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The summer has gone by fast. I am sure each of you has kept busy with your own activities. Most of my time seems to revolve around sericea lespedeza. This invasive species became a state-wide noxious weed on July 1, 2000 and will continue to be a problem species for some time. A 4-state working group with Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, and Oklahoma has been organized. This group will coordinate sericea lespedeza activities in the 4 states related to research, education, and concerns of various partners.

Dry weather through much of Kansas has had an effect on forage yield and livestock performance. By now short season cattle are off pasture and most of the prairie hay has been harvested. Some general rains would be nice to improve everyone's attitude and put some water in the ponds.

Section members have been involved in a number of activities since our spring meeting and tour in Logan County. I'll use this space to mention two or three events. The Kansas Range Youth Camp was held July 11-14 at Rock Springs. A number of members also attended the Sericea Lespedeza Workshop held July 25-26 in Topeka. The Kansas Section is a co-sponsor with several members presenting information at the upcoming Range Management School 2000 to be held at Camp Pecusa at Webster Reservoir.

I invite and encourage each of you to attend our annual meeting and tour in Manhattan, KS on September 21-22. First VP Jim O'Rourke is scheduled to be with us from SRM. At the business meeting he will report on current SRM activities and be seeking input about the future location of the SRM headquarters.