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TO: All Fair CEO's and Board of Director's

SUBJECT: 2019 Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Program Update

In the circular letter [F2018-05](#) dated October 12, 2018 states that on January 1, 2019, the Fairs and Exposition Branch (F&E) requires that all California Fairs (County, Citrus & District Agricultural Associations) junior livestock (large and small animal) exhibitors to annually participate in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). It was stated that the YQCA program is not meant to replace the efforts of fairs that wish to continue their own youth quality assurance and ethics efforts. Any fair wanting to present and get F&E approval of their current quality assurance and ethics training program should have submitted the material/curriculum to Jay Carlson by November 30, 2018 for review and approval.

F&E will only review current programs that were established and submitted with requested material/curriculum on or prior to November 30, 2018. All other fairs will need to use YQCA online or YQCA instructor led program.

Since the release of the letter on October 12, 2018, F&E has fielded many questions about YQCA. The attached document is a YQCA Background information sheet that should answer common questions like how did YQCA get started, how will YQCA benefit my livestock show, how will my show know if a youth exhibitor has completed YQCA, and how were these fees established, etc.

If you have any other questions or need additional information regarding the YQCA online program, please email [help@yqca.com](mailto:help@yqca.com). For any other questions, please direct them to [info@yqca.com](mailto:info@yqca.com), or Jay Carlson at (916) 263-3109 or [JCarlson@calexpo.com](mailto:JCarlson@calexpo.com).

For more information on the YQCA program, please visit [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

