

Team Nebraska Rises to Top of Fitting Contest



First-place fitting team members from **Nebraska** (l to r): **Maddison** and **Landon Lienemann**, Hildreth; and **Kinleigh Ekhoﬀ**, Aurora.

State associations gathered their top junior fitters to compete in the team fitting contest sponsored by Sullivan Supply, Dunlap, Iowa, on July 8 in Grand Island, Neb. The top three teams were recognized at the 25th annual VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE), “The Grand Daddy of ‘Em All.”

Each team consisted of one senior or one intermediate and one junior and peewee exhibitor. The teams were given 40 minutes to fit their animal while husband-and-wife duo, Melissa Grimmel Schaake and Shane Schaake, Manhattan, Kan., judged the contest.

Team Nebraska, consisting of members Maddison and Landon Lienemann, Hildreth; and Kinleigh Eckhoﬀ, Aurora, took first-place when the adhesive settled.

Second place went to exhibitors from Washington with team members Brecken Eatherton, Castle Rock; Sydney Betes, Moses Lake; and Kyle Belles, Spangle.

The third-place team, Indiana, included members Braxton Carper, Vevay; Clayton Musser, Otterbein; and Sage Lawrence, Avilla. **HW**



Second-place fitting team members from **Washington** (l to r): **Sydney Betes**, Moses Lake; **Kyle Belles**, Spangle; and **Brecken Eatherton**, Castle Rock.



Third-place fitting team members from **Indiana** (l to r): **Clayton Musser**, Otterbein; **Braxton Carper**, Vevay; and **Sage Lawrence**, Avilla.