

QUALITY COUNTS

*A "HOW TO" ON COMPLETING
THE QUALITY COUNTS EXAM*



WHY QUALITY COUNTS

- 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. Quality Counts helps youth exhibitors learn the *importance of using proper livestock management practices so that food quality and safety are preserved.*

If you plan to
show at
Major
Shows, QC is
REQUIRED



WHO TAKES QUALITY COUNTS

- If you are a **NEW exhibitor** and have NEVER been a 4-H member or FFA member then you **MUST take the QC Exam.**
- If you are a **RETURNING exhibitor** and have been a 4-H member or FFA member then you need to **retake the exam if...**
 - You have *advanced* into a new age division.
 - Exhibitors must be verified ONCE as a:
 - Junior (Grades 3-5)
 - Intermediate (Grades 6-8)
 - Senior (Grades 9-12)
- If you need to retake the exam from last year because you advanced into a new age division please **CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT.** The Quality Counts system moved to a new website and did not save old account information.

QUALITY COUNTS VERIFICATION SYSTEM

- The Quality Counts Verification System is administered by:
 - A set of course curriculum followed by a verification exam all conducted online.
 - To successfully complete the Quality Counts Program, members must complete all course lessons, & score an 80% or higher on the exam.
 - Members may take the exam as many times as necessary to achieve the 80% score.
 - The Quality Counts course is administered online. The curriculum course time is estimated to take 2 hours. Exam should only take 15-30 mins, you should complete the exam in one sitting.
 - **Note you can save course progress and return back later.*

WHERE DO I TAKE THE EXAM?

- You may access the new Quality Counts system here:
 - <http://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>
- First, you need to create an account.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx. The page features the Quality Counts logo at the top. Below the logo, there are links for [Registration Instructions](#) and [Registration FAQ](#). A large arrow points to the text "Having trouble? Click here!". The main content area is titled "Exhibitor Information" and contains a registration form with the following fields:

- Given First Name:
- Preferred Name:
- Last Name:
- Phone: Format: ###-###-####
- Email: Format: user@domain.com
- 4-H Affiliation: - Select One -
- FFA Affiliation: - Select One -
- Date of Birth:
- Grade: - Select One - (with a red note: "Enter your Grade for the current school year.")
- Return Link:
- Submit Registration button

Annotations on the page include:


- A double-headed arrow pointing to the "Registration Instructions" and "Registration FAQ" links.
- A double-headed arrow pointing to the "4-H Affiliation" and "FFA Affiliation" dropdown menus, accompanied by the text: "If you are in 4-H and FFA, please make sure to select both affiliations! Regardless of who you show under."
- A double-headed arrow pointing to the "Email" field, accompanied by the text: "Please fill out all exhibitor information. Use a current email that you check regularly!"

At the bottom of the page, there is a blue banner with the text "QUALITY COUNTS CONTACT INFORMATION".

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- Once all information is entered, please click 'Submit' Registration.

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[Registration Instructions](#)
[Registration FAQ](#)

Exhibitor Information

Given First Name:
Preferred Name:
Last Name:
Phone: Format: ###-###-####
Email: Format: user@domain.com

Please select both your 4-H Club and FFA Chapter if there is a chance you show under both.

4-H Affiliation:
FFA Affiliation:

Date of Birth:
Enter your Grade for the current school year.
Grade:

Return Link:

QUALITY COUNTS CONTACT INFORMATION

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
1470 Williams D. Fisher Parkway

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- Once you have clicked '*Submit Registration*' an email from dottie.goebel@ag.tamu.edu will be automatically sent to your email 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.
- Once you have clicked '*Submit Registration*' you will stay on the website and click '*Proceed to Curriculum*'. You will be redirected to the Quality Counts curriculum website.
- Once on this page you should see and click a **GREEN** '*Enroll Now*' link,

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- After clicking '*Enroll Now*' you will see a link to '*Register*' under "Are You a New Learner?". You will create a new username and login password at this time. **If you decide to take the course in multiple sittings, save this login information to return back to the exam at a later time.**
- **Accept Terms & Conditions and click "*Register*"**
- **Click "*Click Here*" under Course Access Details**
- **Click "*Quality Counts*"**
- **Lastly select you age bracket according to your school grade as of August 31 of the current year.**

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- **Begin Course!** The course curriculum will take approximately 2 hours to complete.
- You may leave and come back to the course using the Return Link sent to your email.
- Once you complete the course, you will click *Proceed to Test*.
- **You must complete the exam once you start it, but you can take it as many times as needed to achieve an 80% or higher. The exam is estimated to take 15-30 minutes.**
- **Once passed, your verified Quality Counts number is ready for livestock show entries!**

DO'S AND DON'TS

■ Do...

- Use a reliable device that will not crash, lose connection or malfunction in any way. We cannot retrieve progress if this happens!
- You will receive an email confirmation upon your completion of the exam. Please keep this for your records so you do not forget your number.

■ Don't...

- Don't assume that your QC Number is viable if you do not receive exam completion confirmation. You will be assigned a number at the start of the exam, but if you do not complete your exam the number will show in our system as "FALSE" = Incomplete.
- Share your number with siblings/other members. QC numbers are unique to each exhibitor.
- Wait till the last minute to get this done! It's a time consuming process. Get it done early to avoid late entry fees.