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JAKE OWENS WINS RANGE PLANT PRODUCTION ESTIMATION CONTEST



Jake Owens, NRCS range conservationist in Manti, won the plant production estimation contest against all range conservationists in Utah. State Range Conservationist Shane Green says the annual contest is a test of skill where a 9.6 square foot hoop is laid on the ground and the amount of plant material is estimated. Once all contestants have made their estimations, the plot is clipped and weighed. In this year's contest Owens estimated 250 grams—the plot actually weighed 253.5 grams.

In the accompanying photo, Green (left) presents Owens with an onyx bull as a trophy for winning the contest, which is always great fun among the range conservationists.

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