

Berkshire Conservation Plan 2026

Members keeping this sow line					Sow Line	Total Sows				
2025	2024	2023	2022	2004		2025	2024	2023	2022	2004
14	13	17	17	24	Excelsa	35	22	24	31	46
11	15	18	26	24	Farewell	14	29	36	42	38
17	18	21	25	17	Lady	37	36	37	42	32
15	12	14	14	17	Louise	31	21	26	21	26
14	14	15	18	24	Mermaid	26	26	25	28	37
17	11	13	18	20	Royal Lustre	33	24	29	37	38
12	12	16	13	32	Royal Sapphire	26	21	31	30	79
11	15	21	25	40	Stonebow	27	32	42	40	65
14	14	18	20	22	Suzanne	21	25	38	39	21
					Total	250	236	288	310	382

Members keeping this boar line					Boar Line	Registered Boars				
2025	2024	2023	2022	2004		2025	2024	2023	2022	2004
7	11	12	13	17	Ambassador	7	11	13	14	19
18	16	19	17	13	Freight Train	23	20	20	17	13
4	6	3	6	7	Lasseter	4	6	4	6	8
8	9	14	12	4	Nama Abel	10	11	17	14	4
13	17	15	13	13	Namatjira	14	19	18	16	13
7	9	7	8	7	Orlando	8	12	7	9	8
13	14	12	13	28	Peter Lad	18	17	15	14	32
					Total	84	96	94	90	89
Members keeping registered Berkshire pigs						99	83	96	110	153

HB Reg No	Name	DOB	Ear no	IB coeff. 1	IB coeff. 2
HAL/16	Hollybrook Freight Train 2	12/08/1998	HAL/16	0.0091	0.0081
TMM/783	Smallicombe Namatjira 6	22/03/2002	TMM/783	0.0059	0.0053
R000682BK	Applegarth Nama Abel 142	02/06/2005	NAE/142	0.0134	0.0136
R001566BK	Gracebank Orlando 2	12/02/2008	BTS/130	0.0136	0.0125
R001801BK	Fairoaks Peter Lad 4	15/04/2008	CIM/292A	0.0261	0.0241
R002609BK	Barlings Lassetter 707	08/09/2009	ASY/707	0.0121	0.0117
R003217BK	Fairoaks Ambassador 9	06/11/2011	CIM/463	0.0192	0.0177
R004928BK	Cobtree Peter Lad 2	25/07/2020	VFJ/9	0.0060	0.0066
R005273BK	Fairoaks Namatjira 6	06/07/2021	CIM/1229	0.0106	0.0106
Inbreeding of the Berkshire boars in the Genebank				0.0129	
R005591BK	Scholebrook Freight Train	06/03/2024	VZF/136		0.0070
Inbreeding of the Berkshire boars in the Genebank					0.0117

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Sow Lines	Anglia	Central	N. Ireland	North	Scotland	South	South West	Wales	Grand Total
Excelsa	6	2	0	2	0	17	5	3	35
Farewell	1	2	1	3	0	2	1	4	14
Lady	3	3	5	19	2	1	0	4	37
Louise	0	15	0	9	0	2	5	0	31
Mermaid	7	5	0	3	1	3	6	1	26
Royal Lustre	0	7	0	5	0	10	7	4	33
Royal Sapphire	2	7	0	2	6	4	4	1	26
Stonebow	5	6	0	10	0	4	2	0	27
Suzanne	6	7	0	4	0	3	1	0	21
Grand Total	30	54	6	57	9	46	31	17	250

Boar Lines	Anglia	Central	N. Ireland	North	Scotland	South	South West	Wales	Grand Total
Ambassador	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	6
Freight Train	1	5	3	5	1	4	3	1	23
Lassetter	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	4
Nama Abel	0	2	0	2	0	1	2	3	10
Namatjira	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	14
Orlando	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	8
Peter Lad	3	5	1	5	1	0	2	1	18
Grand Total	12	16	8	19	3	6	10	9	83

Mean inbreeding of the Berkshire population

2020: 0.0538, 2021: 0.05176, 2022: 0.05130, 2023: 0.04926, 2024: 0.04974, 2025:0.1643

Analysis or Results

It is encouraging the total number of sows has increased from 236 to 250.

Members keeping registered Berkshires has also increased from 83 to 99.

It is disappointing that boar numbers have declined from 96 to 84.

It is positive that we have more breeders/keepers and registered sows than in 2025 especially, in the current climate.

Targets

1. Continue to move sow lines around the country, and more into Scotland and Northern Ireland.
2. Improve number of Lassetter and Ambassador boar lines, by encouraging more breeders around the country to keep these 2 bloodlines, particularly in the Anglian region.
3. Improve the number of Farewell sows, by encouraging more breeders to keep them, particularly in Anglia and Wales.
4. Ongoing monitoring of the breed standard and update via discussion with breed reps and Berkshire Club, and sent to conservation committee for approval when necessary.