

Dear Livestock Exhibitor,

Please read through this document carefully as the information has changed for 2023. Each year, livestock exhibitors are required to complete a quality assurance program in order to show their livestock at the White County and Indiana State Fairs. This program is designed to educate producers (exhibitors) on the care of their animals in order to provide a safe product for consumers. This training is for every 4-Her in grades 3 through 12 who is exhibiting beef, dairy, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, or poultry at the White County Fair and/or Indiana State Fair. This is a mandatory program. You must be certified in order to exhibit.

2023 Update: Purdue Extension and Indiana 4-H have designed a new Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program (quality assurance program specifically for Indiana 4-H members). This program will be offered in-person only. It is our hope that this new program will be more interactive and informative for 4-H livestock exhibitors. Thanks to a generous donation from the White County Ag Association, the \$3 in-person program fee has been waived for all White County 4-H Members. *However*, the option to complete the online YQCA training is still available for \$12 per exhibitor. One reason you may want to complete the online training may be that you are attending an open livestock show may still require the YQCA training. <u>If you are</u> <u>attending any non-4-H livestock show, check the requirements before you go.</u>

(In-Person) Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program

1. Register for the event via 4-H Online (v2.4honline.com). Instructions are enclosed. You may only sign up for ONE training event. If you need to change your sign up, call the extension office.

2. Show up to the training, sign in, and stay for the entire length of the training.

3. Receive your training certificate from Molly. This will come within 2 weeks of completion. This certificate will be your proof of completion, more information on this will come during the training event. **Please make sure your email address in 4-H Online is correct.*

4. By July 1st, check your 4-H online profile under the "trainings" tab to make sure your training has been marked complete. If it is not marked complete, call the extension office.

The following in-person trainings will be available at the White County 4-H Building in Reynolds.

March 28 th	6:30-7:30 p.m.	May 18 th	6:30-7:30 p.m.
March 29 th	1:30-2:30 p.m.	June 2 nd	2:00-3:00 p.m.
April 26 th	6:30- 7:30 p.m.	June 15 th	10:00-11:00 a.m.



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(Online) Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Program (YQCA)

1. Login to <u>vqcaprogram.org</u> and purchase the age-appropriate web-based training for \$12

2. Once you have completed the web-based training, you should be able to download a completion certificate on the website.

3. Submit a copy of the YQCA certificate to the extension office in-person or via email (childer9@purdue.edu)

4. By July 1st, check your 4-H online profile under the "trainings" tab to make sure your training has been marked complete. If it is not marked complete, call the extension office.

If you are unable to attend one of the trainings listed, and you are unable to complete the online training, you may attend a training in a surrounding county. You will most likely need to call the county's extension office to see what you need to do to register and pay for the training. Once you have attended that training, the county educator should call me to let me know and you will be marked complete in 4-H Online. If you have questions about this, call the White County Extension Office.

If you are not exhibiting any of the livestock listed above in 2023, please let us know so we can remove you from the list. If you have any questions about this process, feel free to contact the Extension Office at (219) 984-5115. You can also email me at <u>childer9@purdue.edu</u>.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to understand more about this transition.

Enclosed- registration instructions for in-person training

Sincerely,

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