

# Geauga County 4-H 2022



## Quality Assurance Information





# 2022 Quality Assurance



May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 12:00pm @ the Fairgrounds  
 Registration: 9:30am – 9:55am.

All participants must be registered by 9:55am.

*All first year project members must be accompanied by their legal parent/guardian and sign in.*

**ATTENTION:** All Geauga County 4-H Members with market or lactating animal projects.

Market Steer	Market Poultry (all species)
Market Hog	Laying Poultry (fancy/production poultry)
Market Lamb	Dairy Goats (all)
Market Goat	Dairy (all)
Market Rabbit	Dairy/Beef Feeder projects

Annual completion of Quality Assurance is required for project completion and for exhibit eligibility at the Geauga County Fair and/or the Ohio State Fair.

**TRACK 1: Registration at School Building.** First year animal members and their legal parent/guardian. Members are required to attend an informational session AND required activity station.

**TRACK 2: Registration at Jr. Fair Building.** Second year animal project members and above. Parent/guardian not required to attend. Members are required to attend an informational session AND three (3) activity stations.

**ALL MEMBERS:** Completion will take approximately 1.5 hours. Activities will be inside and outside so dress accordingly. Upon arrival, members will sign in and receive their QA card. As members complete the requirements of the station, the activity station facilitator will sign off on their card. Upon completion of the informational session and required activities, members should return to the registration table and submit their QA Card in the drop box. *Members must stay at their current session until they are dismissed by the station facilitator.* **Members are required to return their QA card to the registration table drop box prior to leaving. Failure to attend the informational session and complete the required stations and/or return QA cards, will result in an incomplete and members will not receive credit for completing QA. No QA cards will be accepted after May 4<sup>th</sup>. Members should bring a pen or pencil.**

Registration information: 9:30am – 9:55am

**Track 1: School Building** (Including Out-of-County members)

**Track 2: Jr. Fair Building**

**\*Registration will close at 9:55am. Late arrivals will not be allowed to complete the program.**

Please leave your cell phones at home. If a youth is caught using a cell phone or other electronic device, he/she will be asked to leave, resulting in an incomplete and the member will not receive credit for attending.

Again in **2022** youth have the opportunity to test out of the Quality Assurance in each age bracket, unless this is their first year in a livestock project. **See Test-Out information for complete details.**

**Youth must attend a Quality Assurance program before June 1<sup>st</sup> in order to participate in the 2022 Junior Fair shows.**



## Quality Assurance Testing Option 2022

*Testing is offered the week of April 25-30 during normal business hours.  
Members must pre-register at least 24 hours in advance.*

As an alternative to participating in the mandated annual quality assurance training, Geauga County Junior Fair food animal project exhibitors ages 12-14 and 15-18 may elect to take a Quality Assurance test in their primary project area. This test is administered by and under the supervision of Ohio State University Extension. Those who pass the test will be exempt from annual quality assurance re-certification until they move into the next age bracket or are no longer a Geauga County Junior Fair feed exhibitor.

### General Guidelines

- Only returning Geauga County Junior Fair food animal exhibitor's ages 12-14 and 15-18 are eligible for the Quality Assurance Test out option.
- New and/or first time food animal exhibitors and all returning food animal exhibitors ages 8 and in the third grade through age 11 ARE NOT eligible for the testing option. All ages are based on members 4-H age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- Exhibitors need to register to take the test. When calling, participants or parents/legal guardians need to be prepared to provide the following information:
  - Participants name
  - 4-H Club
  - Primary project area (large animal or small animal)
  - Age group (12-14 or 15-18)
- Testing participants need to score a minimum of 70% to pass the test and meet the exemption requirements. Each test is comprised of 50 multiple choice questions worth 2 points each.
- Exhibitors will be permitted to take the test **ONLY** once. If they fail to meet the minimum 70% passing grade, they **MUST** attend and complete a QA Training Program for the year.
- Scores will be returned to the exhibitor as part of a letter. No tests will be returned.
- Participants must leave their cell phones, tablets, etc. at home or with a parent/guardian while taking the test. Absolutely no communication of any kind during the test is permitted. Those caught with electronic media while testing will be asked to leave the room and forfeit the option to test out.
- Cheating will not be tolerated. The participant will be warned and then asked to turn in their test and leave the room.
- Participants should arrive on time. Testing will begin exactly at the scheduled time.
- Participants should double check they are taking the correct test based on their projects.
- No parents/guardians are allowed to sit with members during testing.
- Members requiring special accommodations should notify the Extension Office when calling to register.



## Geauga County 4-H Quality Assurance Study Guide

### Testing Categories (Primary Project Area):

**Large Animals:** Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, and Goats

**Small Animals:** Rabbits, All Poultry

The following information is provided as an aid designed to assist the youth market livestock exhibitor in focusing their studying efforts on the basic areas of Quality Assurance that are addressed on the test. In no way does this guide imply or offer the only information that will be included on the Quality Assurance test. The majority of the testing material was taken directly from the project record book and supplemental resource handbooks. Additional study materials can be found on the Geauga Extension website.

### General Testing Topics Include:

- Husbandry
- Housing
- Animal Identification
- Biosecurity
- Feeding
- Medications
- Injections and Routes of Administration
- Good Production Practices
- Animal Welfare
- Disease Management
- Emergency Action Plans
- Handling and Transportation of Animals
- Record Keeping
- Making Ethical Decisions
- Regulatory Agencies and Laws
- Environmental Stewardship
- Drug Usage/Residue/Labels
- Body Condition Scoring



## YQCA Online Quality Assurance Option 2022

Cost: \$12 per member

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Youth who intend to show their project animal(s) at exhibition (e.g., county or state fair) have the option to complete an on-line Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) session.

The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development program, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) and Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA), has endorsed the following option for youth who are officially enrolled in a 4-H and/or FFA livestock/food animal project.

For the training to meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA requirement for the project year:

- Youth must complete the online session by June 1, 2022.
- The on-line module completed MUST be for the correct 4-H age for the youth.
- **Must submit copy of certificate to the Extension Office by 4:30pm June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Notes:

- All other online courses **do not** meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA Certification requirements. This is the only online opportunity available to 4-H members.
- The Geauga County Agricultural Society has approved this online YQCA option
- The \$12 fee is imposed and collected by the YQCA and not the Geauga Extension Office or the Geauga Agricultural Society

YQCA Website Instructions are available at <https://geauga.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/quality-assurance-information>