the contest.

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