



# 2021 HARTFORD INDEPENDENT FAIR Junior Fair Livestock/Equine Quality Assurance Guidelines



## WHO.....

Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors (with the following projects)

**BEEF** ~ Market Steer, Market Heifer, Beef Breeding, Beef Feeder Calf, Dairy Market Steers, Steer Pool

**DAIRY** ~ Dairy Cows, Dairy Heifers

**GOATS** ~ Pygmy Goats, Dairy Goats, Market Goats, Meat Breeding, Pack Goats (encouraged for Pet Goat Projects)

**POULTRY** ~ Meat Poultry, Breeding Poultry, Fancy Poultry

**RABBITS** ~ Breeding Rabbits, Market Rabbits (encouraged for Pet Rabbit Projects)

**SHEEP** ~ Market Lamb, Breeding Sheep

**SWINE** ~ Market Hog, Breeding Swine (OSF exhibit)

**EQUINE** ~ All horse project members and parent must attend during their 1<sup>st</sup> year of enrollment in the project area.

Parent of Exhibitor

It is strongly encouraged that a parent or other adult who may assist with animal healthcare and handling attend with livestock exhibitors. A parent is required to attend for horse session participants.

Community Club / Chapter Advisor

Minimum of one advisor from each 4-H club / FFA chapter containing an affected exhibitor must attend. The advisor(s) attending will then be the **only** eligible advisor(s) to sign exhibitor's livestock entry form(s) for the Hartford Fair. All first year horse project advisors must attend a horse session.

## WHAT .....

Required to attend one designated Livestock Quality Assurance program **prior to JUNE 1**. Designated training sessions will be approved by Lisa McCutcheon, Licking County 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator and Hartford Senior Fair Board.

## WHEN / WHERE.....

**Licking County 4-H / FFA Sessions will be held as follows...**

**LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE:** Pre-Registration will be required / all sessions will be online using Zoom platform.

- April 21<sup>st</sup> (Wednesday) ..... Swine (5:30 p.m.) | Rabbit (8:00 p.m.)
- April 29<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)..... Swine (5:30 p.m.) | Swine (8:00 p.m.)
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Monday)..... Rabbit (8:00 p.m.)
- May 4<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)..... Goat (8:00 p.m.)
- May 8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)..... Poultry (5:30 p.m.) | Beef (8:00 p.m.)
- May 12<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) ..... Poultry (5:30 p.m.) | Rabbit (8:00 p.m.)
- May 15<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)..... Sheep (9:00 a.m.) | Sheep (11:30 a.m.)
- May 24<sup>th</sup> (Monday)..... Goat (5:30 p.m.) | Beef (8:00 p.m.)

Other Approved Activities and Training Programs...

Delaware, Knox and Licking 4-H / FFA members are strongly encouraged to attend training sessions in their home county. Other approved training programs may be offered virtually, or in person, in other Ohio counties or at the state level. If you have questions, please contact Lisa McCutcheon ([mccutcheon.46@osu.edu](mailto:mccutcheon.46@osu.edu) / 740.670.5315)

**HORSE SAFETY & ETHICS:** All MEMBERS (with parent) and ADVISORS in their first year working with HORSE project.

Pre-Registration will be required / all sessions will be online using Zoom platform. This requirement is specific to each county – the dates below are for Licking County. Check with your respective county Extension Office to verify what requirements are in place for Horse Safety & Ethics training.

- May 18<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) ..... 6:30 p.m.
- May 27<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) ..... 6:30 p.m.

**WHY** .....

To promote food safety; to promote responsible use of animal health products; to avoid drug residue violations; to improve management practices; to comply with guidelines from federal agencies; to assist in creating a positive view of the agricultural industry by consumers and fair visitors.

**HOW** .....

This program, which is coordinated and facilitated by the Licking County 4-H Youth Development program, will be enforced and supported through a partnership between the 4-H Youth Development program, FFA, Steer Pool and the Hartford Independent Fair. Please be advised that no exceptions will be considered to the above requirements.

**ADDITIONALLY** .....

Training Session Format...

Each ONLINE training session will begin with a general update pertaining to the Hartford Fair and COVID-related guidelines to be in place during the fair, followed by species-specific information (one species per session). Youth are encouraged to register for one session, based upon the species for which they need the most information or support. All sessions will last for a period of 75 minutes. **All qualified QA training programs must take place prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Enforcement of Rules & Notification of Ineligibility...

Any Hartford Fair youth exhibitor who has not met the Junior Fair Livestock Quality Assurance training requirement at the conclusion of the last scheduled meeting (May 24, 2021) will be notified by email that they are ineligible to exhibit livestock (in the areas requiring QA training) during the 2021 Hartford Independent Fair. At that point, they will have until June 1, 2021 to complete a YQCA online training (at their cost) in order to meet the training requirement. Because many counties are offering virtual programs specifically for their county in 2021, it is not anticipated that youth will be able to attend trainings in other counties... On June 2, 2021 the Senior Fair Board will receive a listing of those exhibitors not meeting requirements. These individuals will be denied entry of livestock projects which require quality assurance training.

Delaware & Knox County 4-H Member Requirements...

Those youth who attend the Hartford Independent Fair and are enrolled members in the Delaware or Knox County 4-H program will be required to attend only one Quality Assurance program – and it is strongly encouraged that they attend a training in their home county during 2021. Upon their attendance of a program in their home county, their Extension Office will contact the Hartford Fair and Licking County Extension office to report attendance. Any youth not completing a quality assurance program in either their home county or within Licking County by **June 1, 2021** would then be found ineligible to exhibit in the 2021 Hartford Junior Fair livestock program.

4-H Horse Safety & Ethics Training...

All Ohio horse project members are required to participate in a safety and ethics program once during their membership in the 4-H horse program. All horse project members who are enrolled in the project for the first time during the 2021 project year will be required to participate in a 2021 Safety and Ethics program in order to carry a horse project and exhibit their project. Horseless Horse project members who intend to show during Licking County 4-H or Hartford Fair horse shows are also required to participate in a Horse Safety & Ethics training. Licking County 4-H Horse Safety & Ethics Training will be offered in an online format, utilizing a Zoom platform, during 2021. Anyone with questions should contact the Licking County Extension Office for additional information or clarification. NOTE: Delaware and Knox County horse members should seek clarification of requirements from their county Extension office.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Only Licking County 4-H/FFA Quality Assurance Programs will address program changes and updates for the Hartford Fair. Details pertaining to the Hartford Fair shared during Licking County QA programs will be made available to Delaware and Knox County families in a timely manner through their home county Extension Office, Licking County Extension website and the Hartford Fair website.