If you tested out in the original Youth Pork Quality Assurance, you are Valid until your PQA Expiration Date.

Call the Extension Office if you are not sure of your PQA status.

Frequent Questions:

- Is YQCA mandatory for all 4-H’ers?
  YQCA is required to show at the Butler County 4-H Fair and must be completed by June 1st to show at the Fair.

- Can someone test out of YQCA?
  Not currently, but it is a priority of YQCA to address.

- How much does getting certified cost?
  The online module certification is $12, and the instructor-led training method of certification is $3.

- Does the YQCA certification ID sync with 4-H online?
  Yes, you will sign in using your 4-H Online information.

- I only show horses. Do I need to be YQCA certified?
  No. Right now, YQCA, is not required for 4-H Horse Project Members.

- Do 4-H’ers need to update their YQCA certification number each year?
  Yes they do. Youth should re-certify around the same time they tested each year.

- Do I need to register before class?
  Yes! You must register and pay online before attending an instructor-led class. 7 year olds must RSVP to the Extension office prior to attending the instructor-led class.

- Does Butler County 4-H get the registration money?
  No, all registration money is online and goes to YQCA.

What is YQCA?
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 18. This program promotes food safety, animal well-being and character development. With YQCA, you’ll discover what it takes to be an informed producer, consumer and employee of the agriculture and food industries.
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

A national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 18 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

YQCA includes information for youth showing the following food animals:

- Beef (bucket calf, feeder calf, breeding beef, market beef)
- Dairy Cattle
- Goat (breeding meat goat, diary goat, meat goat)
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep (breeding sheep, market sheep)
- Swine (breeding swine, market swine)

*Required for ALL Animal Species at the 2018 Butler County 4-H Fair!

Goals for the YQCA training and certification program:

- Ensure safety and well-being of animals produced by youth for showing and for 4-H and FFA projects
- Ensure a safe food supply to consumers
- Enhance the future of livestock industry by educating youth on these very important issues so they can become more informed producers, consumers and/or employees in the agriculture and food industry
- Maximize the limited development time and budgets of state and national youth program leaders to provide an effective quality assurance program
- Offer livestock shows a valid, national quality assurance certification for youth livestock exhibitors

YQCA Components

**Food Safety**
- Basics of animal identification
- Herd health plan
- Biosecurity practices

**Animal Well-Being**
- Daily animal care
- Providing high-quality feed
- Animal health product usage

**Character Development**
- Sharing the story
- Goals to success

Mandatory Registration:

1. Go to [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org)
2. Click on Sign In/Register (top right corner)
3. Log in with 4Honline by selecting Kansas 4-H Youth Development
4. Select from the course list the appropriate age level as shown circled in red:
   - Age 09: Junior
   - Web-Based Training ($12.00)
   - Instructor-Led Training ($3.00)
5. Select Web-Based Training ($12) to be guided through certification on your own OR instructor-led training is being held at the 4-H/Community Building on the date that you choose to register for. You can register for a session by selecting Instructor-led Training ($3), then Kansas, and the scheduled training from the dropdown menu.
6. Select add credit card to pay for course.
7. Allow at least 60 minutes to complete the course if doing the web-based training.
8. Once completed, contact the Butler County Extension Office with your YQCA Certification ID number.
9. Renew your YQCA Certification annually. Certification good for 1 year from date of exam.

Current Instructor-Led Classes Scheduled:

All Classes Will Be Held in the Butler County 4-H Community Building, 200 N. Griffith - El Dorado

- Tuesday, January 14, 2020 - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- Thursday, January 23, 2020 - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- Thursday, February 6, 2020 - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- Monday, February 24, 2020 - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 11, 2020 - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 24, 2020 - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- Thursday, April 2, 2020 - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- Monday, April 27, 2020 - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- Thursday, May 28, 2020 - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

- Remember: 8 - 18 Year Olds - You must Register and Pay On-Line prior to attending an Instructor-Led Training.
- 7 Year Olds MUST attend an Instructor-Led Training. 7 Year Olds only RSVP to the Extension Office at 316-321-9660 - No Online Registration or Fee for 7 year old 4-H'ers.

**QUESTIONS?**

Call the Butler County 4-H/Extension Office
316-321-9660