



## FSQA Questions

- **Who needs to certify?** 4-H'ers exhibiting beef, swine, sheep and dairy (both dairy cattle and dairy goat), meat goat, rabbit and poultry at the Iowa Sate Fair must be certified. All other food animal exhibitors are encouraged to attend to learn more about their responsibility to produce safe food.
- **Will 4-H'ers still be able to sell pigs if they attend the FSQA program?** Youth who attend the FSQA training will be certified in both the Iowa FSQA program (making them eligible for participation in the Iowa State Fair and other county fairs), and the Youth PQA Plus or Iowa BQA programs (thereby meeting the demands of the meat packing industry). The Iowa FSQA program has been recognized by the National Pork Board as meeting their quality assurance training requirements.
- **Can 4-H'ers just go to the vet to get their PQA card signed?** No, National Pork Board guidelines now require all youth to attend an approved YOUTH training program to become certified. No youth between the ages of 9 and 18 will be included in the adult PQA Plus database, or certification process.
- **What is the certification/recertification process?** All youth ages 9-11 on Jan. 1 will need to attend an approved training each year. Youth ages 12-14 on Jan. 1 will have the option of attending a training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they turn 15. Youth ages 15-18 on Jan. 1 will have the option of attending a training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they turn 19. At the time youth turn 19, they will need to certify in the adult Quality Assurance programs according to the adult rules.
- **If a youth is 19 before January 1<sup>st</sup> and a senior, how are they certified?** They will need to certify through the adult program.
- **Where do we get the tests?** Tests must be downloaded by certified advisers (staff who have completed a training certification) from the FSQA website. Youth must accurately answer 70% of the questions to pass.
- **What questions will be on the exam?** All exam questions will come directly from the FSQA curriculum.
- **Is there a limit to how many youth can be testing at one time?** No. Have extra tests as backup if they should want to retest.
- **How many times can a youth take a test?** Three times in one sitting and no maximum number of times to take the test.
- **Do County offices need to keep the tests on file?** No – but please do not let the kids take the tests home.
- **What is the cost of the manuals?** The Leader Guide will be free and the Member Guide will be \$2.50.
- **What are the requirements for state fair?** 4-H'ers exhibiting beef, swine, sheep and dairy (both dairy cattle and dairy goat), meat goat, rabbit and poultry at the Iowa Sate Fair must be certified. All other food animal exhibitors are encouraged to attend to learn more about their responsibility to produce safe food. County fairs may also choose to require this certification process to maintain eligibility.
- **Does a child who is only involved in breeding beef at the state fair need to be certified?** Yes.

- **Do county offices need to keep track of each species group?** Yes. As youth attend trainings you need to track their species and certification method - training sessions or test out.
- **Will there be more than one certifier per county?** Yes, there will not be a limit on the number of certifiers in a county - at least one should be an Extension employee
- **Is there a date by which they need to be certified?** For state fair exhibition, the process must be completed by July 1.
- **What are the requirements for advisers?** Advisers must complete a training certification every three years to keep up to date on new issues, changes, etc.
- **Will this FSQA training qualify us to train adults as well as youth?** No, this is simply to be able to train and certify youth. All adult certification is to be coordinated with the beef and pork associations and their procedures for adults.
- **For more information on the FSQA guidelines check out**  
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/Documents/FSQAplan.pdf>