

Farmer's Challenge

Thursday, August 18 • 6 p.m.

Registration: 3:30-5:30 p.m.,

All contestants must be 21 years of age or over, sign a waiver of liability form and attend a rules meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Pioneer Pavilion.

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Rules and Contest Information

- A. Participants must enter as a male/female team.
- B. Space is limited to the first 20 entries.
- C. Judge's and official's decisions are final. No protests will be allowed.
- D. **Ties:** In case of a tie in the events, the points will be added and split. In case of a tie for 1st place, the contestant with the most event wins will be named the 2011 Farmer's Challenge Winner.
- E. **Point Tabulation:** Each event will award points as follows: First-15 points; Second-12 points; Third-10 points; Fourth-7 points; Fifth-6 points; Sixth-5 points; Seventh-4 points; Eighth-3 points; Ninth-2 points; Tenth-1 point. The contestant with the most overall points will be the 2011 Farmer's Challenge Winner.
- F. **Prize Money:** First place-\$300 and an Iowa State Fair Plaque; Second place- \$200 and an Iowa State Fair Plaque; Third place-\$100 and an Iowa State Fair Plaque

Events

1. **Bale Throw** (Two Divisions)**The Female Division:** The lady will throw a hay bale for distance. Each contestant will have four tries to throw the bale the greatest distance.
The Male Division: The man will throw the hay bale for height. All bales will be approximately the same size and weight. For the men's division, a crossbar will be set and each contestant will have one (1) attempt at each height, if needed. If the cross bar is knocked off, the next lowest height cleared will be the measurement counted. In the contest only one (1) attempt at each setting to clear the crossbar will be allowed. A practice bar and bales will be available 30 minutes before the contest starts for contestants to develop their technique. Each division will be awarded points for placement.
2. **Egg Gathering:** There will be two nests of eggs in a designated area for the contestants to gather eggs. At the signal, the contestants will go to the nest and gather the eggs into their egg basket/bucket. When all eggs are gathered, contestants will run back to the starting line. In each set of six eggs, one will be hard-boiled. The female contestant will determine the hard-boiled egg by craching each individual egg, one at a time, on the male contestant's head. Time stops when the hard-boiled egg is found. Fastest time is the winner.
3. **Hay Bale Shuffle Contest:** Contestants move hay bales to a designated area.

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- Hay Moving Contest:** Each couple will have a large round hay bale to move from one side of the arena to a designated area. Lines will be drawn on the arena floor to determine accuracy. Winner will be determined based on accuracy and fastest time.
- Gate Hanging Contest:** Couples will be given several tasks to perform that would be related to hanging a gate. Then they must hang a gate with the female partner on the hinge end giving directions to the male partner. The fastest time wins.
- Saturday Night Hustle:** This even will include a challenging obstacle course for the contestants to complete. All equipment is provided and the fastest time wins.

Young Farmer's Challenge

Thursday, August 18 • 12:30 p.m.

Registration: 10a.m.- Noon., Pioneer Pavilion

Contact: Liz Larson 515/262-3111 ext. 406

All contestants must be between the ages of 15 and 21 and have a signed Waiver of Liability to participate (must be signed by a parent or legal guardian if under 18). The Iowa State Fair is not responsible for any injuries or accidents. Participants must also attend a rules meeting at Noon at the Pioneer Pavilion.

The contest can have 25 teams consisting of 4 contestants per team (2 boys, 2 girls). The team members will perform individual tasks and team events. These are, but are not limited to: hay bale tosses (for height and distance), nail driving contest, hay bale shuffle, post setting contest, and obstacle course for the team. Various fun obstacles, fastest times and accuracy of events will be used to determine the winner.

Rules

- Judge's and Official's decisions are final. No protests will be allowed.
- Ties:** In case of a tie in the events, the points will be added and split between the teams that are tied.
- A team will consist of two boys and two girls.
- Prize Money:**

Overall First Place	\$300 and Iowa State Fair Plaque
Overall Second Place	\$200 and Iowa State Fair Plaque
Overall Third Place	\$100 and Iowa State Fair Plaque

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5. **Point Tabulation.** Each event will be awarded points as follows:

1st	15 points	4th	7 points	7th	4 points
2nd	12 points	5th	6 points	8th	3 points
3rd	10 points	6th	5 points	9th	2 points
				10th	1 point

Events: Please note that events are subject to change

1. **Bale Toss (Two Divisions) Boys Division:** One member (a boy) will throw the hay bale for height. A crossbar will be set and each contestant will have one try at each height. If the crossbar is knocked off, the next lowest height will be the measurement counted. In the contest, only one attempt at each setting to clear the crossbar will be allowed, until the contestant misses. **Girls Division:** One member (a girl) will have four tries to throw the bale the greatest distance. The girl with the greatest distance will be awarded points for placement. **Both Divisions:** All bales used in the contest will be approximately the same size and weight. A practice bar and bales will be available 30 minutes before contest to develop technique.
2. **Nail Driving.** A different boy member (who didn't participate in Bale Toss) will be required to drive 5 nails with a hammer. The fastest time and accuracy wins.
3. **Hay Bale Twist:** One boy and one girl will participate in a hay bale twist.
4. **Post Setting:** One boy and one girl will participate in post setting.
5. **The Obstacle Course:** The final event will be a team effort with all members of a team working together to perform various fun filled skills and tasks. The obstacle course will consist of large round hay bales, small hay bales, a team walk and a special team contest.
6. **Winning:** To determine the 2011 Young Farmer's Challenge Grand Champion the top two teams with the most points will run through the obstacle course one more time. The team with the fastest time will be the overall winner of the Young Farmer's Challenge.