

VAN BUREN YOUTH FAIR

INFORMATION FOR OPEN CLASS EXHIBITORS

(This will be the ONLY correspondence you will be receiving.)

Important Due Dates for Forms

December 31

Van Buren County Born & Raised (Steers)

May 1

Cat Registration
Dog Registration
Dairy Ownership

June 15

Van Buren Youth Entry with exhibitor pass fee- MUST be completed online. (All horse classes must be listed on this form.)
Any additional forms will be uploaded into to the online system.

Horse Jumping
Talent Show
W-9 for those exhibiting large livestock and small animals
Code of Conduct

Day of Event

Youth Parade

Tagging Deadlines

December 31

Steers

May 1

Feeders, Sheep and Swine

Tags are typically available 30 minutes prior to a Van Buren Youth Fair Large Livestock meetings.
Contact Bev Rajzer, 423-8688 for more information.

Dairy Ownership Form

Any youth that will be exhibiting in a dairy class will be required to complete a Dairy Ownership Form by May 1. This form will be available on the Van Buren Youth Fair website, MSU Extension Office – Van Buren County or when you pick up other livestock tags.

Pullorum Testing (Poultry)

Refer to the Van Buren Youth Fair book or contact the poultry superintendent for more information.



Large Livestock Scholarship

The Van Buren Youth Fair Large Livestock Scholarship is available to a student attending college and/or an institution of higher learning who can meet the following requirements:



REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be a graduating senior in high school becoming a first-year student in college or a first-year student in a higher education program or, a current college student who will be enrolled in college classes in the next academic year.
2. Must be active the last three (3) consecutive years in large livestock projects at the Van Buren Youth Fair.

RESTRICTIONS:

1. Scholarship is to be used for tuition, fees and books.
2. If the recipient of the scholarship quits or drops out of school, the remainder of the scholarship is to be refunded to the Van Buren Youth Fair Large Livestock Scholarship Fund.
3. Eligible applicants may be awarded this scholarship more than once. However, priority will be given to applicants that have not yet received this award.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: \$500.00

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: POSTMARKED BY APRIL 15th.

Scholarship form available on the Van Buren Youth Fair website or from Van Buren County Michigan State University Extension Office.

Market Goat Ownership Verification

Market goat exhibitors or a designate must show proof of ownership by May 1 by bringing their goat(s) to the Van Buren Youth Fair grounds on May 2 to have their scrappy tags recorded. THIS IS A MANDATORY PARTICIPATION EVENT for all market goats! If you need to make other arrangements to have your tags recorded contact the goat superintendent prior to May 1. (Reminder: All tag numbers must be entered on your fair registration.)

Fair Book Cover Contest

The Fair Board will once again hold a fair book cover design contest.

Guidelines:

- Designed by a Van Buren County youth
- Due at the Extension office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 18, 2022.
- Covers should NOT have a 4-H focus because our fair is open to all youth
- Must be on 8 1/2" x 11" paper with a 1" margin
- Please use black ink
- Last 4 digits of Social Security number must be on the back of the entry along with youth's name

Cover must include the following information:

- 67th Annual Van Buren Youth Fair
- July 18-23, 2022
- Hartford, Michigan
- Free Parking
- Official Premium Book and Souvenir Program

Alexander F. Zygadlo Memorial Swine Scholarship

Scholarship type: Up to three (3) scholarships, \$60-\$80 each per year for active 4-H swine exhibitor to purchase feeder pig.

Award process: Applicant must submit an essay (250-350 words for exhibitors 6-10 years old; 350-450 words for exhibitors 11-14; 500-600 words for exhibitors 15-19 years old) and include one letter of reference from non-family members (teacher, coach, 4-H leader, etc.)

How the scholarships will be chosen: Scholarships will be chosen by a committee of three or more. Considerations will include need-based, quality of essay and the value of the letters of reference. The award cannot be awarded to the same exhibitor more than once in a three-year period.

Restrictions: After receiving scholarships, exhibitor must show swine at the current Van Buren Youth Fair. If the scholarship recipient does not show swine at the current Van Buren Youth Fair, the scholarship money must be returned to the Van Buren Youth Fair and returned to the Alexander F. Zygadlo Memorial Swine Scholarship Fund (if the scholarship recipient brings their pig to the fair and it cannot be shown, the exhibitor will not be penalized.).

Awarding of Scholarship: Scholarships will be awarded prior to the May 1st Swine tagging deadline.

Submitting an essay: All completed essays titled "During My Swine Project I hope to ..." and letters of reference must be mailed to MSU Extension, Attention: Swine Essay, 801 Hazen Street, Suite D, Paw Paw, MI 49079 by February 1.



Van Buren Youth Fair Educational Workshops

All youth exhibiting an animal (cats, dogs, draft horses, horses, large livestock, or small animals) at the Van Buren Youth Fair are required to complete YQCA or PQA Plus and/or BQA depending on age no later than July 1, 2022.

YQCA/PQA Plus /BQA Age Group Breakdown:

6 years old- Must attend YQCA in Van Buren County, no charge as they will not receive certification, contact Janice to register.

7-18 years old- Must be YQCA certified. 7 years old may not complete YQCA online.

19 years old- Must complete either PQA or YQCA online.

Parent of 6 years old- Must complete PQA Plus if child is exhibiting swine and BQA if child is exhibiting bovine. Certifications are good for 3 years.

All certifications must be valid through Sunday, July 24, 2022.

DESCRIPTION:

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 7 to 21. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness.

PQA Plus provides participants with an educational foundation that includes but not limited to best practices and standards of food safety, animal well-being, environmental stewardship, and record keeping.

BQA courses teach methods for raising your cattle in accordance with BQA fundamentals. Topics involve cattle health, stockmanship, marketing, emergency planning, and meat quality.

Van Buren County Workshops Dates and Locations:

December 22, 2021—YQCA

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Van Buren MSU Extension office

Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/yqcavanburendec2021/>

Tuesday, January 25, 2022—YQCA

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Van Buren ISD Conference Center

Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/yqcavanburenjan2022/>

Monday, February 28, 2021—YQCA

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Van Buren ISD Conference Center

Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/yqcavanburenfeb2022/>

Thursday, March 24, 2022—YQCA

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Van Buren ISD Conference Center

Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/yqcavanburenmar2022/>

Tuesday, April 26, 2022—YQCA

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Van Buren ISD Conference Center

Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/yqcavanburenapril2022/>

Wednesday, May 25, 2022—YQCA

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Van Buren Youth Fairgrounds

Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/yqcavanburenmay2022/>

Youth must register online at least two days prior to the selected workshop. Workshops are on a first come, first serve basis until full. No walk-ins will be accepted on site. All payments must be made in advance.

YQCA In-Person Certification:

Youth Quality Care Assurance certification can be completed in-person. However, please note the following details:

Cost: \$5.00 (\$3.00 YQCA and \$2 goes to MSU)

Who: Open to youth exhibitors ages 7-18 years of age.

Time: 60-80 minutes

Certification Expiration: Certification is good one (1) year from the date of passing exam.

How to register for online trainings: Go to <https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/events>.

Search for YQCA and Van Buren County. Select the class that you would like to attend and register.

YQCA Online Certification:

Youth Quality Care Assurance certification can be completed online as well. However, please note the following details:

Cost: \$12.00

Who: Open to youth exhibitors ages 8-19 years of age.

Time: Youth can complete the course at their convenience online at any point. Each module takes 15-20 minutes with there be a total of five (5) modules.

Certification Expiration: Certification is good one (1) year from the date of passing exam.

How to register for online trainings: Go to <http://yqca.org> and log in using your 4-H online account if in 4-H otherwise create an account. After logging in, you will need to select the correct YQCA class depending on age.

YQCA Online Test Out Option:

YQCA is offering a test-out option that consists of 50 questions. Youth must receive a passing score of at least 80% to receive certification through this option. Youth will only be given one chance to pass. Failure to receive a passing score will result in youth having to take the certification course either online or in-person.

Cost: \$36.00-\$48.00

Who: 12, 15, and 19 years old

Certification Expiration: Certification is good for three (3) or four (4) years from date of passing depending on age.

How to register online: Go to <http://yqca.org> and create an account. Once created you will be redirected to log in with the same information. After logging in, you will need to select the correct YQCA class depending on age.

PQA Plus Online Certification:

Pork Quality Assurance Plus certification can be completed online as well. However, please note the following details:

Cost: Free

Who: Open to youth exhibitors over the age of 18 and Parents of Exhibitors 6 year old.

Time: Individuals can complete the course at their convenience online at any point. The course takes 3 hours to complete with an exam.

Certification Expiration: Certification is good for three (3) years from the month of passing exam.

How to register for online trainings: Email Beth Ferry, Extension Educator at franzeli@msu.edu to receive login information. The following information is required when requesting certification: name, birthday, address, phone number, and farm name (if applicable).

BQA Online Certification:

Beef Quality Assurance certification can be completed online as well. However, please note the

following details:

Cost: Free

Who: Open to youth exhibitors over the age of 18 and Parents of Exhibitors 6 year old.

Time: Individuals can complete the course at their convenience online at any point. The course takes 3 hours to complete with an exam.

Certification Expiration: Certification is good for three (3) years from the month of passing exam.

How to register for online trainings: Go to https://www.bqa.org/beef-quality-assurance-certification/online-certifications?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIho-LngHE8AIVnP7jBx217gttEAAYASABEgKwQvD_BwE

Record Books

All market animal projects should be considered educational and at times an entrepreneurial project. Youth involved in animal projects should want to gain knowledge in how they manage their project. All youth are highly encouraged to complete a record book for each of their animal projects.



Record books can also help in teaching life skills, such as record keeping, money management, responsibility and in some cases goal setting.

Some species offer record book contests with cash prizes while in other species this is how you receive your premium. (Livestock- this is how you receive your premium.)

These are the following record books:

Small Animals

6-8 Years old –Goats, Poultry, Rabbit, Lab Animal/Cavy

9-12 years old MI 4-H Animal Market Project Record Book Beginner Market Record Book

9-12 years old Van Buren County 4-H Animal Non-Market Project Record Book Beginner Non-Market Record Book

13-15 years old MI 4-H Animal Market Project Record Book Intermediate Market Record Book

13-15 years old Van Buren County 4-H Animal Non-Market Project Record Book Intermediate Non-Market Record Book

16-19 years old– MI 4-H Animal Market Project Record Book Advanced Market Record Book

16-19 years old– Van Buren County 4-H Animal Non-Market Project Record Book Advanced Non-Market Record Book

Egg Notebook for poultry egg class

Dogs

6-8 Years old– Dogs

9-19 Years old– 4-H Dog Member's Record Book (4-H 1213)

Cats

6-8 Years old– Cats

9-19 Years old MSU Cat Project Member Record Book

Large Animals

6-8 Years old– Feeder Calf, Sheep, Swine

9-12 years old MI 4-H Animal Market Project Record Book Beginner Market Record Book
9-12 years old Van Buren County 4-H Animal Non-Market Project Record Book Beginner Non-Market Record Book
13-15 years old MI 4-H Animal Market Project Record Book Intermediate Market Record Book
13-15 years old Van Buren County 4-H Animal Non-Market Project Record Book Intermediate Non-Market Record Book
16-19 years old– MI 4-H Animal Market Project Record Book Advanced Market Record Book
16-19 years old– Van Buren County 4-H Animal Non-Market Project Record Book Advanced Non-Market Record Book

Rate of Gain

Superintendent – Karen Kubiszak 269-254-4085, karenkubiszak@btc-bci.com

Asst. Superintendent – Marcia Sieber 269-501-0600

FOR BEEF AND DAIRY STEERS, SHEEP, SWINE AND FEEDER CALVES:

1. Participation in “Rate of Gain” is encouraged.
2. Official beginning weights will be recorded at the Van Buren Fairgrounds on
 - a. Saturday, December 4th HOURS: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
 - b. Saturday, April 30th HOURS: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
 - c. Sunday, May 1st HOURS: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
 - d. Exhibitors attending the Winter Beef Show at MSU may use those recorded weights as beginning weights but
MUST text a picture of their class sheet with weight to the Superintendent (269-254-4085) no later than December 31, 2020.
3. Tagging will be offered for FREE, but exhibitor is responsible to pay the Tag fee.
4. Worming and other Veterinarian recommended vaccines will be offered during this time (for a small fee).
5. Official ending weights will be determined at weigh-in for the species that have completed the requirements and are exhibited at the fair.
6. RATE OF GAIN Awards will be given out at the Livestock Exhibitor’s Meeting

