Beginning with the 2019 Delaware State Fair, all junior exhibitors showing a market animal (steer, market lamb, market goat or market hog) will be required to have a current quality assurance current 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 2019 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 2019 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](https://www.bqa.org/certification/online-certification)) adult online trainings or parents can either attend a YQCA classroom training session with their 5-7 year old to obtain a valid QA certification to meet the DSF requirement. 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 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 either an online or in person classroom YQCA training session, they must register and create a profile at [http://yqca.org](http://yqca.org) For youth age 8-12, parents are required to register their youth on the YQCA website. The YQCA classroom training costs $3.00 and the online training costs $12.00. These fees are paid online and go directly to YQCA even if you are attending an in person training. This should be completed prior to coming to the in person training. 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 following YQCA in person class training dates have been scheduled for this spring:

- **May 23, 2019**– Sussex County YQCA Classroom Training- Carvel Center 6:30-8:00 pm
- **May 29, 2019**– NCC YQCA Classroom Training- New Castle County Extension Office 6:30-8:00 pm
- **June 12, 2019** – FINAL YQCA Classroom Training- Kent County Extension Office- 6:30-8:00 pm

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If you choose a classroom training option, you may attend class in any of the locations. If you plan on attending any of these sessions, please RSVP to Susan Garey (302)730-4000 or truehart@udel.edu at least three days prior so that there will be adequate materials. If there are no registrations in advance, the class will be canceled. Please contact Susan Garey if you have any questions or concerns in regards to PQA/YQCA certification needs as we transition to this new quality assurance certification requirement for all market animal exhibitors.