ALLEGAN COUNTY YOUTH PQA PLUS CERTIFICATION SCHEDULE 2015

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.

- Those youth attending the Youth PQA Plus Class will receive a FREE Youth PQA Plus Handbook.

YOUTH PQA PLUS TRAININGS WILL BE HELD:
Tuesday, April 7th 3-5pm (pre-register by 4/3)
Tuesday, April 7th 6-8pm (pre-register by 4/3)
Thursday, April 16th 6-8pm (pre-register by 4/13)
Monday, April 20th 6-8pm (pre-register by 4/16)

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 269-673-0370x2557 OR email Dian Liepe at dliepe@allegancounty.org

After April 20th 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.