

2020 Quality Assurance

To be eligible for participation in the Greene County Fair, potential youth exhibitors must participate in one of the following Livestock Quality Assurance Programs. If youth are taking the following projects, this is required: Beef (market steers, breeding, feeder calf), Dairy (heifers, feeders and cows if lactating or have lactated and feeders if selling- heifers before lactation do not need it), goats (all), poultry (all), rabbit (all), sheep (all), llamas & alpacas, and swine.

Parents are encouraged to attend but not required except for PQA for youth participating at the Ohio State Fair.

Youth need to attend a QA training conducted by OSU Extension or FFA Advisor. Clubs will not be able to conduct this training in 2020.

New for 2020! All llama and alpaca exhibitors must participate in this yearly requirement.

The following trainings will count as the annual training to show during the 2020 4-H year.

If youth attend a Quality Assurance training in another county or a statewide program, a copy of the certificate must be on file with our office. This is the responsibility of the youth exhibitor to get a copy to our office. All Quality Assurance trainings must be completed by June 1 to show for 2020.

February 3, 2020

5:30 p.m.

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA)

February 10, 2020

5:30 p.m.

Pork Quality Assurance (PQA)

March 23, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Quality Assurance Test Out

March 23, 2020

10:00 a.m.

March 26, 2020

1:00 p.m.

Pork Quality Assurance (PQA)

March 26, 2020

5:30 p.m.

April 8, 2020

5:30 p.m.

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2020 GREENE COUNTY FAIR

Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) & Beef
Quality Assurance (BQA) Requirements

PQA -

Youth entering a hog project at the 2020 Greene County Fair will be required to have be **Pork Quality Assurance *certificated*** in order to meet packer requirements.

Youth entering a market swine project at the 2020 Ohio State Fair will be required to have a **parent/guardian PQA certified** in order to meet packer requirements.

- PQA certification number will be required for state fair online entry (**deadline of June 20th**)
- Certification numbers will be verified, falsified numbers will result in penalty.
 - o Once notified of invalid number, exhibitors will have 5 days to provide the correct PQA certification number.
 - o If the correct PQA certification number is not provided within 5 days, exhibitor will be disqualified from exhibition.

Youth **MUST** be certified in Ohio Youth QA 45 days prior to exhibition in order to be eligible to show. This is the June 1st county rule. Additionally, youth must be PQA certified annually for Greene County. The 2020 certification is on February 10th at 5:30 p.m. and March 26th at 1:00 p.m. Adults can also obtain their PQA at this time.

There are several options for parents/guardians to be PQA certified, but youth must attend an in-person training:

- Adults can attend an in-person PQA session – check Greene Co. 4-H Schedule
- Adults can sign-up for the PQA on-line certification
 - o Requests can be sent to Trevor Corboy at corboy.3@osu.edu

Notes:

1. The adult PQA certification is good for 3 years.
2. If a parent/guardian has several youths in the family, the same PQA number will count for all of the youth.

BQA -

Youth entering a beef project at the 2020 Greene County Fair will be required to have be **Beef Quality Assurance *certificated*** in order to meet packer requirements.

Youth **MUST** be certified in Ohio Youth QA 45 days prior to exhibition in order to be eligible to show. This is the June 1st rule set forth within the county.

There are several options for youth to be BQA certified:

- Youth can attend one of two Beef project specific Quality Assurance on February 3 and one TBA.
- An online option is not available for youth BQA at this time.

Notes:

1. The BQA certification is good for 3 years, but due to new requirements, youth must attend a project specific QA annually.

Questions on these policies can be directed to OSU Extension Greene County – Trevor Corboy at corboy.3@osu.edu or Rebecca Supinger at supinger.5@osu.edu.

