



What is the Youth Livestock Literacy program?

The Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) program is a way to enhance the expand the opportunities offered to our 4-H members to complete the YQCA requirement each year.

When will the YLL program take effect?

The YLL program will take effect for the upcoming 4-H year on October 1st, 2022.

What are the requirements for YLL?

Members are required to select one of the five education options in order to meet the YLL requirements for the year.

1. Attend a 4-H YLL certified event in your county; common examples include:
 - In-person instructor-led YQCA (\$3)
 - o Recommended for each exhibitor's first four years
 - Species-specific clinic on vaccination, insemination, etc.
 - Veterinarian clinic on animal health and nutrition
2. Attend a 4-H YLL event in another county
3. Complete YQCA Online training (\$12)
4. Youth may complete BQA or SQA training and convey a current certificate to their home 4-H county's Extension Office
 - Certificate must be in the youth's name, not the family's name
5. Compete in the previous September's State 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest or other approved State Skill-a-thon Contest (Jr & Sr eligible only)

Who is eligible to complete alternate YQCA events?

Any member is eligible to complete one of the alternative events; however, the YQCA option is recommended for the member's first 4 years. To make efficient use of one's time, youth who participate in certain national livestock shows (e.g., Ak-sar-ben) should choose a YQCA option.

When should members complete the Livestock Integrity Pledge?

YLL Events can be completed from October 1st though the deadline of July 1st with the exception of the State 4-H Livestock, Dairy and Rabbit Skill-a-Thon Contests, which occur in September of the previous year.

What certificate do we give for these events?

Your local Extension Office will provide you with a certificate after you complete a YLL that you will load into 4-H Online.

Where can my members find events that qualify?

To learn about Youth Livestock Literacy opportunities in your county and beyond, families should contact their local Extension Office. Families may also have interest in learning about out-of-county YLL events by opting into the SD4-H Livestock Email Listserv; indicate interest to sdsu.4h@sdstate.edu.

