



April 18, 2024

Dear Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitor:

Based on Ohio Law and the 1995 Livestock Show Reform Act, exhibitors of livestock at county fairs are required to participate in a Quality Assurance educational program prior to, or near the beginning of their project. The Morgan County Agricultural Society (Senior Fair Board) has adopted the requirements on the back of this letter.

Quality Assurance (QA) is required by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) for all youth exhibition participants to complete each year. This training teaches youth the ten Good Production Practices for raising and selling a market animal at the county fair. **QA is required by each market livestock exhibitor in order to show and sell at the Morgan County Junior Fair.** There are two opportunities for completing QA this year. If you are a member of FFA, Quality Assurance will be offered during an FFA class. You do not need to attend another session.

*Morgan County will again offer the test-out option provided by Ohio Department of Agriculture. Exhibitors can test-out of their annual QA session and be exempt from QA training for the up-coming years. Youth ages 12 and up (as of Jan.1) can opt to take a test. Also, you cannot test out if you attend QA outside of Morgan County.*

*TWO test versions are available: a large animal (including beef, sheep, dairy and goats) and a small animal (poultry and rabbits) each of which are for two age groups: 12-14 yrs old and 15-18 yrs old. You will need to have knowledge of QA principles and general animal sciences. If a 12-14 yr. old takes the test and passes, they are exempt from QA until they are 15 yrs. old. If a 15-18 yr. old takes the test and passes, they no longer have to attend a QA session each year as a youth exhibitor.*

*Youth interested in the test-out option must receive a passing grade of 70%. If a youth fails the test, and they have not already attended QA for the year they will need to attend QA.*

**Not sure of your QA status for 2024** Contact the OSU Extension Office at 962-4854.

Sincerely,

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**2024 Morgan County Fair  
LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE  
TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

**WHO:** Jr. Fair Livestock Exhibitors (with the following projects): market poultry, market steers, market hogs, market lambs, market goats, dairy goats, dairy cattle, dairy beef feeders, feeder calves, and market rabbits.

Parents of Exhibitors - it is strongly encouraged that one parent attend with the exhibitor.

**WHAT:** **REQUIRED** to attend **ONE** designated Livestock Quality Assurance Program.

**WHEN:** Registration is required for the session on May 1st. The link to register for QA is here: <https://go.osu.edu/qatestout2024>

**Thursday, May 2 (registration is required)**

➡ Test-out option only  
Riecker Bldg., Room 325  
5:00-6:30 pm – last test handed out at 6:00 pm  
OR

**Saturday, May 25**

Fairgrounds  
10:00am - 12:00 noon OR 1:00-3:00 pm  
Test-out option available  
OR

**Monday, June 3**

Fairgrounds  
6:30-8:30 pm  
Test-out option available

**\*\*\* If unable to attend one of our  
scheduled trainings, call the OSU  
Extension Office to find a QA  
training in a nearby county – All  
out of county QA training must be  
completed by June 10, 2024.**

**WHY:** To promote food safety; to promote responsible use of animal health products; to avoid drug residue violations; to improve management practices; to comply with guidelines from federal agencies. Quality Assurance of youth livestock producers is **required by Ohio Law**, ODA, to be completed at least 45 days prior to exhibition.

**HOW:** This program is a joint effort of the Morgan County office of Ohio State University Extension, Morgan High School Agricultural Education program, and the Morgan County Senior Fair Board. The program is being conducted by the 4-H Youth Development Educator, Agriculture & Natural Resources Extension Educator, and the High School Agricultural Education Instructors.

\*\* Junior Fair Exhibitors who have not completed QUALITY ASSURANCE training will be **INELIGIBLE** to exhibit at the 2024 Morgan County Fair. It will be each exhibitor's responsibility to participate in training.

\*\* Records of participation will be kept in the Morgan County office of Ohio State University Extension. Enforcement of exhibition rules will be handled through the Senior Fair Board.