

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

	Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance – Ohio	Youth Pork Quality Assurance (PQA)
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 www.nationalpork.org/youthPQA

*GPP = Good Production Practices.