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Dear Livestock Exhibitor:

Indiana 4-H has recently introduced the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training. Please review this letter and the enclosures to learn more about this expected educational program. **New for 2023: to exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, pygmy goats, rabbits, sheep, and swine, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training OR the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA) by July 1.**

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training was developed with Indiana 4-Hers in mind. This program is a grassroots initiative formulated and facilitated by Purdue Extension, the Purdue Animal Science Department, and industry affiliates. The Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program is a comprehensive training expectation for all 4-H youth participating in beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, pygmy goats, poultry and rabbit projects.

The goal of the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program is to help youth understand their responsibility in increasing consumer confidence, animal stewardship, and overall gaining and applying pertinent information and credibility, relating to food systems. The curriculum is relevant and timely with an emphasis on assisting youth in making their best livestock practices even better.

 Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training core components and program goals and expectations will emphasize the importance of care, safety, and youth as industry ambassadors. The cornerstone beliefs of the training are as follows:

* Animals from youth livestock programs are treated with the utmost care.
* Youth livestock exhibitors are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply.
* Youth livestock exhibitors are prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture.

Please find the enclosed flyer for upcoming trainings along with instructions on how to register. The cost of the in-person Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training is $3 per person and can be paid by cash/check to the Purdue Extension Office prior to your training. If you need assistance with registration or financial assistance, please let our office know and we’d be glad to help. As always, reach out if you have questions at mkron@purdue.edu or (812) 867-4935.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Flyer, 4-H Online Event Instructions