Livestock Quality Assurance Requirement for ALL Exhibitors

ALL Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program to be eligible for either state show. This is a new, national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development. Youth 8 and older (as of 1/1/2019) will need to participate in YQCA training annually, either through an instructor-led training or the online course. Members who are 7 years old will be exempt from the requirement for KJLS. Families are encouraged to contact their local extension office for details on the options available in their local area.

A copy of each child’s YQCA certificate must be attached to the Declaration Form and submitted with their state nomination materials. Nominations received without a YQCA certificate will be considered incomplete. More information may be found in the Rookie Guide, on the K-State Youth Livestock Program website, or through your local extension office. Please visit www.yqca.org to register for training.

*Youth who have a valid Youth PQA+ number that is good through at least 10/1/2019 will not need to complete YQCA training this year. Their Youth PQA+ number will be accepted until it expires. Families will need to attach a copy of each child’s Youth PQA+ card to their Declaration Form.

Declaration Form Updated

The Declaration (Housing) Form has been modified to include the age of each child within a family and instructions on attaching the YQCA certificates. Forms should also be read in their entirety before being signed by the appropriate parties. Reminder – if animals are not housed at the exhibitor’s primary residence, this must be disclosed on the Declaration Form and explained in Section 2.

Breeding Doe Show Added to Kansas State Fair Grand Drive

A breeding doe show has been added to the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive. Any doe that will be shown must be nominated, similar to KJLS; there WILL NOT be a registered/papered show. ALL meat goats must have a complete nomination on file to be eligible for the market and/or doe show at both state shows.

“Extra” Forms Reinstated

The “extra” nomination forms for swine and sheep have been reinstated. One for meat goats has also been added. Please keep in mind that this form is ONLY to be used in ADDITION to the regular swine, sheep, or meat goat form to nominate more animals than there is space (more than 4 swine or 5 sheep/meat goats). Therefore, if only the “extra” form is submitted, it will be returned to the family as incomplete and require payment of the $20 incomplete fee to correct it.

Additional Information on DNA Envelopes

Families are encouraged to include the breed and a secondary form of identification in the lower right hand corner of the front of their DNA envelopes. This could include tattoo, ear notches, and scrapie tag #s.

Ear Notch and Scrapie Tag Requirement Continues

Continuing in 2019, the ear notches for all swine nominated must be included on the swine nomination form. Exhibitors need to draw the ear notches exactly as they appear in the pig’s ear for each animal nominated, in addition to writing the notch number in the field provided. Scrapie Tag #s are also required for all sheep and meat goats nominated. The full scrapie tag number, including Flock ID/Premise ID number and individual animal number, must be submitted (Example: KSS0035 16121). Custom/Farm names will not be accepted in lieu of the Flock ID. Please refer to the Rookie Guide for further information about either form of identification.
2019 Kansas Livestock Nomination Checklists:

I have a **market steer or market heifer** to nominate, what do I need to turn in?

- Completed Household Declaration Form, including all sections and signatures.
  - Make sure if you answered “No” for the housing question, you fully complete Section 2, including a description of how you will care for animals not housed at your primary residence.
- YQCA certificate (attach to completed Declaration Form for each exhibitor in family).
- Animal is tagged by May 1 with a Kansas 4-H Electronic Identification (EID) tag.
- Completed Market Beef Nomination Form ([www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu)) including all contact information, signatures, tag numbers, and breeds. Make sure 4-H tag numbers on the form match those on the DNA envelopes.
- Completed official, sealed DNA Hair Sample Envelope; hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles. All exhibitors within the family and a parent/guardian must sign the front of the DNA envelope. *It is also suggested families write the breed of each animal in the lower right corner on the front of the DNA envelope.*
- $8.00 per animal nomination fee. Make checks payable to KJLS.
- All of the above must be completed and **postmarked by May 1**. Certified Mail highly encouraged.

I have a heifer that I would like to nominate as **both a commercial heifer AND a market heifer**, what do I need to turn in?

- Completed Household Declaration Form, including all sections and signatures.
  - Make sure if you answered “No” for the housing question, you fully complete Section 2, including a description of how you will care for animals not housed at your primary residence.
- YQCA Certificate (attach to completed Declaration Form for each exhibitor in family).
- Animal is tagged by May 1 with a Kansas 4-H Electronic Identification (EID) tag.
- Completed Market Beef Nomination Form AND Commercial Heifer Nomination Form ([www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu)) including all contact information, signatures, date of birth, and tag numbers. Make sure 4-H tag numbers listed on the form match DNA envelopes.
- Completed official, sealed DNA Hair Sample Envelope; hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles. All exhibitors within a family and a parent/guardian must sign the front of the DNA envelope.
- $8.00 per animal nomination fee. Make checks payable to KJLS.
- All of the above must be completed and **postmarked by May 1** for no additional nomination fee.
- If commercial heifer information is submitted separately by **June 15**, will incur one additional $8.00 nomination fee. Certified Mail highly encouraged.

I have a **commercial heifer** to nominate, what do I need to turn in?

- Completed Household Declaration Form, including all sections and signatures.
  - Make sure if you answered “No” for the housing question, you fully complete Section 2, including a description of how you will care for animals not housed at your primary residence.
- YQCA Certificate (attach to completed Declaration Form for each exhibitor in family).
- Animal is tagged by June 15 with a Kansas 4-H Electronic Identification (EID) tag.
- Completed Commercial Heifer Nomination Form ([www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu)) including all contact information, signatures, tag number, and date of birth. Make sure 4-H tag number on form matches DNA envelope.
- Completed official, sealed DNA Hair Sample Envelope; hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles. All exhibitors within a family and a parent/guardian must sign the front of the DNA envelope.
- $8.00 per animal nomination fee. Make checks payable to KJLS.
- All of the above must be completed and **postmarked by June 15**. Certified Mail highly encouraged.
I have a **market hog or commercial breeding gilt** to nominate, what do I need to turn in?

- Completed Household **Declaration Form**, including all sections and signatures.
  - Make sure if you answered “No” for the housing question, you fully complete Section 2, including a description of how you will care for animals not housed at your primary residence.
- **YQCA Certificate** or copy of YPQA+ card (attach to completed Declaration Form for each exhibitor in family).
- **Animal is tagged** by June 15 with a Kansas 4-H Electronic Identification (EID) tag.
- Completed **Swine Nomination Form** ([www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www>YouthLivestock.KSU.edu)) including all contact information, signatures, tag numbers, genders, breeds, and ear notches. Include ear notch number AND draw ear notches in the space provided (on diagram) exactly as they appear in the pig’s ears. See Rookie Guide for further instructions on reading ear notches. Make sure 4-H tag numbers on form match DNA envelopes.
- Completed official, sealed **DNA Hair Sample Envelope**; hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles. All exhibitors within a family and a parent/guardian must sign the front of the DNA envelope. *It is also suggested families write the breed and ear notch of each pig in the lower right corner of their DNA envelopes.*
- **$8.00 per animal nomination fee.** Make checks payable to KJLS.
- All of the above must be completed and **postmarked by June 15**. Certified Mail highly encouraged.

I have a **meat goat (ALL wethers and does)** to nominate, what do I need to turn in?

- Completed Household **Declaration Form**, including all sections and signatures.
  - Make sure if you answered “No” for the housing question, you fully complete Section 2, including a description of how you will care for animals not housed at your primary residence.
- **YQCA Certificate** (attach to completed Declaration Form for each exhibitor in family).
- **Animal is tagged** by June 15 with a Kansas 4-H Electronic Identification (EID) tag.
- **ALL Meat Goats MUST be nominated.** No registered breeding classes are offered by either show, so ALL meat goats, commercial does, and registered does must be nominated to be eligible to show.
- Completed **Meat Goat Nomination Form** ([www>YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www>YouthLivestock.KSU.edu)) and all contact information, signatures, tag numbers, and scrapie tag numbers. Include scrapie tag number in its entirety (Flock ID/Premise ID & individual animal number – example: KSS0035 16121). See Rookie Guide for further instructions on reading scrapie tag #s. Make sure 4-H tag numbers on form match DNA envelopes.
- Completed official, sealed **DNA Hair Sample Envelope**; hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles. All exhibitors within a family and a parent/guardian must sign the front of the DNA envelope. *It is also suggested families write the scrapie tag # of each goat in the lower right corner of their DNA envelopes.*
- **$8.00 per animal nomination fee.** Make checks payable to KJLS.
- All of the above must be completed and **postmarked by June 15**. Certified Mail highly encouraged.

I have a **market lamb or commercial ewe** to nominate, what do I need to turn in?

- Completed Household **Declaration Form**, including all sections and signatures.
  - Make sure if you answered “No” for the housing question, you fully complete Section 2, including a description of how you will care for animals not housed at your primary residence.
- **YQCA Certificate** (attach to completed Declaration Form for each exhibitor in family).
- **Animal is tagged** by June 15 with a Kansas 4-H Electronic Identification (EID) tag.
- Completed **Market Lamb Nomination Form** ([www>YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www>YouthLivestock.KSU.edu)) including all contact information, signatures, tag numbers, breeds, and scrapie tag numbers. Include scrapie tag number in its entirety (Flock ID/Premise ID and individual animal number – example: KSS0035 16121). See Rookie Guide for further instructions on reading scrapie tag #s. Make sure 4-H tag numbers on form match DNA envelopes.
- Completed official, sealed **DNA Hair Sample Envelope**; hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles. All exhibitors within a family and a parent/guardian must sign the front of the DNA envelope. *It is also suggested that families write the breed and scrapie tag # of each lamb on the lower right corner of their DNA envelopes.*
- **$8.00 per animal nomination fee.** Make checks payable to KJLS.
- All of the above must be completed and **postmarked by June 15**. Certified Mail is highly encouraged.
I have a registered breeding heifer, registered breeding ewe, or pedigreed/purebred breeding gilt, what do I need to turn in?

- **Heifers** and **gilts** must be registered in exhibitor’s name no later than **June 15** of the current year.
- **Ewes** must be registered in exhibitor’s name no later than **July 1** of the current year.
- **YQCA certification is required** for all exhibitors, including those only showing registered breeding females. Youth certification verification will be submitted as part of the online entry process for each show in which the exhibitor officially enters and plans to participate.
- Registered Heifers must be identified with a permanent tattoo corresponding with registration papers.
- Registered Does MUST be nominated to be eligible to show; see market meat goat checklist for requirements.
- No nomination materials are required for Registered Heifers, Registered Breeding Ewes, and Pedigreed/Purebred Breeding gilts.
- Registered Heifers, Registered Breeding Ewes, and Pedigreed/Purebred Breeding gilts **do not** need to submit DNA hair samples.
- Pedigreed/Purebred Breeding Gilts need to be tagged with a Kansas 4-H EID tag to exhibit at KJLS.

**Mail all Kansas youth livestock nomination materials to:**

Kansas State University  
Department of Animal Sciences & Industry  
State 4-H/FFA Shows  
Attn: Lexie Hayes, Youth Livestock Coordinator  
214 Weber Hall  
1424 Claflin Road  
Manhattan, KS 66506
# 2019 Youth Livestock Nomination and Entry Deadlines

**Kansas State Fair Grand Drive (KSF) and Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS)**

**AGE REQUIREMENTS: Kansas State Fair:** Only Kansas 4-H members who were 9 years of age but not yet 19 years of age before January 1 of the current year are eligible to compete in this division. **KJLS:** All Kansas 4-H members that have reached the age of 7 before January 1st of the show year will be eligible to participate at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

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* The Declaration form and specie Nomination forms are available at [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu). Declaration Forms are due at the time of nomination. Contact the local extension office to have animals tagged (for all species) and obtain official DNA Hair Sample Envelopes. **All exhibitors are required to be YPQA+ or YQCA certified.**

** There is no market heifer show at KJLS.

**** For pedigreed market barrows, ear notches on registration papers must match the pig’s ear notches to be able to show.

***** Commercial doe show available at BOTH KSF & KJLS; ALL market and breeding meat goats must be nominated to show (no registered breeding doe show for either).

****Health papers are only required at KSF for animals originating outside of Kansas.

There is a one-time/year $20.00 fee if any part of a nomination is incomplete or has to be returned.

February 2019
MEMO

Date: December 7, 2018

To: Kansas Youth Livestock Families

From: Lexie Hayes, KSU Youth Livestock Program Coordinator
Pam Van Horn, State Extension Specialist

RE: New YQCA Requirement for 2019 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive & KJLS

As we enter a new year, there is a very important announcement for those who plan to participate in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS. **ALL exhibitors will be required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification to be eligible for either show in 2019.** This applies to market animal exhibitors, those showing commercial breeding animals, and youth showing registered purebred breeding animals (heifers, gilts, ewes).

The YQCA program is a new, national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program available for youth 8-21 years of age. The program focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development. This is an annual training, as the learning modules change each year. So, the curriculum grows with young people as they advance through the program. Below are some details about the program and how youth can obtain their certification. **Families are also encouraged to communicate with their local extension unit regarding course options available at the local level.**

All families who have youth seeking certification will need to create a user account through the YQCA website and pre-register for training, regardless of the delivery method selected. Being officially registered is the only way a child can be issued a certification number upon completion of the training. Kansas 4-H members will need to visit [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org), click the “Sign In/Register” tab on the right side of the screen and log in using their 4HOnline credentials to create a user account (option on the left side of the page). Those who register as 4-H members need to make sure they select the 4-H member from the drop-down menu (rather than type a child’s name in). Otherwise, agents will not be able to confirm via 4HOnline that a young person has completed the course. FFA members will need to create on independent account (option on the right side of the page). All youth need to use their age as of January 1 and will have to pay for their course during the online registration process.

**Certification Options:**

- **Instructor-led Training** - $3/child – face-to-face class taught by certified instructor. Class will be at least 60-minutes in length.

- **Online Course** - $12/child – youth complete age specific knowledge builders, skills labs, and quizzes online at their convenience. Must be completed on a computer with high speed internet access; not compatible with mobile devices.

- **Test-out Exam** – YQCA just released this option for 2018-2019. It is only available online for 12 and 15-year-olds (first year of the intermediate and senior age divisions). Youth have one opportunity to pass a
50-question exam. Families will still have to pay the annual fee for certification for the entire age bracket, which is $36 for a 12-year-old and $48 for a 15-year-old. However, eligible youth do not have to pay the fee to attempt the exam. If a young person passes the exam and subsequently submits the appropriate payment, they will receive a multi-year certification. A young person who does not pass will be prompted to complete the annual training, either through registering for an instructor-led class or the online course.

- **National Pork Board Youth PQA +** - both shows will honor YPQA + numbers issued by the National Pork Board until they expire. So, youth who have a current number that will be valid through the end of September 2019 do NOT need to complete the YQCA certification. Their YPQA+ number will be accepted in lieu of YQCA. The YPQA+ program has been retired by the National Pork Board, and they are no longer offering training or issuing new certification numbers. So, once a child’s YPQA+ number expires, they will be expected to complete YQCA training.

- **7-year-olds** are exempt from YQCA certification. The program is not designed to issue certification numbers to youth under the age of 8. So, these youth are encouraged to attend a face-to-face class but are not expected to submit a number to participate in the 2019 shows.

Exhibitors who state nominate animals will provide proof they have met the YQCA certification requirement by attaching a copy of their YQCA and/or YPQA+ certificate/card to their Declaration Form when they submit their nomination materials. Youth who will only exhibit purebred registered breeding females (which are not nominated), will submit their YQCA number as part of the online entry system when they actually enter each respective show.

Abbreviated step-by-step instructions to register for a YQCA class are provided at the end of this memo. An informational flyer about this new requirement may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock Program website, under Youth Livestock Quality Assurance, as well as a visual resource to guide families through the registration and online certification process.

**Certificate** - after youth have completed their training, families need to log back into the YQCA site to access their certification number(s) and certificate(s), using the same procedure they did to register for the class. A red "Print Certificate" button will appear under the name of each child in the family’s YQCA user account. The certificate(s) may be printed, as well as saved to any device. Families will be responsible for managing their own YQCA certification – a child’s number and expiration date may be found on the certificate.

We look forward to this being a great additional educational opportunity for youth involved in livestock projects. Learning to appropriately manage animals while providing a safe, wholesome, and high quality product for consumers is an important aspect of being involved in the livestock industry.

If you have questions about youth completing the YQCA training, please contact your local extension office, or myself at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264.
YQCA Registration Instructions:

2. Click the “Sign In/Register” tab on the upper right hand corner of the page.
3. Members who are enrolled and active Kansas 4-H members through 4HOnline need to:
   a. Choose the blue “Sign in with 4HOnline” button on the left side of the page
   b. Select Kansas 4-H Youth Development
   c. Use family 4HOnline credentials to log in
   d. 4-H members skip to step 5
4. FFA or other non-4-H youth need to create an independent user account:
   a. Choose the red “Sign In” button on the right side of the page
   b. Complete the contact information set up, and enter a username/password
5. Once logged in, select the appropriate child to register in a YQCA course from the drop-down menu.
6. Select the appropriate course based on the child’s January 1 age.
7. Choose the course type:
   a. For a face-to-face class, register for the “Instructor-Led Training” on the right, which is $3/child. From the “State” drop-down menu, select Kansas, then the class in which the child plans to attend. All classes offered by a Kansas approved certified instructor will appear on the list.
   b. For the online course, register for the “Web-Based Training” on the left, which is $12/child.
   c. The test-out option only appears for 12 and 15-year-old youth who are eligible based on their January 1 age. This option is at the bottom of the general course list.
8. Click the red “Purchase Course” button and enter payment information.

Sincerely,

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