



PREBLE COUNTY QUALITY ASSURANCE -- 2024

Each Junior Fair exhibitor (4-H or FFA) taking a market or lactating animal to the Preble County Fair **must** participate in the Quality Assurance Program (QA).



In 2024, Preble County youth have 3 options to fulfill the QA requirement. If you have questions, please contact the Preble County Extension Office.

	Type	Who Is Eligible?	Specific Requirements
Option 1	YQCA on-line training, Pork Quality Assurance, or Beef Quality Assurance	All youth exhibitors needing QA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any cost for these alternatives must be paid by the exhibitor Exhibitors must submit proof of completion to the extension office by May 15 Youth must complete the on-line session within the QA calendar year (October 1 – September 31) The YQCA test-outs are an option at this time.
Option 2	Face to Face Session	All youth exhibitors needing QA	
Option 3	Test-Out Option	Exhibitors ages 12 and older	

GENERAL QUALITY ASSURANCE INFORMATION

- Junior Fair youth can attend Quality Assurance Education Sessions in other counties or at other events as long as that QA training is approved by Ohio 4-H. Youth may also complete YQCA, Beef Quality Assurance, or Pork Quality Assurance. Proof must be submitted to the office by May 15, 2024.
- If you plan to attend a Quality Assurance Education Session outside of Preble County (another county, the Beef Expo etc.), you must provide documentation of your attendance to the OSU Extension Office in Preble County.
- Quality Assurance Sessions will begin at the time listed. The doors will close at that time and no one will be permitted to register after the start time. Participants must participate in the entire session to receive credit for attendance.



OPTION 1: YQCA On-line Session, Beef Quality Assurance, Pork Quality Assurance

- YQCA <https://yqcaprogram.org/>
- You must submit your proof of completion/ certificate to the office by May 15.
- Any cost is the responsibility of the member

OPTION 2: Face to Face Session

For those taking market or lactating animals to the 2024 Preble County Fair who do not choose the test out option or do not pass the test, three county wide in person Quality Assurance classes are provided. Preble county youth are free. For youth from another county 4-H/FFA program, the cost is \$10.

date	Sunday, March 3	Wednesday, April 17	Thursday, May 9
doors open	3:15PM	6:15PM	6:15PM
class time	3:30-5PM	6:30-7:30PM	6:30-7:30PM
location	Expo Expansion	Expo Expansion	Expo Expansion

OPTION 3: Test Out

Preble County QA Test Out for 2024

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
 Extension Office by appointment only at 5:45PM

You must pre-register by contacting Nancy Tilton at tilton.47@osu.edu
 or at 937-300-6010

1. Junior Fair youth ages 12 and older have the opportunity to take a QA test instead of attending the annual education session. There are tests for two age brackets of youth: 12 to 14 years old and 15 to 18 years old.
2. Once you have passed the test for your age bracket, you are exempt from the Quality Assurance program until you reach the next age bracket. For example, if a 12 year old takes and passes the test this year, he or she would not be obligated to participate in the Quality Assurance program until he or she turns 15. At that time he or she could take the next test or choose to attend the Quality Assurance education sessions.
3. The test is available in multiple formats: 12 – 14 year old small animal or large animal and 15 – 18 year old small animal or large animal. Small animal tests include poultry and rabbits. Large animal tests include beef, sheep, dairy, and goats. If the youth has projects in both areas, they select either the small or large animal test (suggest you select the test for species you spend the most time with.)
4. Tests are comprised of 50 questions. A passing grade is 70% or higher, meaning a minimum of 35 questions must be answered correctly. Questions are derived from the Ohio Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Curriculum Guide. Good studying resources are animal resource handbooks and the livestock Skillathon kits, focusing on management practices, nutrition, housing, safe equipment use, health maintenance, and caring for the animals.

****TO REGISTER:** Contact Nancy by phone or e-mail Tilton.47@osu.edu or lairson.1@osu.edu