

April 1, 2017

The SEMO District Fair Board has a rule which states each exhibitor must be certified through a Quality Assurance Program. Missouri has the Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance Program for Youth. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors must be certified in order to show and sell at the SEMO Fair Livestock Sale. A 4-H Member in an animal project must complete the Show Me Quality Assurance certification in order to complete your project and be a member in “good standing”. You must be a 4-H member in “good standing” to bring animals to the SEMO Fair.

The Rules are:

“Qualified to Show” means the member has participated in Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance training within the 4-H program year. Youth in this category must complete class the next year to obtain the next level to show.

“SMQA Conditional Certified” for youth age 8 to 13 by January 1 of the program year certification is conditional. To obtain the conditional certification status a member age 8–13 by January 1 has participated in **two consecutive years** of the training. Once they obtain a conditional status they do not have to take a refresher course until they are 14 by January 1 of the program year. Upon completion of the refresher course they would be SMQA *Certified* for the remainder of their youth exhibition career in 4-H.

“SMQA Certified” Youth in 4-H and FFA who attend one training after they have turned 14 by January 1 of the program year will be considered SMQA *Certified* and no further training will be required for the remainder of their 4-H and FFA exhibition career.

If you are unsure if you are certified, please contact Teresa at the Cape Girardeau County Extension office or your FFA Advisor immediately. If you need to take the training you may do so on-line at: <http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/> **Please print out the certificate** at the end of the training to show that you have completed the training. Keep this copy in a safe place at your home.

A face to face SMQA training will be held in July. Details to follow

We will check the system in August and if you have not completed the training, you will be notified you are not eligible to bring your animals entered to the SEMO Fair.

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