

**APPENDIX A
FOOD ANIMAL YOUTH QUALITY ASSURANCE
MINIMUM STANDARDS**

| | Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance – Ohio | Youth Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) |
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| Program | Meets ODA and PQA requirements | May be required for swine exhibitors in some counties |
| Description | Program developed by the OSU Department of Animal Sciences and OSU Extension. Regulations set by ODA. | Program developed by the National Pork Board. |
| Length of Program | Minimum 1 hour | Minimum of 1 hour |
| Age | Minimum: 8 years (3 rd grade) Maximum: 18 yrs old as of Jan. 1 st | 8 years and older can be certified |
| Content | Cover all 10 GPP's and include chapters 1 and 2. Pick 3 GPP's to cover in depth. Include at least 1 hands-on activity in program. | All 10 GPP's* must be covered in general, 3 GPP's must be covered in depth and 1 hands-on activity must be included. |
| Curriculum | Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Curriculum Guide is recommended | Youth Pork Quality Assurance Manual or PQA Level III |
| Test Out | Test-out for up to 3 years for ages 12-14 and test out permanently for ages 15-18. | 3 years for youth 12 years or older AND for youth 15 years and older |
| Coordinators | Extension Professionals, Ag Educators, Ag Societies | Youth PQA Instructors |
| Training Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinators must attend the OSUE Quality Assurance In-service once every 3 years. Certified in Ohio BQA or Adult Level III PQA. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must attend at PQA training once every 3 years by at State Trainer. Must be certified in Adult Level III PQA. |
| Instructors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio BQA or Adult Level III PQA Certification Trained by a qualified coordinator | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A |
| Reporting System | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Extension Professionals, Ag Educators, & Ag Societies responsible for youth participants. Coordinators database will be kept by Animal Sciences Department. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Pork Board Database |
| Proof of Attendance | Documentation of attendance kept by Ag Societies | Entered into NPB Database, PQA Certificate |
| Monitoring | Extension Professionals, Ag Educators, Ag Societies | National Pork Board |
| Resource | Dr. Paul Kuber, kuber.2@osu.edu http://4hansci.osu.edu and Dr. Tony Forshey, forshey@agri.ohio.gov www.ohioagriculture.gov | Mr. Erik Risa, Director of Educational Programs http://www.pork.org/ |

*GPP = Good Production Practices.