2024 Assuring the Quality Care of Animals/Quality Assurance (QA) Rules, Test Out, and Sessions:

(Quality Assurance is good from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024)

Morrow County Rules: All youth project members taking livestock (market and breeding) are required to attend a quality assurance session annually or test out when eligible. **Don't Forget: Quality Assurance must be completed by July 12 to show at the Morrow County Fair. State Fair project members should be completed June 1st.**

Parents/Guardians are required to attend the first 2 years of a project member's required QA sessions. **Test out opportunities are only for youth in their 3rd year or beyond and 12 years old and older as of January 1st. Test out age groups 12 to 14 and 15 and older. Youth who pass the test at age 15 or older will not need to test nor attend quality assurance again.

Test Out Opportunity:
County – Thursday, March 21st, Ag Credit Building, 5362 US Highway 42, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Come any time between 3 – 6:30 PM (Only for 3rd yr. and 12 and older as of 1/1)

Morrow County Quality Assurance Sessions and/or options:(Mandatory w/parent for 1st/2nd yr. members. Other project years can test out, attend dates or complete online program by July 12th)

County Quality Assurance Opportunities –
March 25th, Beef QA, Ag Credit Building, 6:30, RSVP- 419-947-1070
April 15th, First Year Member and Parent QA, 6:30, Location TBA
May 2nd, Livestock QA General, Fairgrounds, 6:15 PM
May 13th, Livestock QA General, Fairgrounds, 6:15 PM
May 22nd, Livestock QA General, Fairgrounds, 6:15

State Quality Assurance Opportunities –
Ohio Cattlemen's Best Program (face to face), Dairy Palooza, Pork Quality Assurance (face to face, 14 and older only), BQA (face to face and approved program) Watch announcements or check ohio4h.org website.

National Online Program Option: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)
Youth can go to the following website to take the age-appropriate on-line module for $12:
https://yqcaprogram.org/

Youth who intend to show their project animal(s) at exhibition (e.g., county or state fair) have the option to complete an on-line YQCA session. For the training to meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA requirement for the project year:
- The on-line module completed MUST be for the correct 4-H age for the youth.
- 1st and 2nd year members parents must attend an in person
- The on-line session must be completed at least 45 days prior to the start of exhibition. July 12 for Morrow County.

Horse Projects: EquiSTEP online program is required and due by June 1st. QA does not count for this program. https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/horse