

MINIMUM STANDARDS OF OHIO FOOD ANIMAL YOUTH QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

- **Description:** Program developed by OSU Department of Animal Sciences to conduct the Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Program. Ohio Department of Agriculture sets regulations. This program will meet the standards of Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) to allow for certification of PQA.
- **Length of Program:** Minimum of 1 hour
- **Age:** Minimum of 8 years (3rd grade); Maximum of 18 years old as of January 1.
- **Content:** The program must cover all 10 GPP's (Chapters 3-12) incorporating information from chapters 1 and 2 in discussion. Select 3 GPP's to be covered in depth each year. At minimum, the program must include one hands-on activity. The activity can include a skillathon, but a skillathon is NOT a quality assurance program.
- **Curriculum:** Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Curriculum Guide
- **Test:** Youth can test out for one year starting at 15 years of age and older. The test will be provided by the Department of Animal Sciences on the web at <http://4hanci.osu.edu>. The test should be printed off and proctored by a Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance coordinator, who will also grade the test. This requirement is considered complete when 75% of the questions are correct.
- **Coordinator:** Extension Professionals, Ag Educators, Ag Societies
- **Training Requirements:** Coordinators must attend the OSU Department of Animal Sciences Quality Assurance In-Service once every 3 years. Coordinators are responsible for training county instructors for the Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Programs. Trainers for Ohio Beef Quality Assurance and Adult Level III PQA Certification would qualify as instructors.
- **Instructors:** Must hold Ohio BQA or Adult Level III PQA Certification. County and district instructors will be trained by a certified coordinator.
- **Reporting System:** County Extension Professionals, Ag Educators, and Ag Societies would be responsible for their county's youth participants. The list of coordinators would be kept by OSU Department of Animal Sciences.
- **Proof of Attendance:** Documentation of attendance signed by county coordinator.

NOTE: *These minimum standards are NOT required by ODA for 2006 but this program would meet ODA's and PQA's program requirements.*