

January 25, 2024

Greetings 4-H Livestock Families,

Purdue Extension and Indiana 4-H are continuing with our own version of a Quality Assurance program, the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC). In the past, we have used the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA). We will still accept both programs to complete quality assurance requirement for exhibition. Please note that we will only be offering in-person sessions for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care and YQCA can be completed online only.

Who has to participate in the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock 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 Lake County 4-H Fair and/or the Indiana State Fair: Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbits, and Swine.

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

- 4-H members in Lake County **need to complete the training by July 1, 2024. If it is not completed, you will not be able to show at the Lake County 4-H Fair.**
- **If you are completing YQCA, your certificate must be emailed to Roz Adams [rdcoleman@purdue.edu](mailto:rdcoleman@purdue.edu), or drop it off at the Extension Office by July 1, 2024.**

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

1. Register by visiting 4-H Online and going to your events tab, and pick the date for which training you would like to attend. You can also click on the links provided and it will prompt you to login and take you directly to registration. Please note that each class will be capped at 50 registrations.
2. The cost of this training is \$3 per 4-Her and will be due when you arrive at the training.
  - a. We can take cash or checks made out to "Purdue CES Ed Fund". We do not have a credit card option for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock 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.

Date:	Time:	Location:
Sunday, February 18, 2024	QLC & Skillathon Workshop	Extension Office
Tuesday, April 9, 2024	6:00 PM	Extension Office
Monday, April 22, 2024	6:00 PM	Extension Office
Saturday, May 11, 2024	1:00 PM	Extension Office

Sunday, February 18, 2024, QLC & Skillathon Workshop, Extension Office -

<https://LakeCtyQLCFeb18.4honline.com>

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 6:00 PM, Extension Office - <https://LakeCtyQLCApr9.4honline.com>

Monday, April 22, 2024, 6:00 PM, Extension Office - <https://LakeCtyQLCApr22.4honline.com>

Saturday, May 11, 2024, 1:00 PM, Extension Office - <https://LakeCtyQLCMay11.4honline.com>

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 Jennifer Haynes, [jhaynes7@purdue.edu](mailto:jhaynes7@purdue.edu) or by calling 219-755-3240.

Sincerely,

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