

Procedure for Registering for a Workshop

Space is limited at all locations!

Your RSVP is REQUIRED no later than 2 days prior to each workshop.

When registering, you will need for each youth:

1. His/her **name**.
2. His/her **birthdate**.
3. His/her **exhibiting county**.
4. The total number of people that will be attending the workshop.

2 ways to register

1. phone:
269-657-8213

2. email
frank126@anr.msu.edu
Include PQA in the subject line.



2015 Youth PQA Plus Workshop Registration Information

Note: Registration for each date and location will begin at 6:00 p.m., please be prompt! (Choose the session and location that best fits your schedule.)

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Workshop Dates

Wednesday, March 25

6:30 p.m.
Dowagiac High School
701 West Prairie Ronde
Dowagiac, MI 49047

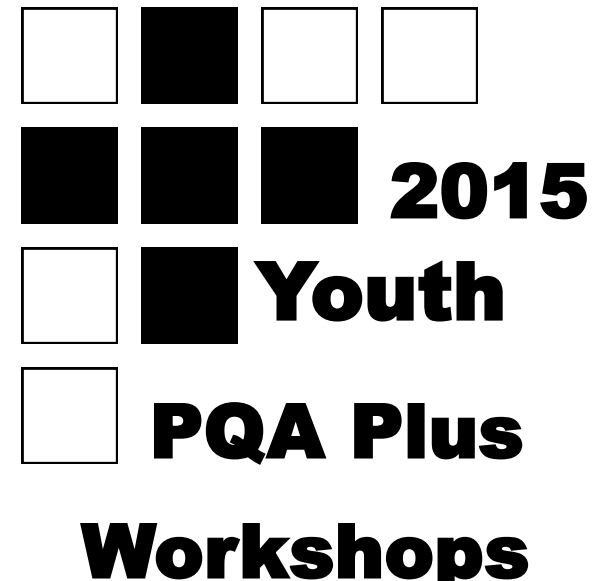
Thursday, April 30

6:30 p.m.
Van Buren ISD Conference Center
490 S Paw Paw St
Lawrence MI 49064

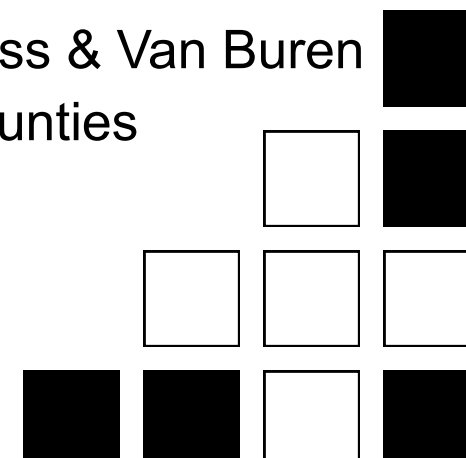


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for Swine Exhibitors in
Cass & Van Buren
Counties



Don't forget... if you are planning on showing swine at ANY 2015 show in Michigan, you MUST have a current PQA certification!

Individual County Information

Cass County

Cloverbud Information

Exhibitors 8 years old must attend PQA training.

Van Buren County

Cloverbud Information

Exhibitors aged 6 –8 years old must attend PQA training.

General Fair Exhibitor Age

8-19 years of age by January 1 of the current year.

6-19 years of age by January 1 of the current year.

Certification Requirements

8-11 years-old—no written test, must attend a workshop each year.

12-14 years-old—intermediate level, a passing score on the written test certifies a youth until they reach the next age bracket.

15-19 years-old—advanced level, a passing score on the written test certifies a youth until they reach the next age bracket or the maximum three-year certification period has expired.

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Once certified by examination, the youth is not required to recertify in Youth PQA Plus until the next age level is reached. However, certification by examination is not to exceed three years. In the Advanced group, a 15-year old who passes an examination would need to recertify after a period of three years, despite not having reached another age level. When youth reach the next age level or exceed the certification period of three years, they can either attend a Youth PQA Plus training class or take the appropriate examination at their new age level. Certification by examination is valid for a minimum of one year, but will not exceed three years.

Online Youth PQA Plus Option Available for 8-19 year olds

This should be used as a last resort!

The National Pork Board has launched a revised version of Youth PQA Plus, which includes an online training option.

Training is available for youth age 8–19 based on their age on January 1 of the certification year. Parents can register to manage their children's training (**parental registration is required for youth age 8-12**). Or youth 13–19 can self-register.

- All registered users of the site **MUST HAVE A UNIQUE EMAIL**. If a family shares an email, the parent should register and manage all children's training through the parent account.
- Once the YOUTH has signed up for/activated an online training session, they will have 30 days to complete the training.
- Youth who are in the intermediate and advanced age brackets will be presented an exam. The youth will have three opportunities to achieve a 70% or better score to pass the exam. This is a closed book exam.

For Intermediate and Advanced, the certification expiration date will be calculated based on their age in their bracket. Maximum length of certificate could be three years, at minimum a youth will earn a one year certificate.

How to Register for Youth PQA Plus training online

Access www.pork.org/login

Select appropriate registration option

- Parent registration manage ages 8–12
- Youth self-registration ages 13-19