

**Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Certification (QA) Options
for Youth Exhibitors Enrolled in 4-H or FFA Projects**

FOR 2020 ONLY

The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development program, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) has endorsed the following for youth who are officially enrolled in a 4-H or FFA project that requires QA attendance.

Due to concerns surrounding COVID-19 and the inability to hold 4-H gatherings until April 20, 2020, the following exceptions have been put into place to mitigate the effects of this situation on youth and families:

- QA must still be completed before the opening day of exhibition, however the 45 day requirement will not be enforced.
- Any youth exhibitor (8-18) may take the online YQCA certification with county permission.
- Youth must attend an in-person session or be certified online through YQCA within the QA calendar year (October 1st – September 31st)

Notes:

1. The BQA/PQA online courses do not meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA certification requirement.