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 <u>verification exam</u> all conducted online.

  - To successfully complete the Quality Counts Program, members must complete all course lessons, & score an <u>80% or higher on the exam</u>.

  - Members may take the exam <u>as many times as necessary</u> to achieve the 80% score.

  - The Quality Counts course is administered online. <u>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.</u>
    - *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.

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

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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. <u>**DO NOT DELETE**</u> 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.

- <u>**Once passed, your verified Quality Counts number is ready for livestock show entries!**</u>

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.