



2021 Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

Van Buren County

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Cost:

\$5.00 for YQCA On-site
\$12.00 for YQCA Online
FREE for PQA Plus and
BQA



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

All youth exhibiting large livestock (feeder calves, beef, sheep, swine and goats) 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, 2021.

YQCA/PQA Plus /BQA Age Group Breakdown:

- Parents of exhibitors 6 years old will need to complete PQA Plus for swine and BQA for bovine.
- Youth exhibitors ages 7-18 years old will need to complete YQCA either in-person or online. 7 years old may not complete YQCA online.
- Youth exhibitors 19 years old will need to complete either YQCA online or PQA Plus online/in-person.

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 for youth producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry.

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:

May 27, 2021—YQCA

- ◆ Time: 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Location: Van Buren Youth Fair
- ◆ Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/YQCAMay272021/>
- ◆ Workshop is limited on a first come, first serve basis.

June 15, 2021—YQCA

- ◆ Time: 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Location: Van Buren Youth Fair
- ◆ Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/yqcajune152021/>
- ◆ Workshop is limited on a first come, first serve basis.

June 21, 2021—YQCA

- ◆ Time: 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Location: Van Buren Youth Fair
- ◆ Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/yqcajune212021/>
- ◆ Workshop is limited on a first come, first serve basis.

June 30, 2021—YQCA

- ◆ Time: 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Location: Van Buren Youth Fair
- ◆ Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/yqcajune302021/>
- ◆ Workshop is limited on a first come, first serve basis.

These events will abide by the [MSU Community Compact](#) and all local, state, tribal and federal recommendations/guidelines regarding COVID-19. We will continue to monitor the evolution of COVID-19 and how it might impact the event. You will be contacted regarding any changes or updates through the email you use to register.

Youth must register online at least one day 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.

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Step by Step Help Guides area available to assist with the log in for YQCA at:

<http://yqca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/GettingYourYQCAOnlineCertification.pdf>

YQCA & PQA Plus Workshops In-Person

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 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.

YQCA Online Test Out Option:

New, this year 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-LnqHE8AIVnP7jBx217gttEAAAYASABEgKwQvD_BwE