

MQA / PQA

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Boulder County
MQA Training:
May 14th – 7 PM
EB - Fairgrounds

Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) Pork Quality Assurance (PQA)

For MQA...

Youth livestock exhibitors need the MQA if they answer yes to either of the following questions**:

YES NO

“Are you a first time exhibitor of livestock this year?” ___ ___

(If you have attended a MQA Training in the past, answer the following question)

“Did you turn 14 years of age before Jan. 2nd, 2008?” ___ ___

**Basically, youth need MQA once between the ages of 8-13 and once between the ages of 14-19

**Youth can take MQA training in other counties - see e-Gazette for MQA dates in other counties

For PQA it is different...

For youth who are 8-11 ~ they need the PQA*** annually

For youth who are 12-14 ~ they can take the PQA*** class annually or test-out by examination

For youth who are 15-18 ~ they can take PQA*** class annually or test-out by examination

**Note that the MQA class qualifies for PQA, so if they take the MQA class annually between the ages of 8-11, they will be PQA certified. If they take the MQA class annually or test out once between the ages of 12-14, they will be PQA certified. If they take the MQA class annually or test out once between the ages of 15-18, they are PQA certified.

If they want to test out - they can contact me and I can set that up, they would not have to take the class if they “test-out.”

It is highly recommended that all youth who are doing swine projects become PQA certified!