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To: Livestock Exhibitors

Good afternoon,

Quality Counts has a new look, a new site, and a new exam! We are excited to release the new version of the program! The new curriculum has been designed to better equip our livestock exhibitors with the most relevant and timely information related to the livestock project area. Focused on quality assurance and character education, *Quality Counts* is designed to teach young people the importance of displaying good character in carrying out livestock projects, and in every aspect of their lives.

Here are a couple of new components of the program to be aware of:

- Exhibitors will first be required to engage in the full learning content before being presented with the verification exam.
  - Please be aware of this in advance as this could take around two hours for most students to complete the full content and test.
- Exhibitors will be able to start and revisit the curriculum as many times as needed.
- Exhibitors will have to complete the test once it is started.
- Exhibitors must achieve 80% or great to pass the exam but can take it as many times as needed.
- Exhibitors will be exposed and tested on the content potentially three times in their livestock showing career: junior (grade 3-5), intermediate (grade 6-8), and senior (grade 9-12).
- Exhibitors will access the course and exam at a new website:
- https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx
- Verification on the new system will be required for entries into Spring major livestock shows.

Integration of the new program is complete, so please start exploring this program for livestock exhibitors! \*\*It is extremely important to review the *attached* one page document titled **QC Enrollment** to exhibitors and their families! \*\* Students can access the course here: <a href="https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx">https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx</a>. The website is very user-friendly. While there are sure to be unexpected challenges in the implementation of any new program, we are confident that we have a viable product for release at this time. We welcome any feedback and are ready to answer questions as they arise in respect to navigating the new course.

IMPORTANT: One thing to be aware of is that login to the curriculum site requires unique email addresses for each user. This is explained further in the *attachment*. We realize there will be cases of families with multiple youth and limited email addresses. If the family cannot use a parent email, create one, or use a student email address, we will assist on a case-by-case basis.

We do hope that the new Quality Counts program is a positive experience for both exhibitors and parents as we strive to raise the bar in livestock exhibitor education. We appreciate your support and patience. Thank you for continued commitment in equipping youth livestock exhibitors with the tools and resources that truly make a difference.

Thank You.

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## **QUALITY COUNTS ENROLLMENT**

- 1. Go to: <a href="https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx">https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx</a>
- 2. Register with your information
  - a. It is very important to choose BOTH your 4-H and FFA chapter regardless of which you think you will show through!
  - b. You will need to enter your DOB and Phone Number in the format provided.
    - i. On Android devices, you will need type the hyphens and dashes.
- 3. Click Submit Registration
- 4. This will trigger an email from <a href="mailto:dottie.goebel@ag.tamu.edu">dottie.goebel@ag.tamu.edu</a> to keep for your records.
  - a. Do not delete this email as it contains a Return Link that you will NEED to come back to the course at any time.
- 5. Staying on the website, click Proceed to Curriculum
- 6. You will be directed to the curriculum website. If you have an existing login from another course on this website (ie. Leading the Legacy Course, Master Gardeners, etc.), feel free to log in with your existing login credentials! If using an existing login, please login and skip to Step 11.
  - a. There is a "Forgot Password" option if needed.
- 7. If you do not have an existing login, click Create New Account under "Is this your first time here?" on the right side of the screen.
  - a. You may have to scroll down to see this if using a mobile device.
  - b. Though you do have to create another login on a separate website, this is necessary to be able to leave and come back to the curriculum as many times as needed!
- 8. Create username and password and complete login details.
  - a. You will have to use unique email addresses for each account. This means that siblings registering for the course will need separate email addresses (personal, parents', and school email are acceptable).
- Click Create My New Account
- 10. You will receive an email from noreply@agrilife.remote-learner.net. You will need to verify your email address by clicking the link in the email. This will open a new webpage.
- 11. Select QUALITY COUNTS CURRICULUM from the menu under 4-H Youth Development
- 12. Click Quality Counts
- 13. Click Enroll Me
- 14. Select Age Bracket according to your school grade as of August 31 of the current year.
- 15. Click the course link that follows.
- 16. Begin Course! The course will take approximately 2 hours to complete.
- 17. You may leave and come back to the course as needed using the Return Link (Step 4a).
- 18. Once you complete the course, you will click Proceed to Test.
- 19. You must complete the exam once you start it, but can take it as many times as needed to achieve an 80% or higher.
- 20. Once passed, your verified Quality Counts number is ready for livestock show entries!

