



Youth exhibitors who are in the Beef, Sheep, and Swine Projects must be YQCA-certified in order to show at this year's Walworth County Fair. YQCA stands for *Youth for the Quality Care of Animals* and this national program has replaced what we used to call MAQA training here in Wisconsin. While MAQA training was required only of Swine exhibitors at past Walworth County Fairs, YQCA training is required of all three species which sell at the county fair *Meat Animal Sale*.

How to Certify

To achieve certification, youth must visit <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login> to create an account and either 1) sign-up for a face-to-face training, or 2) complete the on-line training for their age (as of January 1). This must be done annually. Cost is \$3 for the face-to-face training or \$12 for the on-line training, both of which must be paid on-line. The on-line training is estimated to require about 60 minutes.

Face-to-Face Training for 8-11 Year Olds ONLY

Walworth County is offering **one face-to-face training** for youth, ages 8-11 years old ONLY as of 1/1/18. That training will be held on **Thursday evening, March 22, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center**. Youth planning to attend should sign-up by March 19th to ensure that adequate materials will be available. The face-to-face program will include both a slide show and hands-on activities.

Certification Deadline for Walworth County Fair '18

You must be certified in order to register Junior Department Beef, Sheep, and Swine for this year's Walworth County Fair. Fair registration will be open from late April (date TBA) through June 15. Exhibitors must enter their YQCA certification number as part of the on-line registration process.

Limited Number of MAQA Certifications "Grandfathered In"

A very limited number of youth across the county who had earned multiple years of certification by taking and passing an MAQA test in 2016 or before were "grandfathered in" with automatic YQCA certification. YOUTH WHO WERE GRANDFATHERED IN RECEIVED A LETTER STATING THIS FACT AND IDENTIFYING WHEN THEIR CERTIFICATION WOULD EXPIRE. If you did not receive a letter, you were not grandfathered in. If you are not sure whether or not you received a letter, but you believe that you should have, contact Debbie or Sue at the UW-Extension office (262-741-4951) and they can double check for you.

Wisconsin State Fair YQCA Requirements

If you are planning to exhibit animals at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair, be aware that YQCA certification is required at the state level for Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry.