National Youth Program for Quality Care of Animals

Curriculum Map

Junior (8-11)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Food Safety	The Basics of Animal Identification	Administering Animal Health Products	Keeping Animals Healthy	Consumer Education – Thinking Like A Consumer
Animal Well- Being	The Basics of Animal Care	Quality Care	Willful Acts of Abuse	Record Keeping
Life Skills	The Basics of Animal Behavior	Goals To Success	Ethics In The Show Ring	Get Involved

Intermediate (12-14) Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Food Safety	Providing Quality Feed	Administering Animal Health Products	Herd Health Plan
Animal Well-Being	Daily Animal Care	Providing Quality Care	Animal Handling & Food Quality
Life Skills	Youth Leadership & Service	Emergency Action Plan	Ethics In The Show Ring

Senior (15-18)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Food Safety	Providing Quality Feed	Administering Animal Health Products	Herd Health Plan	Responsibly Producing Foods
Animal Well-	Quality Animal	Record Keeping	Providing	Ethics And Animal
Being	Care	Necolu Neeping	Quality Care	Well Being
Life Skills	Sharing the	Emergency	Environmental	Careers in Animal
	Story	Action Plan	Stewardship	Agriculture



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.



Butler County 4-H YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)

Who in Butler County 4-H will be required to be YQCA certificed or to attend a meeting?

- 7 Year Olds **MUST** attend an Instructor-Led Training
- 8-18 Year Olds **MUST** attend a Instructor-Led Training **OR PASS** a Web-Based Training.

YQCA is REQUIRED to be Eligible to Exhibit ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITS

at the 2019 Butler County 4-H Fair



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

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Animal Well-Being

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

Character Development

- Sharing the story
- Goals to success
- Ethics in the show ring

Mandatory Registration:

1. Go to 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:

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

- Monday January 14, 2019 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday January 24, 2019 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 13, 2019 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, February 19, 2019 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday March 7, 2019 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday March 19, 2019 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday April 10, 2019 7:00 p.m.
- Monday April 22, 2019 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday May 15, 2019 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday May 21, 2019 7:00 p.m.
- 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