



Polk County 4-H

YQCA for all livestock exhibitors is **Due July 15, 2022**

If you plan on showing beef, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, or rabbits you are required to complete annual quality assurance training through YQCA.

How do youth get certified?

Annual certification is required. Youth may earn their certification in one of the following ways:

- Instructor-led training (\$5/child) \$3 online fee plus \$2 in-person fee
- Online course (\$12/child)
- Test-Out exam (12 & 15-year-olds only; online course only; cost varies)

All enrollment for YQCA training (Web Based or In-Person) must be done thru the YQCA site. We do NOT take registrations thru the Extension Office.

Cost \$12 for the online course - \$5 for the in-person training

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program. It is an annual training open to youth 8-21 years of age and focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and life skill development. Please visit the **NEW** program website, www.yqcaprogram.org to register for training and create a user account on the website.

The YQCA program transitioned to a new platform on March 23, 2022. Families will need to create a new account on the new website. Original accounts on the old platform became inactive after March 22.

Please follow the appropriate link for more information about how to:

[Submit Current 2022 YQCA Certification to New Platform](#)

[Get Your Instructor-led YQCA Certification \(in-person class\)](#)

[Get Your Web-Based YQCA Certification](#)

[Test Out Certification Instructions](#) (only available for youth 12 and 15 years of age on Dec. 31)

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Instructor Lead Training

Youth must enroll online thru the YQCA site for Instructor Lead Training, pay the YQCA fee online. There will be two Instructor Lead Training Date this year.

Instructor Lead Training Date – \$5 total this year

(\$3 and must register Online prior to the event please bring \$2 to the training to cover other expenses)

- **Monday, June 13 from 1-2 p.m. Polk County Fairground Exhibit Building**
- **Monday, July 11 from 9-10 a.m. Polk County Fairground Exhibit Building**

Please contact Colleen at 402-747-2321 or at colleen.pallas@unl.edu if you have any questions.