

International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026

Saskatchewan Community Engagement Forum

The United Nations General assembly has designated 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP). IYRP's mission is to promote an understanding and appreciation of rangelands around the world and the people who use them.

Saskatchewan is a prairie province with less than 20% of it's native prairie remaining. This year provides an opportunity to celebrate and elevate **all things** range. We believe there is space for everyone to appreciate the value of range. You are welcome whether you come from a multi-generational ranching family, are newly immigrated to Saskatchewan, whether you are First Nations or Metis caring for the land since time immemorial, are involved in conservation, research prairie ecosystems, are involved in education or community programing, are a budding environmental activist, enjoy visiting native prairie places or have never been to a grassland.

We are excited to have you join us in a discussion about rangelands, how you experience it and how you envision celebrating it leading up to and during IYRP.

WHY AN IYRP?

- To increase worldwide understanding of the importance of rangelands and pastoralists for food security and environmental services
- To mobilize people worldwide to address today's challenges and to grasp new opportunities in rangelands management and pastoralism
- To boost efforts for creating new knowledge and sharing experiences and practices
- To inform decision-making at all levels, calling for enlightened policy to benefit current and future generations



Registration

There will be two engagement sessions on March 20, 2024. One session at 10:00 am and one at 7:00 pm. Both sessions will have a brief presentation on International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists and followed by break out rooms to facilitate discussion on your areas of interest.

To register for one of the sessions please fill out the Google form, select your preferred meeting time and select your top 2 areas of interest as it relates to the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists. Deadline to register is Monday March 18th by noon:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebagOG5RejRIQv_JPIUOy0_agmZDXqgErtID4a4wXFtkkZ6Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

Zoom Meeting

The virtual meetings will take place using Zoom. The link to the Zoom meeting of your choice will be provided by email on Monday March 18th. Your microphone will be muted upon entering the session. You are welcome to turn on your video, however we encourage you to stay muted until the breakout rooms.

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Breakout rooms will be arranged based on your areas of interest selected upon registration:

1. Sustainable Livestock Production
2. Outreach and Education
3. Research Priorities
4. Conservation and Recreation
5. Culture

Breakout Rooms

In the breakout room of your interest, a IYRP-SK planning committee member will moderate the discussion. We encourage you to share, discuss, and learn from each other while using the following questions as talking points when necessary:

- *What are the **top three** challenges to rangeland ecosystems and pastoralist peoples today?*
- *What do you think is the best way to address those challenges?*
- *What events and/or activities could YOU plan for IYRP?*

We anticipate the breakout rooms to last 30 minutes. After the breakout rooms will reconvene in the main session and the moderators of each group will share some of the highlights of the brainstorming session with the group.

Who organized this session?

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