



2017 HARTFORD INDEPENDENT FAIR Junior Fair Livestock/Equine Quality Assurance Guidelines



WHO.....

Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors (with the following projects)

BEEF ~ Market Steer, Market Heifer, Beef Breeding, Beef Feeder Calf, Dairy Market Steers, Steer Pool

DAIRY ~ Dairy Cows, Dairy Heifers

GOATS ~ Angora Goats, Pygmy Goats, Dairy Goats, Market Goats, Pack Goats

POULTRY ~ Meat Poultry, Breeding Poultry, Fancy Poultry

RABBITS ~ Breeding Rabbits, Market Rabbits (encouraged for Pet Rabbit Projects)

SHEEP ~ Market Lamb, Breeding Sheep

SWINE ~ Market Hog

EQUINE ~ All horse project members and parent must attend during their 1st year of enrollment in the project area.

Parent of Exhibitor

It is strongly encouraged that a parent or other adult who may assist with animal healthcare and handling attend with livestock exhibitors. A parent is required to attend for horse session participants.

Community Club / Chapter Advisor

Minimum of one advisor from each 4-H club / FFA chapter containing an affected exhibitor must attend. The advisor(s) attending will then be the **only** eligible advisor(s) to sign exhibitor's livestock entry form(s) for the Hartford Fair. All first year horse project advisors must attend a horse session.

WHAT.....

Required to attend one designated Livestock Quality Assurance program **prior to JUNE 1**. Designated training sessions will be approved by Lisa McCutcheon, Licking County 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator and Hartford Senior Fair Board.

WHEN/WHERE

Licking County 4-H/FFA Sessions will be held as follows...

- March 15th (Wednesday) OSU-N/COTC – Founder's Hall (6:30 p.m.)
- April 11th (Tuesday) Utica High School (6:30 p.m.)
- April 27th (Thursday)..... Northridge High School (6:30 p.m.)
- May 1st (Monday) Johnstown High School (6:30 p.m.)
- May 13th (Saturday)..... OSU-N/COTC – Founder's Hall (6:30 p.m.)
- May 23th (Tuesday)..... Licking Valley High School (6:30 p.m.)

- March 11th (Saturday) Dairy Feeder QA Layman Dairy Farm (following dairy judging contest) (12:00 p.m.)
- March 11th (Saturday) Dairy QA Layman Dairy Farm (following dairy judging contest) (12:00 p.m.)
- April 29th (Saturday) Rabbit & Poultry QA (in conjunction with Fun Show) Newton V.F.D, St. Louisville

Other Approved Activities and Training Programs...

Knox County Quality Assurance Training Programs (Contact #740.397.0401 for program details)
March 9 (East Knox H.S.) / April 6 (Centerburg H.S.) / April 24 (Fredericktown H.S.) /
May 11 (Mt. Vernon H.S.) / May 18 (Danville H.S.) - all programs take place 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Delaware County Quality Assurance Training Program (Contact #740.833.2030)
March 29 (Big Walnut H.S.) / April 25 (Buckeye Valley H.S.) /
May 17 (Jr. Fair Building – Delaware County Fairgrounds) - all programs take place 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
**Please Note: Delaware is also offering session on June 10th – this does NOT meet Hartford QA deadline of June 1st.*

Ohio Beef Expo - Beef Quality Assurance TrainingMarch 17 (Friday)
Please note 2017 schedule change: Beef Expo QA program has typically been held on a Saturday.

WHY

To promote food safety; to promote responsible use of animal health products; to avoid drug residue violations; to improve management practices; to comply with guidelines from federal agencies; to assist in creating a positive view of the agricultural industry by consumers and fair visitors.

HOW

This program, which is coordinated and facilitated by the Licking County 4-H Youth Development program, will be enforced and supported through a partnership between the 4-H Youth Development program and the Hartford Independent Fair. Please be advised that no exceptions will be considered to the above requirements.

ADDITIONALLY

Training Session Format...

Each training session will begin with a general gathering of all participants followed by participants being divided into species-specific groups. Youth will choose any one of the species sessions to attend for more detailed, project-related information. All sessions will last for a period of ninety minutes. NOTE: Any collegiate youth, or youth not living in the Licking County area can contact the Licking County Extension Office to find Q.A. programs that are located closer to them. **All qualified QA training programs must take place prior to June 1st.**

Enforcement of Rules & Notification of Ineligibility...

Any Hartford Fair youth exhibitor who has not attended one approved Junior Fair Livestock Quality Assurance training at the conclusion of the last scheduled meeting (May 23, 2017) will be notified by mail that they are ineligible to exhibit livestock (in the areas requiring QA training) during the 2016 Hartford Independent Fair if they are unable to complete a Quality Assurance training by **June 1, 2017**. On June 1, 2016 the Senior Fair Board will receive a listing of those exhibitors not meeting requirements. These individuals will be denied entry of livestock projects which require quality assurance training. (NOTE: There will be NO make-up sessions scheduled.)

Delaware & Knox County 4-H Member Requirements...

Those youth who attend the Hartford Independent Fair and are enrolled members in the Delaware or Knox County 4-H program will be required to attend only one Quality Assurance program. Upon their attendance of a program in their home county, their Extension Office will contact the Hartford Fair and Licking County Extension office. Any youth not completing a quality assurance program in either their home county or within Licking County by **June 1, 2017** would then be found ineligible to exhibit in the 2017 Hartford Junior Fair livestock program.

4-H Horse Safety & Ethics Training...

All horse project members are required to participate in a safety and ethics program once during their membership in the 4-H horse program. All horse project members who are enrolled in the project for the first time during the 2017 project year will be required to participate in a 2017 Safety and Ethics program in order to carry a horse project and exhibit their project. Horseless Horse project members who intend to show during Licking County 4-H or Hartford Fair horse shows are also required to participate in a Horse Safety & Ethics training. Licking County 4-H Horse Safety & Ethics Training will be offered as a breakout session during each regularly scheduled livestock QA program. Anyone with questions should contact the Licking County Extension Office for additional information or clarification.

Horse Member Note: For 4-H members needing to attend both a Horse Safety & Ethics Program as well as a livestock QA session: If the youth is taking a market hog project, they must attend a livestock species session as well as a horse session - this will require that they participate in two separate training programs. If they are enrolled in a horse project and any other livestock area (other than market hog) they may participate in the horse session and receive credit for all livestock project areas (except hog). This rule only applies to first-year horse project members. Horse project members beyond their first year must participate in livestock session if required - they can not choose to participate in the horse session as an alternative.

PLEASE NOTE:

Only Licking County 4-H/FFA Quality Assurance Programs will address program changes and updates for the Hartford Fair.