



## 2022 University of Florida Top Rancher Challenge

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This year at the Florida Cattlemen’s Convention and Allied Trade Show in Marco Island a new concept called the University of Florida Top Rancher Challenge was introduced. The Top Rancher Challenge was a friendly, yet challenging competition that allowed Ranchers to test their knowledge of animal health, reproduction, backgrounding, forages, weed science, veterinary medicine, and general ranch management. The challenge consisted of a 21-question multiple choice test taken using tablets at the UF/IFAS booth in the FCA Allied Trade Show.

The challenge was organized by Chris Prevatt, UF/IFAS Range Cattle REC Extension Economist, with the assistance from other State Extension Specialists for questions. ***“The Top Rancher Challenge provided us with the opportunity to find out what Florida ranchers knew, as well as for everyone who participated an opportunity to learn and grow from questions that they missed. The 21-question multiple choice test was developed to be tough even for the most seasoned Ranchers. No one knew it all, but it was impressive to see how well many of Florida’s Top Ranchers scored in the Challenge.”***

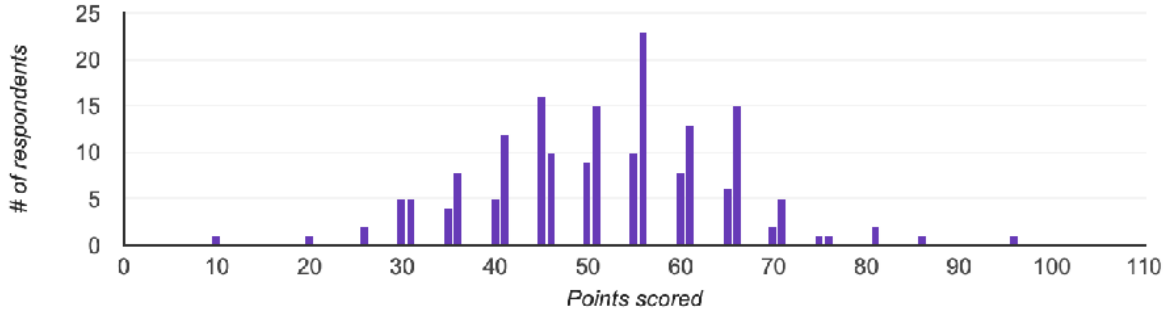
There were 179 Ranchers that participated in the 2022 University of Florida Top Rancher Challenge. Overall, the test proved to be as tough as it was intended to be. The average score was 52, the median score was 51, and the range was 10 to 96 out of a possible 106 points, with the bonus question.

**Average**  
51.84 / 106 points

**Median**  
51 / 106 points

**Range**  
10 - 96 points

**Total points distribution**



We would like to congratulate Dr. Che Trejo, Technical Services Veterinarian for Merck, from Walnut Hill, Florida (Escambia County), as the Champion of the 2022 University of Florida Top Rancher Challenge. Out of the 179 Ranchers that competed, Dr. Trejo stood out as the clear champion with a score of 96 out of a possible 106.



In the photo from left are: Chris Prevatt, UF/IFAS Range Cattle REC Extension Economist, Laura Trejo, Che Trejo, 2022 UF Top Rancher Challenge Champion, and Doug Mayo, UF/IFAS Extension, Jackson County.

Dr. Chejo took home the Championship Buckle, but all of the Top 10 participants won a Yeti Rambler. As you will see in the chart below, the competition was tight with five participants tied for 5th place. We are honored to have all of our Top 10 to be actively involved in Ranch Management in the Southeast and we would specifically like to recognize Emma Jimmerson, a teenager from Okeechobee, FL who finished tied for fifth in the field of 179.

# 2022 Top Rancher Challenge

Placing	Name	Hometown	County
Champion	Che Trejo	Walnut Hill, FL	Escambia
2	Jason Edmondson	Auburn, AL	Lee (AL)
3	Don Sellers	Okeechobee, FL	Okeechobee
4	Harrell Phillips	Williston, FL	Levy
5-Tie	Alex Johns	Brighton, FL	Glades
5-Tie	Emma Jimmerson	Okeechobee, FL	Okeechobee
5-Tie	Randy Barthle	Dade City, FL	Pasco
5-Tie	Clay Whitehead	Lake Butler, FL	Union
5-Tie	Matt Gonzales	Williston, FL	Levy
10	Misty Edmondson	Auburn, AL	Lee (AL)



The UF/IFAS County Extension Agents and State Extension Specialists had an awesome time putting together this test and interacting with producers and industry representatives at the 2022 Florida Cattlemen’s Convention and Allied Trade Show. For those of you who were not able to compete this year, use the QR Code below to see how many of these questions you would have known the answer for. The green bar denotes the correct answer for each question.

We greatly appreciate everyone that participated this year and hope to have even greater participation in 2023. Stop by the UF/IFAS Trade Show Booth at the 2023 FCA Convention next year to compete to be the 2023 University of Florida Top Rancher Challenge Champion.

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