



British Pig Association

Breed Standard and Standards of Excellence

GLOUCESTERSHIRE OLD SPOTS



Section A - To be eligible for Herd Book entry a pig must (except in exceptional circumstances) be:

- bred in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland
- have at least 12 sound teats
- ear-marked and birth recorded with the BPA in accordance with current regulations
- the offspring of parents already registered either in the Herd Book of the same breed (or in a supplementary register of the Herd Book maintained at BPA's discretion)
- Free from congenital defects (e.g. Umbilical and Scrotal Hernias , Atresia Ani (blind anus), cryptorchid boars, extra cleys, twisted, overshot or undershot jaw and rose on the back)
- conform to any other such regulations as are made by the BPA Council from time to time

In exceptional circumstances a pig which does not fulfil all the criteria above may be accepted for herdbook registration following an inspection.

<u>Breed Specific Requirements for Herdbook Registration</u>	
<u>Ears</u>	Lop ears
<u>Colour</u>	At least one spot of black hair on black skin.
<u>Breed Specific Disqualifications</u> which make the pig ineligible for Herdbook Registration	
<u>Coat</u>	A line of mane bristles is objectionable. Sandy colour may disqualify.
<u>Section B – Standard of Excellence</u> – These are recommendations only - breeders should try to achieve these standards in their breeding programmes. Pigs will be judged against these standards of excellence at BPA shows.	
<u>Head</u>	Medium length.
<u>Nose</u>	Medium length and slightly dished
<u>Ears</u>	Well set apart, dropping forward to nose, not at the sides, not thick or coarse, not longer than nose.
<u>Neck</u>	Medium length with jowl little pronounced.
<u>Shoulders</u>	Fine but not raised.
<u>Back</u>	Long and level; should not drop behind shoulders
<u>Ribs</u>	Deep, well sprung
<u>Loin</u>	Very broad.
<u>Sides</u>	Deep, presenting straight bottom line. Belly and flank full thick. Well-filled line from ribs to hams.
<u>Quarters</u>	Long and wide with thick tail set well up.
<u>Hams</u>	Large and well filled to hocks.
<u>Legs</u>	Straight and strong.
<u>Skin</u>	Must not show coarseness or wrinkles.
<u>Coat</u>	Silky and not curly. No mane bristles. Not less than one clean decisive spot of black hair on black skin. Black should not predominate.
<u>Underline</u>	Straight; with a minimum of fourteen, evenly spaced and well-placed teats starting well forward
<u>Breed Specific Objections</u> – Breeders should try to avoid these in their breeding programmes	
<u>Ears</u>	Short , thick and elevated.
<u>Coat</u>	A line of mane bristles is objectionable.
<u>Skin</u>	Serious wrinkles. Blue undertone not associated with a spot.
<u>Legs</u>	Crooked.
<u>Neck</u>	Heavy jowl objectionable.

Pigs must comply with Section A. Breeders should aspire to breed pigs which meet the Standards of Excellence in Section B. More information is available in the BPA leaflet – Pedigree Breeding the Next Steps.

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