

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

	Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance – Ohio	Youth Pork Quality Assurance (PQA)
<b>Program</b>	Meets ODA and PQA requirements	May be required for swine exhibitors in some counties
<b>Description</b>	Program developed by the OSU Department of Animal Sciences and OSU Extension. Regulations set by ODA.	Program developed by the National Pork Board.
<b>Length of Program</b>	Minimum 1 hour	Minimum of 1 hour
<b>Age</b>	Minimum: 8 years (3 <sup>rd</sup> grade) Maximum: 18 yrs old as of Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	8 years and older can be certified
<b>Content</b>	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.
<b>Curriculum</b>	Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Curriculum Guide is recommended	Youth Pork Quality Assurance Manual or PQA Level III
<b>Test Out</b>	<b>Test-out for up to 3 years for ages 12-14 and test out permanently for ages 15-18.</b>	3 years for youth 12 years or older AND for youth 15 years and older
<b>Coordinators</b>	Extension Professionals, Ag Educators, Ag Societies	Youth PQA Instructors
<b>Training Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Coordinators must attend the OSUE Quality Assurance In-service once every 3 years.</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Certified in Ohio BQA or Adult Level III PQA.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must attend at PQA training once every 3 years by at State Trainer.</li> <li>▪ Must be certified in Adult Level III PQA.</li> </ul>
<b>Instructors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ohio BQA or Adult Level III PQA Certification</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Trained by a qualified coordinator</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting System</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ County Extension Professionals, Ag Educators, &amp; Ag Societies responsible for youth participants.</li> <li>▪ Coordinators database will be kept by Animal Sciences Department.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ National Pork Board Database</li> </ul>
<b>Proof of Attendance</b>	Documentation of attendance kept by Ag Societies	Entered into NPB Database, PQA Certificate
<b>Monitoring</b>	Extension Professionals, Ag Educators, Ag Societies	National Pork Board
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\*GPP = Good Production Practices.