YQCA YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

NEW REQUIREMENT!

FOR ALL KANSAS STATE FAIR GRAND DRIVE & KJLS EXHIBITORS

What is it?

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a new, national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that covers food safety, animal well-being, and character development through age-appropriate educational curriculum.

Who needs to get certified?

Any youth 8 years of age and older who will be exhibiting a market or breeding animal in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) is required to obtain certification. Exhibitors who will be participating as a 7-year-old will be exempt for this year. YQCA certification numbers will be submitted through the nomination process for market animals, and at the time of entry for exhibitors who only have registered purebred breeding animals. All youth should complete the training by June 15, 2019.

How do youth get certified?

Youth may earn their certification in one of the following ways:

- Instructor-led training ($3/child)
- Online course ($12/child)
- Test-Out exam (12 & 15-year-olds only; online course only; cost varies)
- Valid Youth PQA + number in lieu of YQCA (current numbers will be honored until they expire)

Instructor-led sessions may be offered at the local level by certified instructors. Trainings will also be provided at the junior swine and meat goat producer days and 4-H Discovery Days. Visit www.yqca.org for more details and to register for a class. All youth must pre-register through the YQCA website and pay the appropriate fee, regardless of the type of training they select, in order to obtain a certification number. Families should use their 4HOnline credentials to log in, create a user account, and register for training.

Where do youth find their certification number?

After completing the course, a young person's certificate will be available to download and print through their YQCA user account. Families are responsible for logging into the site after completion of the class to view a child's number and obtain their certificate.

www.yqca.org