## \*\*\*IMPORTANT EXHIBITOR INFO\*\*\*

## **NEW THIS YEAR – YQCA FOR ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS**

The Lodi Agricultural Fair is requiring the YQCA certification for youth who are exhibiting ALL LIVESTOCK at our 2019 Lodi Agricultural Fair. Your YQCA certificate number is REQUIRED with your online fair entry. ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS must be prepared to provide a copy or a digital image of the YQCA certificate upon request of a livestock superintendant.

The 2019 Lodi Agricultural Fair Swine Show is non-terminal. Please refer to the https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/FairRulesAnimals2019.pdf website for ALL Livestock testing required before our fair! Your veterinarian cleared health papers will be required to be turned into the appropriate Superintendent BEFORE you will be able to unload your animals

As Wisconsin continues to promote Food Safety in all areas of our fairs, starting fall of 2017, Wisconsin replaced the MAQA (Meat Animal Quality Assurance) program with the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) national program. This new and interactive program provides youth several options for an annual quality assurance certification. YQCA was created for youth in the Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine projects. This new program gives families more flexibility in acquiring this much needed information which trains youth in improving the care of food animals and promoting a higher level of consumer food safety. The livestock industry and businesses are constantly striving for high quality, wholesome products; therefore, youth in food animal projects should assist in this effort.

## Two options:

Online training – cost of \$12.00 - The online course can be done anytime – year round In person training – cost of \$3.00

Both MUST pre-register (including payment) through YQCA.org

Please go to <a href="https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login">https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login</a> in order to register for either online or instructor led courses. If you are a 4-H member, please log in through the 4-H Online system on the left. If you are an FFA member or other organization affiliate, please sign in through the independent system on the right. You will create an account followed by either completing a sign up for an <a href="instructor led meeting">instructor led meeting</a> or <a href="online/web based">online/web based</a> modules. Upon signing up for a course, you will then pay for that course with a credit card. Please email <a href="melp@yqca.org">help@yqca.org</a> for any assistance you need in creating or signing up in the YQCA system.

Of reminder, Wisconsin State Fair and other national exhibitions will require certification in YQCA for participation for 2019 events and beyond. Wisconsin State Fair will be in contact sometime in January. Continue to monitor the Wisconsin YQCA website for helpful information: <a href="https://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/yqca/">https://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/yqca/</a> and the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program social media channels; <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a>, <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a>.