

ALLEGAN COUNTY YOUTH PQA PLUS CERTIFICATION SCHEDULE 2014

4-H Market Swine Project members **MUST** have current Youth PQA Plus certification in order to sell at the 4-H Livestock Auction at the Allegan County Fair.

- Youth's Age is determined January 1st of the current year. (Youth must be at 9-19 yrs old on January 1, 2014 in order to be in the Allegan County 4-H Market Swine project and be certified.)
- Beginners (Youth age 9-11) must re-certify annually by attending a Youth PQA Plus certification workshop. (Exception: 8 year olds who are planning to attend the Michigan Livestock Expo may attend the training. 8 year olds CANNOT raise Allegan County 4-H Market Swine projects)
- Youth age 12-14 and youth age 15-19 can certify/re-certify annually by attending a Youth PQA Plus certification workshop OR can certify by receiving a 70% correct on a test. Once certified by test the youth is not required to re-certify until the next age bracket is reached.
- All youth who attend a workshop will at least receive a 1 yr. certification. If they pass the test they receive a certificate good until the next age group – if they fail they will be certified for 1 year.
- All certification meetings will be held in the Spartan Room, Human Services Building, Allegan County Service Complex, 3255 122nd Ave., Allegan.
- Parents are encouraged to come with youth, but will not be able to be certified.
- FOR 2014 Youth have the option of becoming certified ONLINE. If you are interested in this contact Dian for more information.

YOUTH PQA PLUS TRAININGS WILL BE HELD:

Tuesday, April 22nd 6:00 – 8:00pm (pre-register by 4/18)
Monday, April 28th 6:00 – 8:00pm (pre-register by 4/25)
Tuesday, April 29th 6:00 – 8:00pm (pre-register by 4/28)
Tuesday, May 20th 6:00 – 8:00pm (pre-register by 5/16)
Thursday, May 22nd 6:00 – 8:00pm (pre-register by 5/20)



Youth **MUST** pre-register to attend. Allegan County 4-H youth will be allowed to pre-register first – other youth will be put on a waiting list and notified after the pre-registration deadline if there is room.

- To pre-register calling 269-673-0370 (press 22) OR email Dian Liepe at dliepe@allegancounty.org

After May 22nd there will be a \$20 charge per youth to arrange for Youth PQA Plus Certification (no test – only 1 year certification) thru the Allegan MSUE Office OR youth can do the online training at no charge.