

SOIL AND PLANT SCIENCE DIVISION
Technical Soil Services
South Central Region



Stephenville, Texas, and Stillwater, Oklahoma, Major Land Resource Area Soil Survey Offices

Tarleton State University Invitational Contest

Purpose

It's that time of year again. Land and Home site judging contests are underway. During the 3rd and 4th weeks of March 2023, staff from the Stephenville and Stillwater Major Land Resource Area (MLRA) Soil Survey Offices along with staff from the South Central Regional Office assisted with site setup and helped conduct the official competition for the Tarleton State University (TSU) Invitational Judging Contest at the Houston Ranch in Hood County, Texas (see figure 1).



Figure 1. Students completing score cards at the TSU Invitational Land and Home Site Judging Contest.



Key Outcomes

Over 700 students from across Texas competed for awards and scholarships. A slight breeze and some cloud cover made for beautiful days for both the set up and the contest. The sites chosen represented various depth, texture, slope, and erosion classes to challenge the students and provide educational opportunities for coaches and teachers preparing teams for future contests.