

Quality Assurance Changes for 2018

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Advisory Committee on Livestock Exhibitions has recommended and voted on the following rule change for 2018. It will go into effect in late January 2018 after going through the proper procedures for changes to the Ohio Revised Code.

- Junior fair exhibitors ages 8 to 11 shall annually participate in a face-to-face education session that is taught by an authorized instructor.
- Junior fair exhibitors ages 12 to 19 shall either annually complete an educational session or successfully complete the test-out option.

Regardless of age, junior fair exhibitors shall successfully complete the educational program not less than 45 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition in which they will participate.

Thus, QA training and certification must be completed not less than 45 days prior to the opening day of your county fair.

Also, they need to know that this includes the Ohio State Fair, so if they plan to show at OSF and they have a later fair they will need to complete QA 45 days before the opening day of the Ohio State Fair, regardless of what day they show.

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The Gallia County Fairboard proposed and passed some changes to the Quality Assurance this year: **All Poultry, Miniature/Pet/Companion Goat and Rabbit exhibitors will need to attend or test out of QA.**

Members, if you plan to exhibit any of the following to the 2016 Gallia County Jr. fair you will need to attend or test out of QA:

Market Steer	Sheep Breeding
Beef Feeder Calf	Market Hog
Dairy Beef Feeder	Swine Breeding
Beef Breeding	Pet Rabbit
Dairy Cattle	Market Rabbit
Dairy Goat	Breeding Rabbit
Fiber Goat	All poultry:
Harness Goat	Market Chicken
Meat/Market Goat	Chicken Production/laying Hens
Pack Goat	Duck
Breeding Goat	Goose
Mini/Pet/Companion Goat	Turkey
Market Sheep	

QA Training will be held April 16th at the Gallia County Fairgrounds from 8am-11am. The last group will be allowed to start the station training at 11AM so please plan accordingly. Training will take about one hour and all groups will be assigned first come first serve. Please note: parents of first time exhibitors are encouraged to attend the training with the exhibitor.

Any exhibitor 12-14 years old (As of Jan. 1st) may take the optional one year QA test out. While any exhibitor 15-18 years old, may take the permanent test out option. Testing is offered daily at the Gallia County Extension Office between 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM. All tests must be completed by July 1st! Failure to pass the test will result in attending QA training. So we encourage those who test to take it early before our QA training here in the county! Study packets are available and encouraged!

Call the extension office for more information about the test out option at 740-446-7007.