



2020 Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) & PQA Workshops

Berrien and Cass Counties

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

All youth exhibiting swine at the Berrien County Youth Fair are required to complete YQCA (8-21 year old) no later than August 1, 2020.

Additional Information for Berrien County Exhibitors ages 5-7: All exhibitors ages 5-7 must attend a YQCA training. Parents of exhibitors ages 5-7 will need to complete Pork Quality Assurance Training Plus (PQA Plus) by attending a training session held in conjunction with the YQCA classes offered in Berrien County or accessing the program online no later than August 1, 2020.

DESCRIPTION:

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. The program is designed to provide an estimated 60 minutes of education each year. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry.

PQA Plus provides participants with an educational foundation that includes but not limited to best practices and standards of food safety, animal well-being, environmental stewardship, and record keeping.

Cost:

\$5.00 for YQCA On-site Training
\$12.00 for YQCA Online
FREE for PQA Plus

Tentative YQCA & PQA Plus Workshops Offered

Online Training:

Youth Quality Care Assurance certification can be completed online as well. However, please note the following details:

Cost: \$12

Timing: Youth can complete the course at their convenience online at any point. YQCA must be completed prior to August 1, 2020.

How to register for online trainings:

Go to <http://yqca.org> and create an account. Once created you will be redirected to log in with the same information. After logging in, you will need to select the correct YQCA class depending on age.

Please note: specific information for online-based training:

You must pass three quizzes to get certified (animal well-being, food safety, and life skills).

Berrien County Workshops Dates and Locations:

April 14, 2020—YQCA & PQA Workshop

- ◆ Time: 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Location: Berrien County Youth Fair—Youth Memorial Building
- ◆ Workshop is limited to 60 youth for YQCA. PQA Plus classes will have unlimited registration.

May 11, 2020—YQCA & PQA Workshop

- ◆ Time: 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Location: Berrien County Youth Fair—Youth Memorial Building
- ◆ Workshop is limited to 60 youth for YQCA. PQA Plus classes will have unlimited registration.

June 17, 2020—YQCA & PQA Workshop

- ◆ Time: 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Location: Berrien County Youth Fair—Youth Memorial Building
- ◆ Workshop is limited to 60 youth for YQCA. PQA Plus classes will have unlimited registration.

Cass County Workshops: Dates and Locations:

March 24, 2020—YQCA Workshop

- ◆ Time: 5:00 pm.
- ◆ Location: Cass District Library
- ◆ Workshop is limited to 30 youth.

April 13, 2020—YQCA Workshop

- ◆ Time: 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Location: Cass District Library
- ◆ Workshop is limited to 30 youth.

April 21, 2020—YQCA Workshop

- ◆ Time: 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Location: Cass County MSU Extension Office (2nd floor conference room)
- ◆ Workshop is limited to 30 youth.

June 19, 2020—YQCA Workshop

- ◆ Details TBD—this workshop is in conjunction with a 2-day showmanship clinic

Youth must register online at least two days prior to the selected workshop. Workshops are on a first come, first serve basis. Registration information can be found online at:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/events>