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NEW FOR 2020: All FFA beef, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine exhibitors must be certified through the YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) program or have previously tested out for their respective age division for FSQA (Food Safety & Quality Assurance) with valid certification.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

The YQCA curriculum is broken into four levels: Junior ages 8-11, Intermediate ages 12-14, Senior ages 15-18 and Young Adult ages 19-21. Three or four levels of content focused on food safety, animal well-being and character are outlined for each level. Topics include but are not limited to: The Basics of Animal Identification, Daily Animal Care, Administering Animal Health Products, Providing Quality Care, Herd Health Plan, Providing Quality Feed, Sharing The Story, Goals To Success, and Ethics In The Show Ring.

The program is designed to provide a minimum 60 minutes of education each year. There are three ways to earn YQCA certification. When you register for YQCA, you will be presented options for the online program, any applicable in-person training, or any applicable test-out options. The Iowa State Fair will accept all three types of certification.

Exhibitor’s birthdate and YQCA Certificate Number are required at time of Entry (on or before July 1).

Visit www.yqca.org to sign-up, log-in or get more information. Questions about YQCA: info@yqca.org

YQCA Implementation Options		
<p>Online Certification \$12/user online annually</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YQCA program is available on YQCA website • Complete customer support provided to user • User may log on using 4-H Online credentials or create YQCA credentials • Young adults, ages 19-21, must certify through the online program 	<p>Instructor-Led Training Certification \$3/user annually</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must complete an annual training provided by YQCA and must agree to the terms and conditions of use • YQCA certification trainings shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be made available only to youth in Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels ○ Be provided in a workshop with a minimum of 1, 60-minute in-person, instructor-led session ○ Instructors must select one of the YQCA base trainings. They may add additional materials as they see fit, but may not modify or omit the base training ○ Trainers may charge local fees for materials and costs; those fees are collected locally • In person training locations can be found at https://yqca.learngrow.io/Training/Search 	<p>Test-Out Option \$36/user Intermediate (3 years) \$48/user Senior (4 years) \$36/user Young Adult (3 years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option located on “Course List” page • Test consists of 50 questions with an 80% or better passing rate for certification • Participants will be charged upon successful completion of the test; failing will not result in payment • Upon passing, course materials may be located under user’s “My Library”