

2020 Ohio State Fair**Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Requirement**

Youth entering a market swine project at the 2020 Ohio State Fair will be required to have a ***parent/guardian PQA certified*** in order to meet packer requirements.

PQA certification number will be required for online entry (**deadline of June 20th**)

- Certification numbers will be verified, falsified numbers will result in penalty.
 - o Once notified of invalid number, exhibitors will have 5 days to provide the correct PQA certification number.
 - o If the correct PQA certification number is not provided within 5 days, exhibitor will be disqualified from exhibition.

Youth **MUST** be certified in Ohio Youth QA 45 days prior to exhibition in order to be eligible to show.

There are several options for parents/guardians to be PQA certified:

- Adults can attend an in-person PQA session
- Adults can sign-up for the PQA on-line certification
 - o Requests can be sent to Elizabeth Share (share.8@osu.edu)

Notes:

1. The adult PQA certification is good for 3 years.
2. If a parent/guardian has several youth in the family, the same PQA number will count for all of the youth.
3. For a list of approved PQA instructors, contact:
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