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## 2020 Quality Assurance Certification Requirement for Delaware State Fair Market Animal Exhibitors- UPDATED for COVID-19

All Delaware State Fair junior exhibitors showing a market animal (steer, market lamb, market goat or market hog) are required to have a current quality assurance certification in order to exhibit in a market class at the Delaware State Fair. The Swine Department will accept either an existing Youth PQA certification that is still valid through July of 2020 or a current Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification. The Youth PQA program no longer exists to train new youth or recertify. The YQCA program is a national certification that now covers all livestock species with a single certification for all youth ages 8-21 nationwide. Program ages are calculated as of January 1 of the current year. Options for obtaining a qualifying quality assurance certification in order to be able to show a market animal at the 2020 DSF are:

- Ages 5-7- A parent, guardian or responsible adult must have a current quality assurance certification. Options to fulfill this requirement include PQA(Pork Quality Assurance) or BQA (Beef Quality Assurance <https://www.bqa.org/certification/online-certification>) adult online trainings. Please contact Susan Garey if you would like to be granted access to the online Adult PQA certification training to cover youth ages 5-7. An email address is required.
- Ages 8-18- The youth market exhibitor must have a current YQCA certification obtained either through an YQCA classroom training session or YQCA online.
- Ages 19-21- The youth market exhibitor must have a current YQCA certification that can only be obtained online as per the YQCA program rules.

Youth YQCA certification is valid for one year.

In order for youth ages 8-21 to participate in an online YQCA training session, they must register and create a profile at <http://yqca.org> For youth age 8-12, parents are required to register their youth on the YQCA website. *The YQCA online training costs \$12.00. This fee is paid online and goes directly to YQCA.* Youth completing the online YQCA training will take the online module that corresponds to their age as of January 1 of the current year.

The remaining face to face YQCA training sessions for 2020 have been canceled due to COVID-19 and the online certification options should be utilized. Please contact Susan Garey [truehart@udel.edu](mailto:truehart@udel.edu) or (302)242-1510 if you have any questions or concerns in regards to BQA/PQA/YQCA certification needs.