



To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the *Youth for the Quality Care of Animals*. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. More information about YQCA is available at <http://yqca.org>.

This is an important educational opportunity for 4-H livestock members to learn about quality assurance and best management practices with their animals. The goals of having 4-H members complete the YQCA program include ensuring that:

- Youth will be more prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors.
- Animals from youth livestock programs are treated with the utmost care.
- 4-H members are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply.

HOW DO I COMPLETE THE TRAINING?

1. To sign up for a training go to www.yqca.org and create your YQCA account by logging in with the same info as your 4-H online profile.
2. You will select either web-based training (cost is \$12) or instructor-led training (cost is \$3)
3. When you are selecting your course, **it is your age as of December 31st of last year.**
4. **Web-based training**, you will register, pay and complete the training on line and then print your certificate.
5. **Instructor-led training**, you will register and pay on line BEFORE you attend the training. Below is a list of trainings in our area. At the conclusion of the training, the instructor will go on line and verify your attendance at the training.
6. One week following your in-person training, you can go on line and print your certificate.

Instructor-led trainings

Hamilton Co-April 30, May 29, June 19, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Exhibition Center, Hamilton Co Fairgrounds, Noblesville

Boone Co-May 22, June 18, 6:30 p.m. Farm Bureau Inc. Bldg, Fairgrounds, 1300 E 100 S, Lebanon

Hendricks Co-May 14 (6:30pm), June 21, 9:00 a.m. Hendricks Co Fairgrounds, 1900 E. Main St., Danville

Morgan Co.-May 22, May 30, June 27, 6:30 p.m., Morgan Co Admin Bldg Sadler Room, 180 S. Main St. #229, Martinsville

Johnson Co-April 17, May 15, June 19, July 7, 6:00 p.m., Johnson Co Ext Office ED Room, 484 N. Morton St, Franklin, IN

Madison Co-

- April 18, May 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m., June 29, 10:00-11:00 a.m., 4-H Building, Madison County 4-H Fairgrounds, 512 E. 4th Street, Alexandria, IN 46001
- May 18, 10:00-11:00am Pendleton Heights High School, 1 Arabian Drive, Pendleton, IN 46064

Tipton County- May 23, 6:00 p.m., June 3, 1:00 p.m., June 19, 6:30 p.m. Tipton County Fairgrounds, 1200 South Main Street, Tipton, IN 46072.

New for 2019: online test out option for youth in the intermediate and senior age categories.

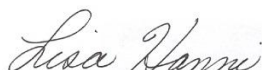
- This is only available to youth in the first year of intermediate (age 12), senior (age 15) and young adult (age 19). There is no test-out option for juniors. At the bottom of the “Course List” page are the test out options for these age levels.
- The test consists of 50 questions and requires a pass rate of 80% or better for certification.
- If passed, the certification will last through the end of a user’s age level (intermediate – ages 12, 13 and 14; senior – ages 15, 16, 17 and 18; and young adult – ages 19, 20 and 21.)
- The intermediate and young adult test-out course will cost \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification) and the senior test-out course will cost \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification). Users will have one chance to take the test-out option. If they fail, they will not be provided another opportunity for that level of certification. If the youth passes, payment for the completed test out course will be required after the completion of the test. No payment is required to attempt the test.
- Participants attempting and not passing will be prompted to take the instructor-led training or web based training annually.

4-H’ers may count this certification training as one of their livestock project manual activities in each species they are exhibiting.

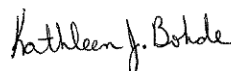
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If you have questions about the YQCA program, please contact Lisa Hanni at the Extension Office, 317.776.0854 or lahanni@purdue.edu.

For Youth,



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