ALLEGAN COUNTY YOUTH PQA PLUS CERTIFICATION SCHEDULE 2013

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, 2012 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.)

- 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.

- NEW FOR 2013 Youth have the option of becoming certified ONLINE –this will be available after March and is experimental for Michigan. If you are interested in this contact Dian for more information.

YOUTH PQA PLUS TRAININGS WILL BE HELD:
Thursday, April 4th 3:00 – 5:00pm (pre-register by 4/2)
Thursday, April 4th 6:00 – 8:00pm (pre-register by 4/2)
Monday, April 15th 6:00 – 8:00pm (pre-register by 4/12)
Tuesday, April 23rd 6:00 – 8:00pm (pre-register by 4/19)
Monday, May 20th 6:00 – 8:00pm (pre-register by 5/16)
Thursday, May 23rd 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 23rd 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.

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