

2025 Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors Quality Assurance Training Session Schedule

- The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Advisory Committee on Livestock Exhibitions has recommended and voted on the following rule change in 2018. It went into effect January 2018 after going through the proper procedures for changes to the Ohio Revised Code.
- Junior fair exhibitors ages 8 to 14 shall annually participate in a face-to-face education session that is taught by an authorized instructor.
- Junior fair exhibitors ages 15 to 19 shall either annually complete an educational session or successfully complete the test-out option.
- Youth may take QA online through the YQCA program at: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. Cost is \$12 per member.
- Regardless of age, junior fair exhibitors shall successfully complete the educational program **not less than 45 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition in which they will participate.**
- Thus, QA training and certification must be completed not less than 45 days prior to the opening day of the Wyandot County Fair.
- Also, members need to know that this includes the Ohio State Fair, so if you plan to show at OSF then you will need to complete QA 45 days before the opening day of the Ohio State Fair, regardless of what day you show.
- Under Ohio Administrative Code, Chapter 901-19-07 (Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules), Quality Assurance training is a mandatory prerequisite for Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors who exhibit market livestock and/or animals that produce or potentially produce market products.
- Wyandot County Junior Fair market projects that require QA training are:
 - Market beef: heifer/steer
 - Market dairy steer
 - Market swine
 - Market lambs
 - Market goats
 - Market rabbits
 - Market poultry and eggs
 - Beef feeder calves
 - Dairy feeder calves
 - Dairy cows
 - Goats: all breeding does-both dairy and meat breeds
- Deadline for Quality Assurance training is **July 15, 2025 for Wyandot County.**
- The Ohio Department of Agriculture requires that all exhibitors must attend one of the Quality Assurance sessions listed below (or other qualified session—QA training in another county, Beef Expo, etc.) unless they have “tested out.”

To show at the Ohio State Fair, QA must be done by June 1, 2025.

To show at the Wyandot County Fair QA must be done by July 15, 2025.

Saturday, March 22	9:00 a.m.	Wyandot Co. Fairgrounds Dining Hall
Thursday, April 24	6:00 p.m.	Wyandot Co. Fairgrounds Dining Hall
Sunday, May 18	2:00 p.m.	Wyandot Co. Fairgrounds Dining Hall
Wednesday, June 4	6:00 p.m.	Wyandot Co. Fairgrounds Dining Hall

- Exhibitors who complete QA anywhere other than Wyandot County **must** present “proof of training for 2025” to the Ohio State University Extension Office **before July 15, 2025.**

- Quality Assurance Test Out Option

There is a QA "test-out" option for exhibitors 4-H age 15-18 as of January 1. Youth who pass the test will be exempt from taking a test again or attending one of the annual QA certification programs until they are no longer eligible, by age, to exhibit in the Junior Fair. Tests may be taken only once each program year, and exhibitors must achieve a qualifying score of 70% to pass. To study for a test, review QA materials in your project record book. The "test-out" option will be given at the end of the QA session.

NEW this year: Exhibitors 4-H age 15-18 as of January 1 may choose the option to test out online thru YQCA at their own expense.

- A parent or guardian must attend with the first-time Junior Fair Exhibitors of a market or lactating dairy animal.
- Quality Assurance sessions are taught by a certified instructor.
- A Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) must be completed for all junior market livestock, including market poultry, lactating cattle, and lactating goats. The DUNF will be reviewed for compliance. This includes mandatory completion of a Quality Assurance session for 2025.
- Exhibitors who do not complete Quality Assurance training by **July 15, 2025**, if required for their project, will not be eligible to exhibit those project animals at the **2025 Wyandot County Fair**.