

December 1, 2023

Greetings 4-H Livestock Families,

This letter contains the information that you will need to know about the Livestock Quality assurance education requirements for the Elkhart County 4-H Fair and the Indiana State Fair. There are two different programs that Indiana 4-H members can chose from to complete this requirement: Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care or, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Program (YQCA). Please note that we will only be offering in-person sessions for the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care and YQCA can be completed online only.

Who has to participate in the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care program or the YQCA program?

- All 4-H members who are enrolled in the following projects have to complete the program in order to show at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair and or the Indiana State Fair: Beef, Dairy, Dairy Feeder, Goats, Lambs, Poultry, Rabbits, and Swine.

When does the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care program or the YQCA program need to be completed by?

- 4-H members in Elkhart County **need to complete the training by June 15, 2024. If it is not completed by this date, you will not be able to show at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair.**
- **If you are completing YQCA, your certificate must be emailed to Nancy Borkholder nborkhol@purdue.edu, or dropped off in the Extension Office by June 15, 2024.**

How do I complete the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care program and what does it cost?

1. Call the Extension office at 574-533-0554 and reserve your spot. You can also email Nancy Borkholder to register. Please note that each class will be capped at 60 registrations.
2. Arrive early at the class. Bring your payment for the class when you come that night.
 - a. The cost is \$3.00 per person. This is the same as the former YQCA classes we offered.
 - b. We accept cash or checks made payable to "Trustees of Purdue University". We do not have a credit card option for the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care program.
3. Once you have signed up, participated in a class and paid you will be marked complete in the 4-H Online system.

I can't come to an in-person class so I need to take YQCA online, what do I do?

- Registration for online training will need to be completed at <http://yqcaprogram.org>
- Once you have completed the training you will need to download the certificate or take a photo of the certificate and turn it into the Extension Office. You can do this via email or by dropping it off at the Extension Office.
- If you have questions about the YQCA system you will need to direct them to YQCA. Our staff is no longer teaching those classes or certified by them.
- We will still accept YQCA as completion for the Quality Assurance requirement, however you will need to provide the proof to us as we can no longer get reports from them.

Also enclosed in this letter you will find a list of dates and times for classes. I want to thank our additional teachers for presenting this class. Their kindness allows us to offer a variety of dates and times.

We know that this program will have many great benefits for the 4-H members and we look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Kelly at kelly115@purdue.edu or by calling the office at 574-533-0554.

Regards,

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