Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

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A NEW OPTION FOR YOUTH LIVESTOCK EDUCATION



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New, national multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program

- **❖** Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Sheep
- Goats
- Market Rabbits
- Poultry





Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

Standardize Youth Livestock Quality Assurance Programs

Reduce burden for states to create and manage individual systems

Supported by national industry partners





National Cattlemen's Beef Association

Cattlemen • Leadership • Solutions











Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

Program Overview

- Designed for youth ages 8-21
 - ✓ Age Groups: Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Young Adult
- Focus Areas
 - √ Food Safety
 - ✓ Animal Well-being
 - ✓ Life Skills
- Annual certification
- Curriculum covers 3 modules/year; age appropriate
 - ✓ Different modules every year



YQCA Curriculum Map

| Junior (8-11) | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
|-----------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|---|
| Food Safety | The Basics of Animal Identification | Administering Animal Health Products | Keeping Animals Healthy | Consumer Education – Thinking Like A Consumer |
| Animal Well- Being | The Basics of Animal Care | Quality Care | Willful Acts of Abuse | Record Keeping |
| Life Skills | The Basics of Animal Behavior | Goals To Success | Ethics In The Show Ring | Get Involved |

| Intermediate (12-14) | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Food Safety | Providing Quality Feed | Administering Animal Health Products | Herd Health Plan |
| Animal Well-Being | Daily Animal Care | Providing Quality Care | Animal Handling & Food Quality |
| Life Skills | Youth Leadership & Service | Emergency Action Plan | Ethics In The Show Ring |





Online

- * Knowledge builder, skills lab, quiz for 3 modules
 - ✓ Child may re-take quiz until they pass
 - ✓ Must re-do module each time
- Open to anyone
- \$12/person

Example Junior Skills Lab Module



Instructor-led Workshops

- States must sign a MOU for this option
 - ✓ Allows interface with 4HOnline
 - ✓ Can provide some data for reporting/ES237
- Face-to-face trainings led by certified trainers
- Extension Professionals, Ag Instructors, Veterinarians
 - ✓ Attend training and agree to the terms and conditions of curriculum use
- \$3/person



Instructor-led Workshops

- 60 minute session with a certified trainer
- Two options
 - ✓ Junior only
 - ✓ All age groups (junior, int., senior)
- Required to use curriculum
 - ✓ Optional activities are provided
 - ✓ May add material as necessary
- Training can be engaging and discussion focused



Instructor-led Workshops



Have students answer the questions below. Included are correct answers and dialogue to share

What's wrong with this picture? To start, how would you address trash and spills in the feed room?

Answer: All trash should be put in trash cans and spills swept or mopped up.

Now that the trash and spills are taken care of, let's focus on feed storage. What can be done here?

Answer: Medicated and non-medicated feeds should be kept separately so there is no chance of getting the feed mistaken. Also, access to feed by rodents, cats, dogs and raccoons needs to be prevented.

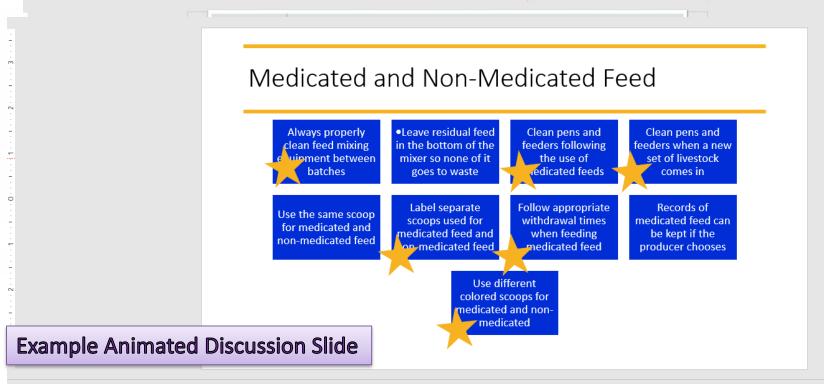
Now it's time to straighten up items around the room. Drag any items that don't need to be in the feed room through the door.

Answer: Feed storage rooms are only for feed storage, and it is unlawful to store chemicals such as fertilizers, pesticides, oil or gas with feed. Equipment also needs to be cleaned regularly, this includes scoops, feed buckets and other equipment used to mix or distribute feed.

Example Slide from Instructor-Led Slide Deck



Instructor-led Workshops

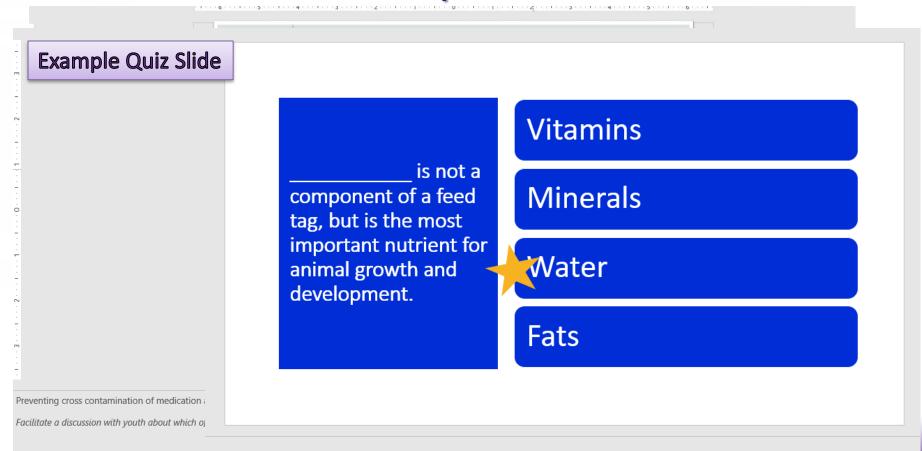


Preventing cross contamination of medication and non-medicated feeds is very important. Let's review some easy ways we can ensure this prevention.

Facilitate a discussion with youth about which of the listed actions prevent cross contamination. Stars will animate onto the screen one at a time from left to right and top to bottom as they are identified.



Instructor-led Workshops





Instructor-led Workshops

Intermediate and Senior Instructor-Led Training

OUTBREAK

CONTENT CONNECTION:

Biosecurity

Optional Activity Example

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES:

- Small cups for candy
- 2 types of individual candies like M & M candies or jelly beans (5-10 per person)

FACILITATING THE ACTIVITY:

- Give each participant other than 2 or 3 a small cup with 5 to 10 candies of one type inside
- Give the 2 or 3 participants a small cup with 5 to 10 candies of a different kind
- Remind participants to not eat their candy
- Instruct participants to move about the room and introduce themselves to other youth, exchanging a candy during the conversation. Continue this process for 2-3 minutes depending upon the size of group, before returning with the new mixture of candies to their seat.
- Have participants who started with jelly beans raise their hands. Share with them that those jelly beans represent a contagious disease like ringworm, warts, sore mouth, etc.
- Determine who ended up with jelly beans in their cup. Once hands are raised, share with participants that they have been exposed to the contagious disease and will likely be bringing it home to their farm.

Tap to add



Becoming a YQCA Instructor...

Current Youth PQA Plus Trainers

- Respond to email sent from YQCA on October 12th
 - ✓ Sign up for a training webinar
 - ✓ Sign & submit agreement
 - ✓ Pass exam
 - ✓ Training is free

Not Youth PQA Plus Certified

- Contact Lexie to be submitted as an approved instructor email <u>adhayes@ksu.edu</u>
 - ✓ Watch for an email from YQCA
 - ✓ Sign up for a training webinar
 - ✓ Sign & submit agreement
 - ✓ Pass exam
 - ✓ Training is free





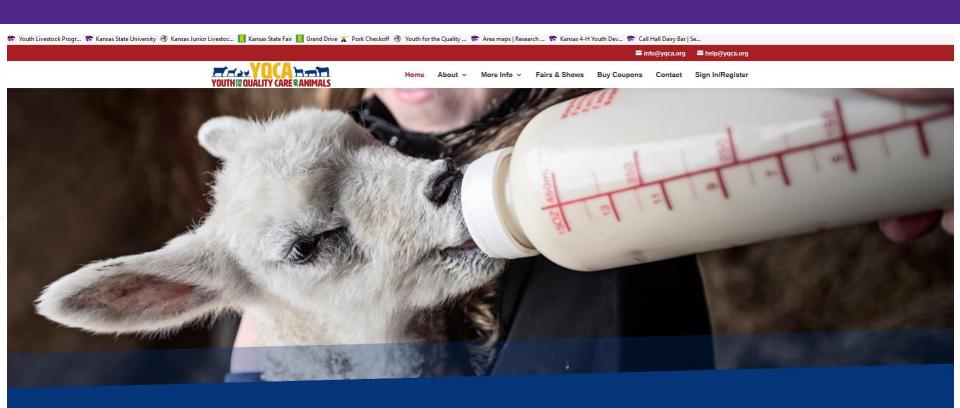
Online Certification

- Register and pay online through YQCA website
- Use 4HOnline credentials, or create a new account
- Can start training immediately

Instructor-led Training

- Register and pay online through YQCA website
- Use 4HOnline credentials, or create a new account
- Additional funds above \$3.00 fee will be collected locally
- Participants will have to pre-register to show up on training roster



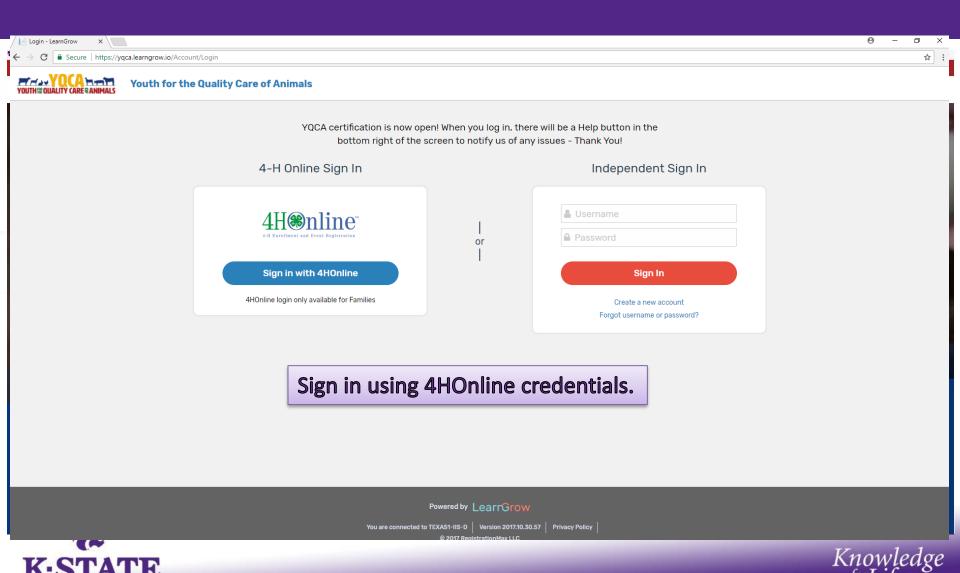


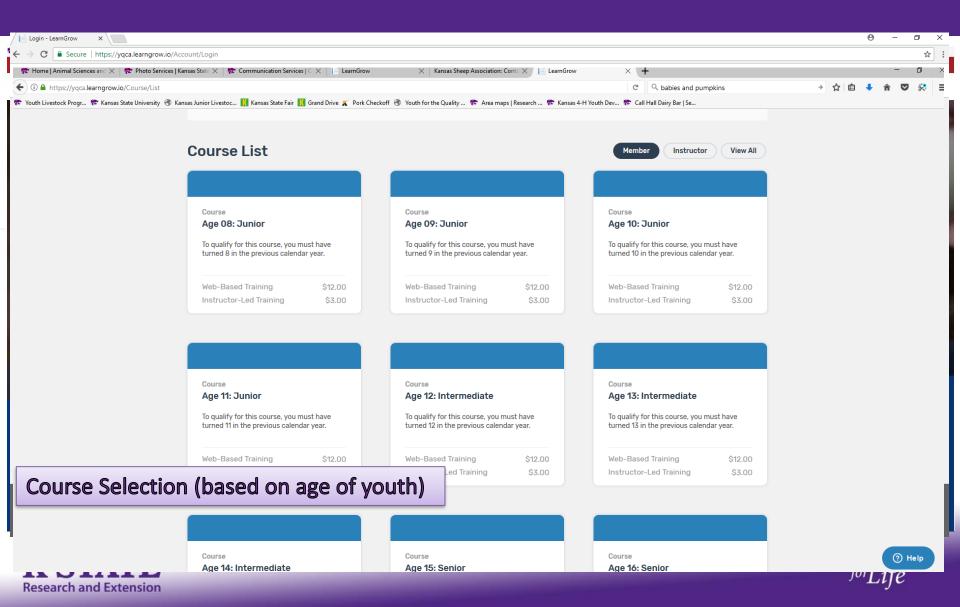
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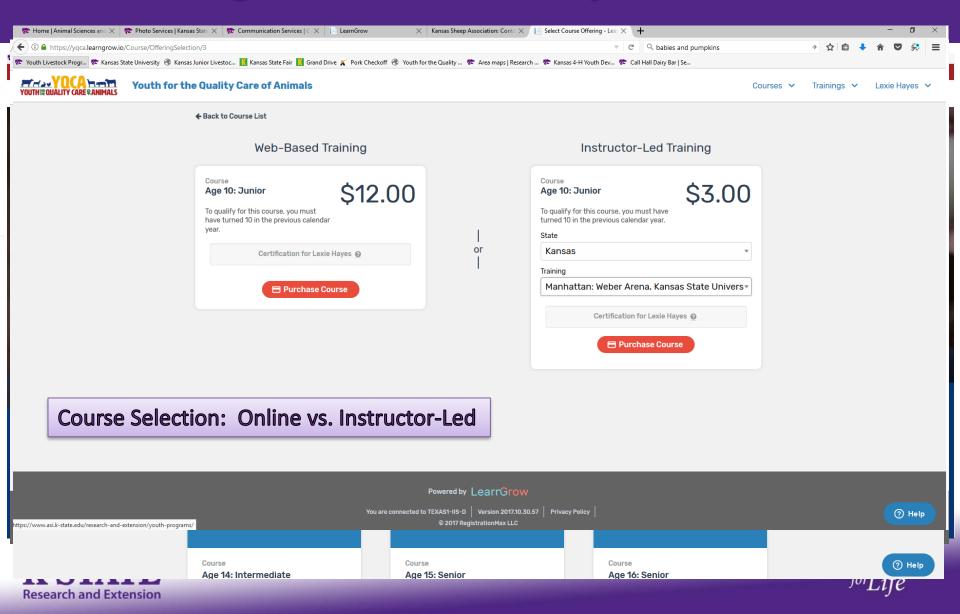
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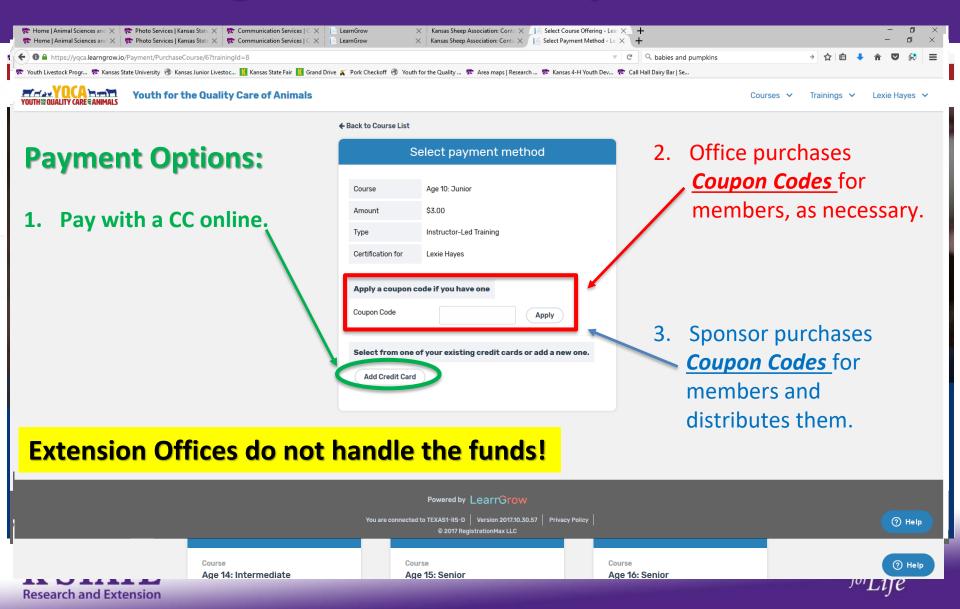


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YQCA Funds

Non-profit Organization

- Register and pay online through YQCA website
- Use 4HOnline credentials, or create a new account
- National Standard fee is set by the YQCA Board
 - ✓ Funds are NOT going to KSRE, Kansas 4-H, Kansas State University, or any other Kansas entity
- Fees are NOT handled by the local Extension Office

Fee Structure

Utilized for technical support, web development, program development, system management



Certification Management

Obtaining Certificate

- Electronically available by logging onto account after training completion
- Certificate may be printed, emailed, or saved to device

Record Access

- Certified kids listed under instructor's account
- Indicated on 4HOnline profile of 4-H members



Future Impacts

Quality multi-species program

Potential option for counties seeking an LQA program

Youth PQA + Discontinued

- Traditional YPQA+ will be discontinued as of 12/31/2017
 - ✓ Transitioning to support YQCA
 - ✓ Pork Board support will also eventually terminate
- Certification numbers will be valid until expiration
 - ✓ Trainers can still look up numbers in 2018



State Requirements

Kansas 4-H & FFA Members

NO state-mandated requirement for Kansas youth

KSF & KJLS

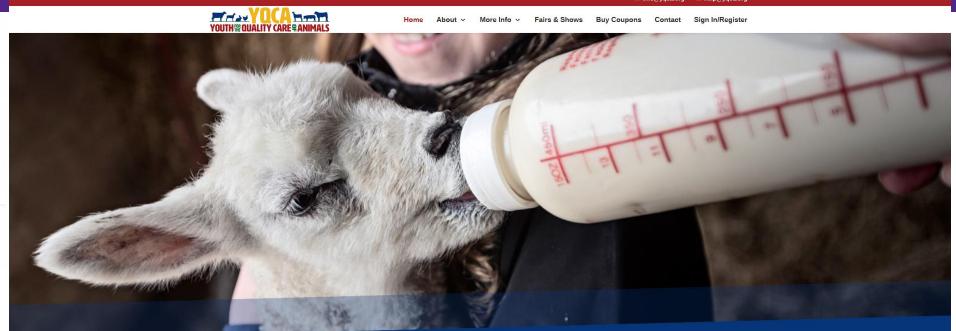
- Currently only YPQA+ required for swine exhibitors
 - ✓ Will be modified with the discontinuation of YPQA+
- 2018 requirement will be determined by boards
 - ✓ Final decision announced by March 1 (tentatively)



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www.yqca.org

Upcoming Events

Junior Producer Days

- Junior Sheep Producer Day March 17, 2018
- Junior Beef Producer Day March 24, 2018

Livestock County Fair Management Clinics

- Gray County Fairgrounds, Cimarron April 10, 2018
- ❖ Jackson County Fairgrounds, Holton April 12, 2018



Thank You!

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