

YQCA Certification

During Christmas Break

<https://yqcaprogram.org>

The downtime of Christmas break would be a great time to knock out your youth's 2024 YQCA requirements! 4-H (ages 8-18) and FFA (under age 19) exhibitors as of January 1, 2024, who exhibit beef, goats, sheep, swine, rabbit & poultry are **REQUIRED to complete YQCA training by June 15, 2024**, to be eligible to participate at the Dixon County Fair and Nebraska State Fair. *(Clover Kids are not required to complete YQCA training)*

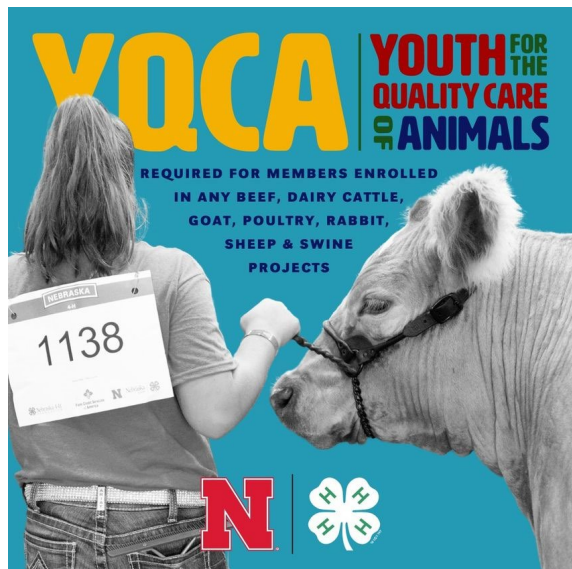
Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete an **annual** quality assurance training through the YQCA program.

YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program focused on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. 4-H members who exhibit beef, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine must have the YQCA certification completed before fair. 4-H members who exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair will need to have their YQCA training requirements met by the date of entry for those respective shows.



The annual training may be completed by one of the following:

- **Face-to-Face Training with a Certified Instructor: \$3.00 each.** Registrations for Face-to-Face training are to be completed and paid on the YQCA website.
- **Online Course: \$12.00 each.**
- **Online Test Out:** This option is only available to youth in their first year of Intermediate (age 12) and first year of Senior (age 15) age levels. There is no test-out option for Juniors. **Costs are: Intermediate - \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification) and Senior - \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification).** If you pass, you will not be required to complete the annual training requirements for the remainder of your current age level (Intermediates: 12-14; and Seniors: 15-18). Each test consists of fifty randomly selected questions and has a pass rate of 80% or better for certification.



- **Help documents** for web-based training, instructor-led training, test-out option, printing/downloading, and hearing disability accommodations, are available on the Dixon County Extension website:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dixon/4-h-animal-science-resources/>

- **Provide printed copies or pdf copies of your certificates.** Photos must be readable. Check before sending.