



March 2017

Dear Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors and Families,

We are so excited that the 2017 4-H year is here! In the true 4-H spirit of "making the best better," every year we thoroughly evaluate our program to see where we can make improvements to give our members the highest quality 4-H experience possible.

Teaching our members to properly take care of their animals, produce a safe, high quality product for consumers, and convey a positive image of 4-H and agriculture is a top priority in our livestock program. This year we will be focusing on further developing and improving Quality Assurance by separating the training from Skillathon. We feel that providing members with information regarding proper animal care should be done at the beginning of their project experience, when they start caring for their animals. These trainings will also allow us to focus on more species-specific information, as well as implement more hands-on activities to reinforce learning and understanding of the material.

All livestock exhibitors (including any Beef, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine projects) MUST complete Quality Assurance by August 1st in order to meet the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) livestock exhibition requirement for the Wayne County Fair and Ohio State Fair.

If you do not participate in Quality Assurance training AND Skillathon you will NOT be permitted to exhibit livestock at the Wayne County Fair!

There will be several opportunities to complete your Quality Assurance training at the county level. We are offering 3 large spring trainings on **March 28, April 26, and May 25 at Fisher Auditorium, OARDC Wooster.** Registration will begin at 6:30 PM with training from 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

You may also complete Quality Assurance training at other events throughout the state or through your FFA Advisor, if available. See the back of this letter for a list of Wayne County and State opportunities. If you participate outside of Wayne County, you must submit proof of completion (either by email, faxing, mailing, or bringing in a copy) to the Extension Office by 4:30 pm on August 1st.

If you have any questions about the Quality Assurance change, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Extension Office.

We hope you're ready for an awesome 4-H year!

Sincerely,

The Wayne County 4-H Team

2017 WAYNE COUNTY QUALITY ASSURANCE OPPORTUNITIES

March 28, 7:00-8:30 pm – Quality Assurance – Fisher Auditorium

April 26, 7:00-8:30 pm – Quality Assurance – Fisher Auditorium

May 13, 9:00 am-12:00 pm – Poultry & Rabbit Clinic – Fairgrounds

Clinic will be from 9:00-11:00 am with QA from 11:00-noon

May 16, 7:00 pm – Dog Clinic – Fairgrounds

May 20, 9:00-11:00 am – Sheep Clinic – Fairgrounds

May 25, 7:00-8:30 pm – Quality Assurance – Fisher Auditorium

June 10, 9:00 am-12:00 pm – Poultry & Rabbit Clinic – Fairgrounds

Clinic will be from 9:00-11:00 am with QA from 11:00-noon

June 17, 10:00 am-12:00 pm – Goat Clinic – Fairgrounds

July 9, 7:00 pm – Dairy Clinic – Fairgrounds

August 1, 7:00 pm – LAST CHANCE Quality Assurance – Extension Office

There will be a \$25 fee for this session

2017 OHIO QUALITY ASSURANCE OPPORTUNITIES

March 17, 3:30 pm – Ohio Beef Expo Quality Assurance – Ohio Expo Center, Columbus, OH

March 25, 9:00 am-3:00 pm – OSU Jr. Swine Day – OSU ATI, Wooster, OH

March 25, 9:00 am-4:00 pm – Bi-State Youth Poultry Clinic – Fisher Auditorium, Wooster, OH

April 22, 8:00 am – DairyPalooza Northeast – Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster, OH

This is not an exhaustive list. There are other QA opportunities around the state at various clinics, workshops, etc. If you complete QA at any of these, be sure to send proof to the office by August 1 so that you receive credit.



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