Join us for an informative night of beef production and get BQA certified!

The Ohio Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program ensures that both beef and dairy cattle are raised in a manner that results in a wholesome beef product for our consumers. This program helps producers gain market access and keep their cattle desirable to the buyer in the stands.

Co-Sponsored by the Ashtabula County Cattlemen’s Association

Location
Ashtabula County OSU Extension
Office Downstairs Meeting Room
39 Wall Street Jefferson, Ohio 44047

Cost
FREE - registration is required.

Registration
Please RSVP for this program by calling the Ashtabula County Extension office at 440-576-9008 or E-Mailing Andrew Holden at Holden.155@osu.edu

This event is limited in capacity so reserve your spot today!
Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Certification (QA) Options for Youth Exhibitors Enrolled in 4-H or FFA Beef Projects

The Ohio State University’s College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development program, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) and Ohio Cattlemen’s Association (OCA), has endorsed the following option for youth who are officially enrolled in a 4-H or FFA beef project.

Youth who intend to show their beef project animal(s) at exhibition (e.g., county or state fair) have the option to attend a face-to-face Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) session taught by a certified BQA instructor. For the training to meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA requirement for the project year:

- The BQA session and instructor must be approved by the county fair board.
- The BQA session must be a minimum of one hour in duration and include at least one hands-on learning activity.
- The BQA session must be completed at least 45 days prior to the start of exhibition.
- Attendance must be documented (e.g., an attendance verification form from the BQA session signed by youth at the conclusion of the training).

Notes:

1. The BQA online course does not meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA certification requirement.

2. For a list of approved BQA instructors, contact the Ohio Cattlemen’s Association:
   - Stephanie Sindel
   Director of Member Services & Youth Programs
   ssindel@ohiocattle.org

3. Connect with certified BQA instructors in the county to advertise BQA sessions to youth. If you have county specific information (important dates, county fair rules, updates) given during county QA sessions, ask the BQA instructors if they would be willing to give that information to youth during their BQA sessions.