



GOLDEN PLAINS AREA
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

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4-H Members, Leaders and Parents/Guardians

QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING POLICY

Last year a new quality assurance program was introduced, YQCA and another ended, Youth PQA. There are several livestock shows which are open to 4-H and FFA members from across the nation. Many of these shows require a youth to complete the YQCA program.

In Colorado we have the Colorado 4-H Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) program. This program was developed by Colorado 4-H Extension Agents. By Colorado 4-H Policies, 4-H members must complete MQA trainings. YQCA cannot be used in place of those required MQA trainings. MQA will be accepted at the Kit Carson County Fair and the Colorado State Fair as a quality assurance program. If YQCA is required by a livestock show a youth is attending, it is the responsibility of the youth to complete a YQCA training. Kit Carson County 4-H will continue to follow our policies on quality assurance trainings. Here are those policies:

- All Kit Carson County 4-H members must attend Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA) the first two years they are enrolled in any livestock project, no matter what age they first enroll in a livestock project.
- All Kit Carson County 4-H members must attend a Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA) when they are an intermediate (4-H age of 12) and again as a senior (4-H age of 15).
- Examples of the policy:
 - *Example 1: 4-H member enrolls in livestock at 4-H age 8, they will attend MQA at 4-H age 8 and 9 (first two years requirement), age 12 (intermediate) and age 15 (senior requirement).*
 - *Example 2: 4-H member enrolls in livestock at 4-H age 11, they will attend MQA at 4-H age 11 and 12 (first two years requirement plus intermediate requirement) and at age 15 (senior requirement).*
- YQCA or any other quality assurance program cannot be substituted for any of the required MQA trainings described above.

If a youth is attending a livestock show which requires YQCA, they can go to <http://yqca.org/> for more information on trainings.

For any questions concerning this policy, please contact Scott at the Kit Carson County Extension office, 719-346-5571.

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