*The Iowa Farm Team Challenge is intended to promote the participation of exhibitors in farm team type events across the state of Iowa.*

 Points based on participation and placing at shows across the state will be accumulated to qualify for an end of the year championship. The farm team classes can include obstacle courses, log pulls, feed team races, cultivator class, plowing match, cones race or any other skills-based class you can think of. (this would NOT include hitch or carriage or antique machinery classes). I don’t think we need to standardize rules or ways to do the classes. The freedom to modify the classes will help keep it interesting. Points will be given out according to the strength of the show. If six teams are participating, the first-place team will get 6 points, second place 5 points, and so on. To encourage participation, everyone will get an additional 10 points for coming to a show. This will motivate those who usually place in the middle of the pack to go to more shows to boost their numbers. An award for High point and reserve for the season will be given and a champion and reserve for the end of the year championship show. We will have Men’s, Women’s, and Youth divisions. A contestant will be the driver and two particular horses. Two different people can drive the same team and will be considered two different contestants. One person can drive two different teams and will be considered two different contestants. A person with three horses can mix them three ways and be three different contestants. Each show is free to run their show as they see fit. They will decide entry fees and awards for their own shows. If they need to limit the contestants because of time restraints, for example, they may decide to limit how many people can drive the same team or how many teams one person can drive. Classes need to be placed all the way out. If a show has 4 classes, the contestant will earn place points for each class plus 10 additional points for coming to the show.

We had our first "Iowa Farm Team Challenge 2025 " show at the Iowa Horse Fair. This was a two day show with an obstacle course, feed team race, and beer run on both days. I'm counting it as six classes. The obstacle course on the first day had 9 teams, so first place will receive 9 points, second place will get 8 points etc. The rest of the classes had 8 teams competing so first place received 8 points. All contestants get an extra 10 points for coming to the show.

Branden Harp, Queen & Alice, 50 points

Tony Garrett, Travis & Hope, 49

Branden Harp, Waylon & Willie, 44

Greg Lammers, Lacey & Gracey, 41

Jim Stuart, Jinger & Paulee, 41

Tyler Wiseman, Sven & Axe 35

Dirk Metcalf, Ruby & Nora, 24

Jeff Carnahan, Mike & Jack, 18

Stan Jensen, Pete & Prince, 13

Final Results for High Point for the 2024 season . (Jim and Branden were tied. The championship show broke the tie.)

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| First Name | Last Name | Division | Town  | Horse 1  | Horse 2  |  | **TOTAL** |
| Jim | Stuart | men | New Virginia | Stormy | Geraldine |  | **256** |
| Branden | Harp | men | Mt Pleasant | Alice | Queen |  | **255** |
| Tony | Garrett | men | Douds | Travis | Tracy |  | **198** |
| Jim  | Stuart | men | New Virginia | Judy | Stormy |  | **110** |
| Jim  | Stuart | men | New Virginia | Judy | Geraldine |  | **100** |
| Branden  | Harp | men | Mt Pleasant | Phoenix | Delta |  | **92** |
| Brad | Criswell | men | St Charles | Frank | Max |  | **77** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jim  | Stuart | Men | New Virginia | Judy | Rosie |  | **64** |
| Branden | Harp | men | Mt Pleasant | Nora | Ruby |  | **52** |
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| Jeff | Carnahan | men | Springville | Gwen  | Pony |  | **43** |
| Mike | Beaty | men | Russell | Duke | Doc |  | **42** |
| Kevin | Detert | men | Springfield | Prince | Cowboy |  | **42** |
| Jeff | Christiansen | Men | Clarinda | Saige | Sierra |  | **34** |
| Dirk | Metcalf | Men | Birmingham | Nora | Ruby |  | **29** |
| Greg | Lammers | men | LaMars | Riley | Gracie |  | **27** |
| Josh | Winkler | men | Corning | Lucky | Lucy |  | **25** |
| Blayne | Beaty | men | Russell | Bill | Buck |  | **23** |
| Loyd | Sleeth | men |  | Willow | AJ |  | **22** |
| Blayne | Beaty | men | Russell | Duke | Doc |  | **21** |
| Derrick  | Janssen | men | Manning | Jinger | Paulee |  | **19** |
| Todd | Reid | men |  | Midnight | Sundown |  | **17** |
| Dirk | Metcalf | men | Birmingham | Nora | Ruby |  | **15** |
| Brad | Criswell | men | St Charles | Frank | Bucky |  | **15** |
| Bruce | Reckling | men | Mt. Vernon | Cash | Clay |  | **15** |
| Jim  | Stuart | men |  | Jinger | Paulee |  | **15** |
| Fred | Coltrain | men | Kiron | Dickie | Rascal |  | **12** |
| Marty  | Orr | men | Manning | Jasper | Jethro |  | **12** |
| Joe | Stuart | men |  | Judy | Rosie |  | **12** |
| Devin  | Bunton-Herr | men |  | willow | aj |  | **11** |
| Deanna | Lagos | women | Mt Vernon | Jeb | Jeff |  | **46** |
| Martha | Burton | women | Waterloo | Mac | Bella |  | **30** |
| Jennifer | Stege | women |  | Duke | Dillon |  | **21** |
| Brenda | Coulson | women |  | Rip | Snort |  | **21** |
| Beth | Detert | women | Springville | Prince | Cowboy |  | **17** |
| Ashley  | Sleeth | women |  | Willow | AJ |  | **17** |
| Katie | Herren | women | Springville | Mike  | Jack |  | **15** |
| Ashley  | Sleeth | women | Numa | Judy  | Geraldine |  | **14** |
| Ashley  | Sleeth | women | Numa | Mike  | Jack |  | **12** |
| Brenda | Sleeth | women |  | Willow | AJ |  | **12** |
| Aiden | Clemmens | youth | Clarence | Zeke | Jewell |  | **31** |
| Rose | Lammers | youth | LaMars | Ken  | Pete |  | **25** |
| Taron | Livingston | youth |  | Duke | Dillon |  | **17** |
| Naomi | Willard | youth | Des Moines | Prince | Cowboy |  | **16** |
| Cole | Hartschen | youth |  | Rip | Snort |  | **15** |
| Allison | Cratty | youth |  | Jeff | Ralph |  | **14** |
| Max | Fah | youth | Bettendorf | Prince | Cowboy |  | **13** |

The Championship show was held in New Virginia on October 6th. The purpose of the championship show is to have one show where all the top teams can come together to compete head to head. Hopefully the “Iowa Farm Team Challenge” grows so we have competitions in all four corners of the state. The results of the Championship show are as follows:

**2024 Iowa Farm team challenge championship show**

11 exhibitors, good crowd.

Cultivator class

1 Jim Stuart, Stormy & Geraldine

2 Jim Stuart, Jinger & Paulee

3 (tie) Wilbur Sheets, Judy & Rosie

3(tie) Brenda Coulson, Rip & Snort

3 (tie) Loyd Sleeth, Willow & Bella

Log Pull

1 Jim Stuart, Stormy & Geraldine

2 Jim Stuart, Jinger & Paulee

3 Loyd Sleeth, Willow & Bella

4 Brenda Coulson, Rip & Snort

5 Wilbur Sheets, Judy & Rosie

6 Josh Winkler, Lucky & Lucy

7 Cole Hartschen, Rip & Snort

Barnyard Pull

1 Tie Jim Stuart, Stormy & Geraldine

1 tie Jim Stuart, Jinger & Paulee

3 Wilbur Sheets, Judy & Rosie

4 tie Jessica Cross, Rip & Snort

4 tie Cole Hartschen, Rip & Snort

6 Brenda Coulson, Rip & Snort

7 Josh Winkler, Lucky and Lucy

Feed Team Race

1 Jim Stuart, Jinger & Paulee

2 Jim Stuart, Stormy & Geraldine

3 Josh Winkler, Lucky & Lucy

4 Brad Criswell, Max & Frank

5 Wilbur Sheets, Judy & Rosie

6 Cole Hartschen, Rip & Snort

7 Jessica Cross, Rip & Snort

8 Brenda Coulson, Rip & Snort

9 Loyd Sleeth, Willow & Bella

Obstacle Course

1 Jim Stuart, Stormy & Geraldine

2 Brenda Coulson, Rip & Snort

3 Jim Stuart, Jinger & Paulee

4 Doug Petersen, Rex & Roy

5 Wilbur Sheets, Judy & Rosie

6 Loyd Sleeth, Willow & Bella

Water Race

1 Loyd Sleeth, Willow & Bella

2 Jim Stuart, Jinger & Paulee

3 Brenda Coulson, Rip & Snort

4 Josh Winkler, Lucky and Lucy

5 Jim Stuart, Stormy & Geraldine

Champion Men’s team,

Jim Stuart, Jinger & Paulee

Reserve Champion Men’s team

Jim Stuart, Stormy & Geraldine

Champion Women’s Team

Brenda Coulson, Rip & Snort

Reserve Women’s Team

Jessica Cross, Rip & Snort

Champions Youth Team

Cole Hartschen, Rip & Snort

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