



YQCA is a national certification program intended to grow market youth animal project members' awareness and understanding of their role in facilitating safe, wholesome food products for consumers in a responsible and ethical way. The program provides training in three areas: food safety, animal well-being, and life skills education.



Who Needs to Complete the Program?

- **Walworth County Fair Requirements:**

The Walworth County Fair supports the national certification program, "Youth for the Quality Care of Animals," (YQCA), built around foundational pillars of animal agriculture (animal welfare, food safety and character education).

- All Walworth County Fair Junior Class youth exhibiting animals in Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Goats Departments must be YQCA certified for 2023 and must be recertified every two (2) years at the time of entry of the current Fair year. Junior Class exhibitors may test out of YQCA requirements at Age 15 of the current Fair year.
- **YQCA PROOF OF CERTIFICATION FILING DEADLINE!** The **3rd Friday in July, 5:00 PM CST**, is the deadline for all Junior Class exhibitors to obtain YQCA certification, and **ANNUALLY provide a copy of their valid certificate directly to the Walworth County Fair Office** by EMAIL to sue@walworthcountyfair.com OR by submitting the YQCA certificate copy IN PERSON at the Fair Office, 411 E. Court Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin. DO NOT USPS MAIL. YQCA certification will not be accepted by the Walworth County Fair staff after the 3rd Friday in July, 5:00 PM CST.
- Failure to follow YQCA certification guidelines will result in not being allowed to exhibit at the current Walworth County Fair as a Junior Class livestock exhibitor.



- **Wisconsin State Fair Requirements:**

All Junior Division exhibitors showing Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry must have a valid certification through the dates of the fair at the time of entry. Deadline to enter is **May 24, 2023**.

How Do Youth Get Certified?

To achieve certification, youth must visit yqcaprogram.org to create or log into their account and do one of the following:

- 1) Register for and attend a face-to-face training (anywhere in the state). See available options by logging into your YQCA account.
- 2) Register for and complete the on-line training for their age (as of January 1)

Annual 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.

Is Walworth Co. Offering a Face-to-Face Training Option?

Walworth County 4-H and its partners are offering **one face-to-face training** for youth, ages 8-15, this year. That training will be held in the County Government Center from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, **May 9, 2023**. Registration deadline is May 5 @ 11:59 p.m. Register for that date and location and pay the \$3 fee through your YQCA account. A few days after the face-to-face training, you will be able to view and print off your YQCA certificate through your account.

