



2021 Vanderburgh County 4-H YQCA TRAININGS

Monday, June 14 - 6:00 pm, Banquet Hall
Wednesday, June 23 - 7:00 pm, Expo Hall

**Either attend ONE training above at
the Vanderburgh 4-H Center or
complete the training online.**

***To exhibit beef cattle, meat goats,
dairy cattle, dairy goats, poultry, pygmy
goats, rabbits, sheep, and swine, 4-H
members must be certified through the
YQCA program by July 1, 2021.***

**There are 2 ways
to be YQCA
certified:**

1. Youth may complete the entire course online at yqca.learn-grow.io
Pay a \$12* fee for online certification.

2. Youth may attend an in-person YQCA training for \$3*.

Please sign up for an in-person training ONLINE one week in advance.

**If you need assistance with the cost of the program, please contact our office.*

See reverse side for more information about the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program.

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WHAT IS YQCA?

The acronym stands for “Youth for the Quality Care of Animals”

The YQCA program was developed in a partnership with Extension educators and specialists involved in Animal Science from 10 universities that already had livestock quality assurance courses available to youth.



Industries such as the National Pork Producers, National Beef Cattle Association, National Milk Producers, and a few other organizations contributed to the importance of wanting to be able to share a consistent message with youth exhibitors on proper care and management of animals.

YQCA IN INDIANA 4-H

To exhibit beef cattle, Boer/meat goats, dairy cattle, dairy goats, poultry, pygmy goats, rabbits, sheep, and swine, 4-H members must be certified through the YQCA program by July 1, 2021.

While this is a newer statewide requirement, it should not be viewed as just another rule, but rather as an important educational opportunity for 4-H livestock members. Making this a statewide exhibition requirement is how Indiana 4-H ensures that 4-H members learn about quality assurance, but it really has nothing to do with animal exhibition. The reason for requiring YQCA is for youth to learn best management practices with their animals.

The livestock industry is experiencing significant negative publicity because of animals from youth livestock programs. Are you ready to help the livestock industry take on this challenge by ensuring 4-H youth are learning to ethically raise and exhibit their animals? You can help these perceptions by being a part of the solution.

GOALS OF REQUIRING YQCA IN INDIANA 4-H



- Ensure that Indiana 4-H livestock members are more prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors.
- Ensure animals from the Indiana 4-H livestock program are treated with the utmost care.
- Ensure that Indiana 4-H livestock members are contributing to a safe and wholesome food supply.

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