

Geauga County 4-H 2025



Quality Assurance Information





2025 Quality Assurance



May 10th from 10:00am – 12:00pm @ the Fairgrounds

Registration: 9:40am – 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 Hog

Market Lamb

Market Goat

Market Rabbit

Market Poultry (all species)

Laying Poultry (fancy/production poultry)

Dairy Goats (all)

Dairy (all)

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 10th. Members should bring a pen or pencil.**

Registration information: 9:40am – 9:55am

Track 1: School Building (First year members and their parent/guardian)

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 **2025** 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.**

Gauga youth must attend a Quality Assurance program before June 1st in order to participate in the 2025 Gauga Junior Fair shows/Ohio State Fair.



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2025 Amazing Race to Quality Assurance

DATE:

May 3, 2025

TIME:

10:00 a.m. to
2:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Camp Whitewood
7983 S. Wiswell Rd.
Windsor, Ohio 44099

Registration:

[go.osu.edu/25qaamazingrace
atcamp](https://go.osu.edu/25qaamazingraceatcamp)



Amazing Race to Quality Assurance

Grab your team and complete your QA for the year. Teams range from 2-6 members of any age. Start your race any time between 10 and 2. A map will be provided and you will travel from stop to stop completing activities and answering questions. The prize for race completion is a 2025 QA certificate for each of your team members. Teams that complete will be entered for other prizes. The deadline to register your team is April 28, 2025. This event is open to all counties.

Please contact Abbey Averill (440-834-4656/ averill.10@osu.edu) or
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Quality Assurance Testing Option 2025

Testing is offered the week of April 21-25 during normal business hours and on Tuesday, April 22th at 5:30pm. Members must pre-register at least 24 hours in advance.

As an alternative to participating in the mandated annual quality assurance training, 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. Youth ages 12-14 who pass the QA test can test out of their annual QA requirement for up to 3 years. Youth ages 15-18 who pass the QA test can test out of their annual QA requirement permanently. These areas are as of January 1, 2025 – a youth's 4-H age.

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 1st 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
 - This is the project you have taken the longest.
 - Small Animal: Poultry and rabbit.
 - Large Animal: Beef, swine, sheep, dairy, and goat.
 - 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 mailed to youth. 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. A Winning Plan should be on file with the Extension Office as part of the youth's enrollment materials.



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. Tests are created annually and distributed by Ohio State University Extension and Ohio 4-H in accordance with the Ohio Department of Agriculture's quality assurance requirements.

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 2025

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, 2025.
- 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 1st.**

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>



Ohio 4-H Quality Assurance Program Verification Form Geauga County

(Must be turned into the Geauga County Extension Office by 4:30pm June 1st.)

4-H member name: _____

4-H age: _____

Club: _____

I have successfully completed a quality assurance program outside of Geauga County. The program I participated in was:

Event: _____
(ie: other county, Ohio Beef Expo, etc.)

Date: _____

I attest the 4-H Member listed above has completed his/her requirement for Quality Assurance by participating in our program. Please contact me with any questions.

Coordinator: _____
(Please print)

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

