



British Pig Association

Breed Standard and Standards of Excellence

DUROC



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.

Breed Specific Requirements for Herdbook Registration

Ears Semi-Lop ears
Colour Light to deep Auburn.

Breed Specific Disqualifications (which make the pig ineligible for Herd Book Registration)

Ears standing erect. Any white hair.
Small cramped chest, and crease on the back of the shoulders/ over back so as to cause an easily noticed depression in the back. Seriously deformed legs, or badly broken down feet.

Section B – Standard of Excellence – (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).

General

The Duroc is primarily a Terminal Sire capable of thriving in extremes of weather and emphasis should be placed on muscling and coat strength

Head Head small in proportion to size of body, wide between eyes which are lively, bright and prominent, surface smooth and even.

Nose Face nicely dished and tapering well down to the nose;

Ears Medium, moderately thin, pointing forward, downward, slightly outward & with a slight curve.

Neck Short, thick and very deep and slightly arching. Full, broad and neat Jowl.

Shoulders Moderately broad, very deep and full, carrying thickness well down and not extending above line of back.

Chest Large, very deep, filled full behind shoulders, breast-bone extending well forward so as to be readily seen.

Back Back medium in breadth, straight or slightly arching, carrying even width from shoulder to ham, giving impression of a slightly low set tail, surface even and smooth.

Ribs Ribs long, strong and sprung in proportion to width of shoulders and hams.

Loin Carrying even width from shoulder to ham.

Sides Sides very deep, medium in length, level between shoulders and hams.

Hams Broad, full and well let down to the hock. Rumps should have a round slope from loin to root of tail.

Legs Of medium length, with good strong bone (especially boars). Feet to be strong and well supported on the pasterns. Gait to be free and fluid.

Skin Skin – White to pink to light grey. Hair – Light to deep Auburn.

Coat Thick in winter, fine (moulted) in summer, no coarse and curly hair

Underline Underline straight with a least 12 sound teats placed well forward. Flank well down to lower line of sides.

Breed Specific Objections – Breeders should try to avoid these in their breeding programmes
None

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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