

QUALITY ASSURANCE INFORMATION FOR 2018 BIG CHANGES...

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) has ruled that all Jr. Fair members with market animals must successfully complete Quality Assurance Training **not less than 45 days** prior to the opening date of the exhibition in which they will participate. Because the Jefferson County Fair is after the Ohio State Fair, we will use the start date of the OSF to count back 45 days. This means that all QA sessions in Jefferson County will be completed by the end of May. Check the dates to the right for all the training sessions for 2018 in Jefferson County.

Some of you may wonder why such a change was necessary. ODA has determined that the reason we provide QA training is to improve our knowledge and skills with our animal projects. This cannot happen if members are attending QA just a few days or weeks before their fair. The goal of the program is for members to learn needed information and to be able to apply it to their animal projects.

Another change in 2018...Our QA instructors have decided to offer a "Test-Out" opportunity to members 15 and older. If a member attends a test-out date (as listed to the right) and scores 70 or over on the written test, he/she does not have to attend any more QA sessions **EVER!!** Please sign up by calling the OSUE Office if you intend to test out. If you do not score 70 or over, you must attend one of the regular QA sessions listed to the right. Call the office for more information on the test-out procedure.

TO REITERATE...there will be no QA sessions in June or July in Jefferson County. If you do not attend one of the dates scheduled, you will not be able to show or sell your animal at the county fair.

January 10

Early Bird - Bantam Ridge Gym-
6:00 p.m. This event is limited to
75 participants. **Sign Up Early** to
get a spot.

February 17

Winter Carnival @ JVS @ 6:00
p.m.

April 17

Bantam Ridge Gym @ 6:00 p.m.

May 19

Fairgrounds @ 6:00 p.m.

May 21

\$25 QA - Bantam Ridge Meeting
Room @ 6:00 p.m.

TEST OUT DATES

(See more info on left)

Thursday, December 21 @ 6:00
p.m. at the Bantam Ridge
Meeting Room

Wednesday, December 27 @
10:00 a.m. at the Bantam Ridge
Meeting Room

**Be sure to share this
information in your club**