Results of the Region 5 Soil-Judging Contest
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The 2013 Region 5 Soil Judging Contest, hosted by Missouri State University in Springfield, MO from Sept. 16–20, 2013. Seven teams competed (South Dakota State University, University of Minnesota, University of Nebraska, Kansas State University, Iowa State University, University of Missouri, and Missouri State University), and students competed individually and as a team. The schools were then ranked overall based on both individual and team scores. Schools ranking in the top three overall will participate in the national contest.

Below are the placements:

**Individual Competition**
1. Michelle Busch, Kansas State University
2. Jordan Henderson, Missouri State University
3. Erin Bush, Kansas State University
4. Rachel Stevens, University of Nebraska
5. Eric Shilling, University of Minnesota
6. Elizabeth Milan, University of Nebraska
7. Tom Lawler, Iowa State University
8. Dorothy Menefee, Kansas State University
9. Abel Castor, Iowa State University
10. Zach Straatmann, Missouri State University

**Team Competition**
1. University of Missouri
2. South Dakota State University
3. Kansas State University
4. Iowa State University

**Overall Results**
1. Kansas State University
2. Missouri State University
3. Iowa State University
4. University of Minnesota


The University of Missouri took first in team competition (l to r): Kerry Clark (coach), Molly Pershing, Morgan Schmalz, Michael Hogan, Nicholas Cuchetti, and Christopher Wynn.

The top 10 individual winners (l to r): Zach Straatmann (10th), Abel Castor (9th), Eric Shilling (5th), Erin Bush (3rd), Jordan Henderson (2nd), Clayton Lee (presenter), Michelle Busch (1st), Dorothy Menefee (8th), Tom Lawler (7th), Elizabeth Milan (6th), and Rachel Stevens (4th).