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PORK QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM (PQA) REQUIREMENT

The pork producers created the Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) program to help American pork producers meet today's consumer demands for quality and safety. The Southeastern Youth Fair believes in the importance of this program.

The Youth Pork Quality Assurance Plus (Youth PQA Plus) program comprises two main elements:

Food Safety – The practices that minimize physical, chemical and biological hazards that might be injurious to consumers.

Animal Well-Being – Producer responsibilities for all aspects of animal care including proper housing, management, nutrition, disease prevention and treatment, responsible care, humane handling, and when necessary, humane and timely euthanasia.

ALL SWINE SHOW EXHIBITORS MUST BE PQA CERTIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2017 SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR

A PQA Course is scheduled on October 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion Auditorium. This certifies you for participation in the 2017 SEYF only. To certify for multiple years or for other shows you must certify on-line.

Certify on-line at <https://www.pork.org/youth-pqa-plus/>

It is strongly recommended that first time exhibitors and parents attend the course on October 11th to benefit from a question and answer session.

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Questions?

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Minimum Standards for the Youth PQA Plus™ Program

Age Requirements

- The Youth PQA Plus program is for youth 8-19 years of age. Youth 20 years of age or older must become certified through the adult PQA Plus education program.
- Age is determined by the youth's age on January 1 of the current year.

Recertification Period

- Youth 8-11 years of age (Beginner) must recertify **annually** by attending an approved Youth PQA Plus education program.
- Youth 12-14 years of age (Intermediate) and 15-19 years of age (Advanced) can certify/recertify for one year by attending an approved Youth PQA Plus education program OR can certify by completing and passing an examination at the appropriate age level. To certify by examination, a minimum of 70 percent of questions must be correctly answered. (See Youth PQA Plus Certificate Expiration Table). Certificates by examination are not to exceed three years.
- Once certified by examination, the youth is not required to recertify in Youth PQA Plus **until the next age level is reached**. However, certification by examination is not to exceed three years. In the Advanced group, a 15-year old who passes an examination would need to recertify after a period of three years, despite not having reached another age level. When youth reach the next age level or exceed the certification period of three years, they can either attend a Youth PQA Plus training class or take the appropriate examination at their new age level. Certification by examination is valid for a minimum of one year but will not exceed three years.
- Youth may attempt to pass a Youth PQA Plus exam a maximum of three times in one sitting. If three attempts yield unsuccessful results, the youth must attend another Youth PQA Plus education class prior to additional attempts at passing the exam. If the youth had already attended a Youth PQA Plus education class prior to failing three times, they have the option to accept a one-year certification, beginning on the date of class attendance, in lieu of attempting the exam again.

Youth PQA Plus Certificate Expiration Table

	Age on Jan 1st Current Year	Certification Expiration	
		Annual Class	Test Out
Beginner	8-11	1 year from class/entry date	Not Applicable
Intermediate	12	1 year from class/entry date	Dec. 31 of the year they turn 15
	13	1 year from class/entry date	Dec. 31 of the year they turn 15
	14	1 year from class/entry date	1 year from test/entry date
Advanced	15	1 year from class/entry date	3 years from test/entry date
	16	1 year from class/entry date	3 years from test/entry date
	17	1 year from class/entry date	Dec. 31 of year they turn 20
	18	1 year from class/entry date	Dec. 31 of the year they turn 20
	19	1 year from class/entry date	1 year from test/entry date