



Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) Workshop

April 18 | Iowa's Dairy Center | Calmar

Registration: 6 - 6:30 p.m. **Training:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Register through your Iowa State University county extension office. Testing will be available for intermediate and senior members. *There is no cost for participants.*

Iowa 4-H Food Safety Quality Assurance

- Iowa 4-H members produce more than 17 million pounds of meat each year, which all goes into the American food supply.
- Some pork processors require producers to complete the National Pork Board Pork Quality Assurance Plus™ program in order to market their hogs.
- 4-H producers should be expected to follow the same rules and regulations as all other food producers.
- Training will provide a quality hands-on educational component for food animal members. Educational opportunity for members to learn about potential careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics at Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC).

FSQA Facts

- **Who needs to certify?** 4-H members exhibiting beef, swine, sheep and dairy (*both dairy cattle and dairy goat*), meat goat, rabbit and poultry at the Iowa State Fair must be certified. All other food animal exhibitors are encouraged to attend to learn more about their responsibility to produce safe food. Check with your county Extension office regarding who may also be required to attend training for county fair exhibition.
- **Will 4-H members still be able to sell pigs if they attend the FSQA program?** Youth who attend the FSQA training will be certified in both the Iowa FSQA program (*making them eligible for participation in the Iowa State Fair and other county fairs*), and the Youth PQA Plus or Iowa BQA programs (*thereby meeting the demands of the meat packing industry*). The Iowa FSQA program has been recognized by the National Pork Board as meeting their quality assurance training requirements.
- **What is the certification/recertification process?** All youth in grades 4-6 will need to attend an approved training each year. Youth in grades 7-9 will have the option of attending a training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they reach 10th grade. Youth in grades 10-12 will have the option of attending a training every year or completing a test which will certify them until they turn 20. At the time youth turn 20, they will need to certify in the adult Quality Assurance programs according to the adult rules.

