YQCA
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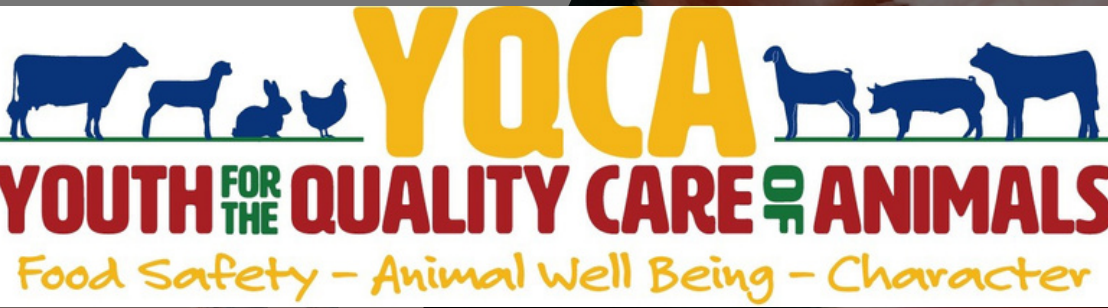
WalCo Guidelines 2025

WHAT IS YQCA?

YQCA is a national certification program designed to grow market youth animal project members' awareness and understanding of the role they play in facilitating safe, wholesome 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 CERTIFY?

All Walworth County Fair Junior Class youth exhibiting animals in the **Beef**, **Sheep**, **Swine**, and **Goat** Departments must certify the first year they exhibit and every two years thereafter. A copy of each exhibitor's YQCA certificate must be submitted to the Fair Office by email or in person by June 30 at 5:00 PM CST. No exceptions. Email to: kristina@walworthcountyfair.com.

All NEW exhibitors must certify in 2025.

Any youth who does not follow YQCA certification guidelines will be ineligible to exhibit at the 2025 Walworth County Fair as a Junior Class livestock exhibitor.

HOW DO I CERTIFY?

- Visit yqcaprogram.org to create or log into your YQCA account.

- Register, pay for, and complete on-line training OR face-to-face training based on your age as of Jan. 1, 2025. You may attend face-to-face training anywhere in the state.

WALCO F2F TRAINING: MAR. 11

Walworth County Extension is hosting a face-to-face training for youth, ages 8-14 (as of 1/1/25). Register in your YQCA account by 9 a.m. 3/9/25. Details are as follows:

**Mar. 11--WalCo Government Center
100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn
6:00-7:30 p.m.**

WHAT ABOUT STATE FAIR?

The Wisconsin State Fair requires youth exhibitors in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry to have valid YQCA certification through the dates of the fair. Proof must be provided at the time of entry. Entry deadline is May 21, 2025.