

Licking County 4-H / FFA Livestock Project Members...

(beef | dairy | dairy feeder | goat | poultry | rabbit | sheep | swine)

BACKGROUND: All members in the above-listed projects are required to complete a Livestock Quality Assurance (QA) training on an annual basis in order to exhibit in Junior Fair programs such as the Hartford Fair and Ohio State Fair. You will find details below allowing you to complete the QA requirement for 2021. As a reminder, this requirement pertains to all livestock project members, as well as at least one Club Advisor from each club containing a member enrolled in livestock projects.

As you plan to complete your QA requirement in 2021, you've got TWO primary options!

- Attend an online QA training offered by Licking County Extension Office
- Participate in the YQCA national training program online
- ...or you may have tested out last year (ages 15-18, passed test), which covers your requirement for this year.
- ...or you may have obtained your training through an OCA BEST Show, Ohio Beef Expo, or other training external to Licking County, offered since October 2020, that meets your requirement for this year.

LICKING COUNTY ONLINE TRAINING REGISTRATION...

To sign-up for one of the online trainings offered in Licking County, simply go to <https://go.osu.edu/QASignUp2021>, and complete the registration form, at which time you'll choose your preferred session. Please notice that all sessions are species-specific, and all but two sessions are offered in the evening. Make your selection carefully... Sessions will fill to a capacity of 50 families on a first-come, first-served basis. You'll receive an email confirmation right away (within 1-2 minutes), then the zoom link and handouts will come approximately 24 hours in advance of your training. If you DON'T RECEIVE THE CONFIRMATION, reach out to me right away – either your email address is blocking our emails OR you typed your email address incorrectly. You can view complete information pertaining to Quality Assurance requirements for 2021, as well as the complete list of dates, online at https://licking.osu.edu/sites/licking/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/QualityAssurance/2021%20Hartford%20Fair%20QA%20Guidelines.pdf.

YQCA ONLINE TRAINING....

Online training is available through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) web-based program. The program is typically offered at a cost of \$12 per youth member. You can find additional details online at <https://yqca.org>. You must first purchase a Coupon Code (registration fee) to complete the training. You'll find those instructions behind the "Buy Coupon" tab, at the bottom of the page, in a downloadable form. You can submit the order form by email or mail – but don't wait until the last minute to choose this option, as the payment process takes a little time. Once you have the Coupon Code, you can log in to the YQCA system, and complete the appropriate training modules. All 4-H members will use their 4Honline username and password to login, while those who are FFA members will login through a separate link on the same login page. Upon completion of certification, you need to email mccutcheon.46@osu.edu to notify me that you have completed the training (I would also suggest notifying your 4-H / FFA Advisor). I will then remove you from the list of those who still need to complete QA training for the 2021 project / fair year. This online certification is a great option for many of you who wish to go ahead and get your training out of the way early. (Note: YQCA is not intended for use by adult 4-H / FFA advisors).

TEST OUT...

If you tested out in 2021 as an age 15-18 member, we have record of your test and you will automatically receive credit for this year.

EXTERNAL TRAINING...

If you attended a training outside of Licking County, we'd encourage you to pass along proof of attendance to mccutcheon.46@osu.edu, to ensure that you receive credit. Most training hosts will share attendance records, but there's always a chance that they do not. By you sharing your proof of attendance, it ensures that you receive the appropriate credit.

As you have questions, please feel free to ask!

Yours in 4-H,
Lisa