



February 14, 2023

To: Youth Advisors, Parents, Committee Members & Youth involved in Mahoning County Junior Fair
Re: Mandatory Quality Assurance

ATTENTION: All youth taking livestock projects of any kind are in welcome to attend the *Quality Assurance Program*. Please share this information with any new members planning to exhibit at the Mahoning County Junior Fair in 2023. Youth who did not exhibit in the 2022 Canfield Fair will not receive this packet unless we receive proper information to contact them.

JUNIOR FAIR WEB-SITE: www.mcjrfair.com: Junior Fair Website is currently being updated for 2023. The 2023 Junior Fair Calendar is available on the website. Newsletters, committee info and more Junior Fair and youth organization information will be available at this site. The website and email save on postage, but we are happy to send information by mail if needed; just let us know. We also use a text service for reminders. If you would like to be added to our messages, please contact Kim Moff at 330-718-0444.

QUALITY ASSURANCE: IMPORTANT: 2023 QUALITY ASSURANCE WILL BE HELD AT SOUTH RANGE HIGH SCHOOL.

Quality Assurance is a mandate of the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Each youth planning to exhibit Market Livestock - Market Swine, Market Lambs, Market Beef, Feeders, Market Rabbits, Market Poultry & Market, Boer and Dairy Goats (All Dairy Breeds including Nigerian Dwarf & Kinders), Dairy Cattle, Beef Breeding & Sheep Breeding in the Mahoning County Junior Fair; and at least one parent/legal guardian must attend a Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program or fulfill the optional approved requirements for the Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program. The member will receive a Quality Assurance Certification Form for proof that this program has been completed. On Saturday, March 4, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., the Livestock Expo and Quality Assurance Program will be held at the South Range High School located on Rte. 46. A schedule has been attached for you to review. Any changes to the schedule will be available at the registration desk on March 4.

FORMAT FOR 2023:

- Doors will open at 7:40 a.m. and registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. Registration will be in the Cafeteria. **REGISTRATION FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE CLASSES WILL CLOSE AT 8:10 a.m.** Pick up class punch card at registration. Cards will be punched in each session. Individuals **MUST ATTEND 4 ENTIRE SESSIONS** to receive credit for attendance.
- **QA PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:** A brief orientation for everyone attending will begin **PROMPTLY** at 8:15 a.m. in the Auditorium.
 - **The MANDATORY Group Sessions** will be held in the auditorium and will offer the requirements for the lecture portion of the QA Program. All youth taking Market Livestock, and those taking Dairy, Dairy Goats, Beef & Sheep Breeding must attend two group sessions. Youth and Parent/Guardian must attend both Basic or Advanced 1 & 2 according to their age division. Parents may choose Advanced or Basic according to youth's age.
 - **Hands On Classroom Sessions:** Youth and Parent/Guardian must attend two hands on sessions (Basic or Advanced A & B) to complete the requirement.
- At the end of the entire program, **cards must be returned to the registration desk at the Quality Assurance Program on March 4.** Cards not turned in at the QA program, will not be accepted for credit. Youth and/or parent will be required to attend a make-up session.
- Certificates will be distributed after cards are turned in at the registration tables

Note: We will be entering thru the MIDDLE or HIGH SCHOOL doors located to the EAST of the school.

HAVE A FAMILY DAY...BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE.

We are planning for a fun and educational experience. Doors will not open until 7:40 a.m. Registration is at 7:45 a.m.

If you should arrive early, please be patient as we prepare for the day's events.

JOIN IN THE CHINESE AUCTION. SEE THE FLYER INCLUDED WITH THIS INFORMATION.

Regardless if you pass the test or attend a state program, all youth must submit an Information and Guideline Form online with the committee by April 19, 2023. Youth are also responsible to attend the required meetings/clinics as specified by the committee.

RABBITS, POULTRY, GOATS: ATTENTION: ALL YOUTH PLANNING TO TAKE RABBITS:

As in the past, youth exhibiting Market Rabbits, Poultry and Market & Dairy Goats at least one parent/guardian must fulfill the QA requirement as listed above. Youth taking only rabbit, poultry, or goat breeding projects and at least one parent/guardian must attend a Mandatory Pre-registration/Guideline Review which is on February 22 in the Event Center. Members not able to attend this meeting may attend the Sessions with the Committees the Quality Assurance Program on March 4 or see the calendar on mcjrfair.com for the make-up meeting.

POULTRY: Youth exhibiting Market Poultry must fulfill the *Quality Assurance requirements as listed above.* Youth taking only Poultry Breed projects and at least one parent/guardian must attend a Mandatory Poultry Pre-registration/Guideline Review which is on February 22 at the South Range Schools. Members not able to attend this meeting must attend Quality Assurance on March 4.

We have listed additional opportunities below which will fulfill your Quality Assurance requirement.

- **JUNIOR QUALITY ASSURANCE:** If youth 15 years & older wish to participate in our Junior Quality Assurance Committee, and help in the sessions, call Kim Moff at 330-718-0444 or email: mcjrfair@gmail.com. This will qualify as your QA requirement.
- **STATE CERTIFICATIONS:** Attendance to the Dairy Palooza, State Beef QA Certification or State Swine Certification are accepted. A copy of the certificate, or a certification list from the state must be submitted to the Junior Fair to be kept on file.
- **QA TEST: OSU Extension has offered testing opportunities. The test will be offered on Monday, February 20. Please call the Extension Office at 330-533-5538 to RSVP for the program.** If you pass the test, then **CONGRATULATIONS!** Your 2023 QA requirement will be complete. You will receive your certificate **the day of your testing, or shortly after.** *Youth 15 & over* will have fulfilled their final requirement for QA. *Youth 12 – 14 will receive a certificate which qualifies them until the age of 15. If you are 14 now turning 15, you needed to re-take the test.*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- *If you pass the test, you must still complete the online required forms.*
- All other youth who take the test and do not pass, must still attend a Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program. Make up sessions are listed on the calendar at www.mcjrfair.com.

Make-up Sessions for Quality Assurance are posted in the 2023 Junior Fair Calendar. **Youth and a parent/guardian unable to attend March 4** must still attend a Quality Assurance Session. Please check these additional options and mark your calendar.

GUIDELINE RECEIPTS & ID FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL YOUTH *****

Information and Guideline Forms can be found at www.mcjrfair.com. Go to the specific page.

MARKET LIVESTOCK & JUNIOR FAIR T-SHIRTS: Shirts will be provided for all youth exhibiting livestock in the Junior Fair by Witmer's Feed & Grain. Market Livestock exhibitors are required to wear these shirts in the Market Classes. Please be sure to THANK Witmer's for their generous support. **Shirt sizes should be marked on your guideline receipt forms.** If you wish to order an additional t-shirt, an order form will be available on the website, at livestock meetings and at Quality Assurance.

Any questions or concerns concerning the Junior Fair, or the QA program may be directed to Kim Moff at 330-718-0444. If you have questions about 4-H enrollment, 4-H programs and activities, contact Beth Smith the OSU Extension Office at 330-533-5538.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING MEETING DATES & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT www.mcjrfair.com

GRADUATING SENIORS & YOUTH AGES 15 - 18: Check the dates for submission of the following scholarships and award opportunities: Pop Shop Educational Assistance Award, 4-H Alumni, Royal Court, Outstanding Youth... every \$\$\$\$ counts for college. The award applications are available at mcjrfair.com. If you have questions regarding the scholarships, please contact Kimberly Moff.

Sincerely,
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