



## Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete

**ANNUAL** quality assurance training through [Youth for the Quality Care of Animals \(YQCA\)](#). YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program focused on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

Nebraska 4-H members ages 8-18, who are enrolled in any of the livestock projects listed below are required to complete the YQCA course annually. **4-H members who exhibit at the Knox County fair must have the YQCA completed by Monday, August 3.** 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.

Youth enrolled in any of following projects or project areas will need to complete YQCA training.

- **Beef** (bucket calf, feeder calf, breeding beef, market beef, fall feeder calf)
- **Dairy Cattle**
- **Goat** (breeding meat goat, dairy goat, meat goat)
- **Poultry**
- **Rabbit**
- **Sheep** (breeding sheep, market sheep, bottle lamb)
- **Swine** (breeding swine, market swine)

Clover Kids are not required to complete YQCA to show livestock.



Options to complete the YQCA Training are:

### Face-to-Face Training with Certified Instructor:

4-H youth may complete the **annual** YQCA by attending a face-to-face training with a certified instructor. **4-H'ers will need to register for the class at <http://yqca.org/> and pay the \$3.00 fee prior to the training.** At this time the following dates have been set up for 2020 face-to-face trainings:

- Tuesday, February 18, 6 pm – Holt County Annex, O'Neill
- Monday, March 16, 6 pm – Ag Room, Boyd County School, Spencer
- Thursday, March 26, 6 pm - Holt County Annex, O'Neill
- Thursday, April 23, 6 pm - Holt County Annex, O'Neill
- Tuesday, May 26, 6 pm - Holt County Annex, O'Neill
- Friday, May 29, 9 am – Verdigre High School
- Saturday, May 30, 9 am – First Trinity Social Hall, Bloomfield
- Tuesday, June 9, 10 am-Holt County Annex, O'Neill
- Monday, June 22, 5 pm – Courthouse Annex, Center

**YQCA Online Course:** Web-based annual training is available through the YQCA learning management system. The online course costs \$12 per individual regardless of age. Please see the [YQCA Login & Course Completion Instructions](#) for more information.

**Online Test-Out** – Test-out options are only available to youth in the first year of Intermediate (age 12) and Senior (age 15) age levels. There is no test-out for Juniors. **Costs are: Intermediate: \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification) and Senior: \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification).** If passed, youth will not be required to complete the annual training requirements for the remainder of their current age level (Intermediates: 12-14; Seniors: 15-18). Each test consists of 50 randomly selected questions and has a pass rate of 80% or better for certification. Participants will have only one chance to take the test-out option. If youth fail, they will not be provided another opportunity to test out of that age level. Participants who do not pass will be prompted to take the instructor-led training or web-based training annually. More information on the Online Test-Out option is available at <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca>.