**Ohio Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Certification (QA) Options
for Youth Exhibitors Enrolled in 4-H and/or FFA Projects**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

http://yqca.org/

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.

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

- The on-line session must be approved by the county fair board/Extension office.
- The on-line module completed MUST be for the correct 4-H age for the youth.
- The on-line session must be completed at least 45 days prior to the start of exhibition.
- Youth must complete the on-line session within the QA calendar year (October 1 – September 30)

Notes:

1. The all other online courses **do not** meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA certification requirements (ie. BQA, PQA, BEST, etc).

2. Youth can go to the following website to take the age-appropriate on-line module for $12: https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login

   - Youth will need their 4HOnline login and password or they can create their own login and password. Youth MUST register using 4HOnline for their results to automatically show up in 4HOnline.

3. The YQCA test-outs are NOT an option at this time.

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