



## 2021 Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) & Pork Quality Assurance (PQA Plus)

### Berrien County

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*The event will abide by the MSU Community Compact and all local, state, tribal and federal recommendations/guidelines regarding COVID-19. We will continue to monitor the evolution of COVID-19 and how it might impact the event. You will be contacted regarding any changes or updates through the email you use to register.*



#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

All youth exhibiting swine at the Berrien County Youth Fair are required to complete YQCA or PQA Plus depending on age no later than August 1, 2021.

#### YQCA/PQA Age Group Breakdown:

- Parents of exhibitors ages 5—7 years old will need to complete PQA Plus either in-person or online.
- Youth exhibitors ages 8—18 years old will need to complete YQCA either in-person or online.
- Youth exhibitors ages 19—21 years old will need to complete either YQCA online or PQA Plus online/in-person.

#### DESCRIPTION:

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 7 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 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:

\$2.00—\$5.00 for YQCA On-site  
\$12.00 for YQCA Online  
FREE for PQA Plus

Step by Step Help Guides area available to assist with the log in for YQCA at:

<http://yqca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/GettingYourYQCAOnlineCertification.pdf>

## YQCA Online Certification:

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

**Cost:** \$12.00

**Who:** Open to youth exhibitors ages 8—19 years of age.

**Time:** Youth can complete the course at their convenience online at any point. Each module takes 15—20 minutes with there be a total of five (5) modules.

**Certification Expiration:** Certification is good one (1) year from the date of passing exam.

**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.

## YQCA Online Test Out Option:

New, this year YQCA is offering a test-out option that consists of 50 questions. Youth must receive a passing score of at least 80% to receive certification through this option. Youth will only be given one chance to pass. Failure to receive a passing score will result in youth having to take the certification course either online or in-person.

**Cost:** \$36.00—\$48.00 depending on age group

**Who:** 12, 15, and 19 years old

**Certification Expiration:** Certification is good for three (3) or four (4) years from date of passing depending on age.

**How to register online:** 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.

## PQA Plus Online Certification:

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

**Cost:** Free

**Who:** Open to youth exhibitors over the age of 18 and Parents of Exhibitors between the ages 5-6 years.

**Time:** Individuals can complete the course at their convenience online at any point. The course takes 3 hours to complete with an exam.

**Certification Expiration:** Certification is good for three (3) years from the month of passing exam.

**How to register for online trainings:** Email Beth Ferry, Extension Educator at [franzeli@msu.edu](mailto:franzeli@msu.edu) to receive login information. The following information is **REQUIRED** when requesting certification: name, birthday, address, phone number, and farm name (if applicable).

# Tentative YQCA & PQA Plus Workshops In-Person

## Registration Deadline:

Youth must register online at least two days prior to the selected workshop. Workshops are on a first come, first serve basis until full. No walk-ins will be accepted on site. All payments must be made in advance.

Questions for workshops should be directed at the host county.

## Berrien County Workshops Dates and Locations:

### June 16, 2021—YQCA & PQA Workshop

- Time: 6:00 p.m.
- Location: Berrien County Youth Fair
- Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/YQCAJune162021/>
- Cost: \$2.00 for YQCA & FREE for PQA Plus
- Workshop is limited on a first come, first serve basis.

### July 7, 2021—YQCA & PQA Workshop

- Time: 5:00 p.m.
- Location: Berrien County Youth Fair
- Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/YQCAJuly72021/>
- Cost: \$2.00 for YQCA & FREE for PQA Plus
- Workshop is limited on a first come, first serve basis.

### July 29, 2021—YQCA & PQA Workshop

- Time: 6:00 p.m.
- Location: Berrien County Youth Fair
- Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/YQCAJuly292021/>
- Cost: \$2.00 for YQCA & FREE for PQA Plus
- Workshop is limited on a first come, first serve basis.

## Outside of Berrien County Workshops Dates and Locations:

### Van Buren County—YQCA Workshops

Located at the Van Buren County Youth Fairgrounds

Cost: \$5.00

- May 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.  
Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/YQCAMay272021/>
- June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.  
Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/yqcajune152021/>
- June 21, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.  
Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/yqcajune212021/>
- June 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.  
Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/yqcajune302021/>

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