



## MINNESOTA 4-H LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ETHICS POLICY

All youth participating as a State Fair 4-H livestock exhibitor in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, meat and dairy goat and lama must have completed the a Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics workshop. Certification is required prior to county fair qualifying show and is good for three fair seasons. The level of training required is determined by the grade of the youth at the time the training takes place.

Note: Since 2006, pre-State Fair age 4-Hers are recommended to be certified.

Some counties do, however, require certification of swine members (grades 3-13) due to packer requirements at county fair.

### CERTIFICATION LEVELS

This curriculum is designed to be sequential and to meet standards of Youth PQA Plus. To meet these criteria, the following components need to be met.

#### Grades 3-5

- 4-Hers completing grades 3-5 must be certified in Level 1.
  - Certification requirements – Completion of the Level 1 Ethics lesson and three of the remaining six lessons.

#### Grades 6-8

- 4-Hers completing grades 6-8 that are certifying for the first time must be certified in Level 1.
  - Certification requirements – Completion of the Level 1 Ethics lesson and three of the remaining six lessons.
- 4-Hers completing grades 6-8 who were previously certified should be certified in Level 2 (unless parents and 4-H staff agree that developmentally, the child should recertify at Level 1).
  - Certification requirements – Completion of the Ethics lesson and three of six of the remaining lessons of the level in which they are certifying.

#### Grades 9-11

- 4-Hers completing grades 9-11 must certify at Level 2.
  - Certification requirements – Completion of the Level 2 Ethics lesson and three of the remaining six lessons.

#### Grades 12-13

- 4-Hers completing grades 12-13 have four options:
  1. Certify at Level 2
  2. Complete an Animal Science class at a two year or four year accredited college. Documentation of the Animal Science class completion and approval by County 4-H staff prior to the 4-H county fair entry deadline.
  3. Teach a 4-H LQA&E session at a club, county or regional workshop. Documentation of the 4-H LQA&E training and approval by County 4-H staff prior to the 4-H county fair entry deadline.
  4. Contribute in a leadership role at a 4-H animal science project meeting at the club, county or regional level. With this option the 4-H'er must submit a brief written summary documenting the workshop. Include:

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- a. Number of participants
  - b. Geographic location of 4-Hers reached (club, county, region)
  - c. Content focus (include agenda or lesson plan and promotional flyer)
  - d. Personal reflection of the event

This documentation must be submitted to and approved by County 4-H staff prior to the 4-H county fair entry deadline. NOTE: The audience must reach beyond siblings and immediate cousins.

### **TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

A training - either Level 1 or Level 2 - must have a minimum of three contact hours with youth in order to constitute a Certified LQA&E training. Contact time is defined as teaching time and should not include registration, lunch/supper/snacks or breaks.

### **CERTIFICATION MONITORING**

The 4-HOnline software program is equipped to track LQA&E certification. 4-H staff is expected to monitor certification.

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/horse/events/state-horse-show.html>

[www.4h.umn.edu/animal-science/horse/events/state-horse-show.html](http://www.4h.umn.edu/animal-science/horse/events/state-horse-show.html)