

Gloucestershire Old Spot Conservation Plan 2026

Members keeping this sow line					Sow Line	Total Sows				
2025	2024	2023	2022	2004		2025	2024	2023	2022	2004
11	6	5	9	37	Bluebell	21	23	21	38	61
7	10	9	10	15	Countess	9	13	18	23	26
10	9	11	12	15	Dahlia	25	20	23	33	26
25	21	20	20	23	Dolly	36	44	44	53	43
15	15	18	20	46	Ellen	41	42	51	54	107
9	10	14	14	31	Josephine	24	19	25	38	56
8	7	6	10	24	Muriel	11	16	14	28	42
12	17	15	16	12	Primrose	23	28	36	31	22
13	16	20	31	47	Princess	39	66	62	80	83
11	7	9	9	34	Princess Ann	46	45	41	36	61
12	11	20	22	14	Princess Freda	15	15	39	49	24
9	8	11	13	31	Princess Joan	16	17	23	31	63
8	13	13	14	37	Princess Mary	29	44	43	46	55
6	6	5	7	24	Star	14	18	19	26	45
8	9	9	7	15	Star Antoinette	13	14	13	11	22
					Total	362	424	472	577	736
Percentage of sows with purebred litters							62%	60%	57%	58%

Members keeping this boar line					Boar Line	Registered Boars				
2025	2024	2023	2022	2004		2025	2024	2023	2022	2004
14	17	18	19	46	Gerald	22	27	27	28	51
21	20	25	29	31	Patrick	28	24	29	34	35
21	17	15	17	39	Rufus	33	24	17	23	40
19	23	25	29	43	Sam	23	29	30	38	47
					Total	106	104	103	123	173
Members keeping registered pigs						90	82	102	115	231

HB Reg No	Name	DOB	Ear No	IB coeff. 1	IB coeff. 2
BSM/484	Kilcot Rufus 4	07/01/2002	BSM/484	0.038	0.0351
EXE/30	Greenan Sambo	01/12/2000	EXE/30	0.0442	0.0408
R001153GS	Alsa Gerald 451	01/01/2005	KCE/451	0.0132	0.0122
R001685GS	Greenan Rufus 4	20/05/2004	EXE/160	0.0346	0.0319
R003320GS	Windmill Patrick 6	25/01/2007	HCR/1348	0.019	0.0177
R004202GS	Deerpark Patrick 2	31/10/2007	ROA/2	0.0183	0.0169
R009570GS	Donagheragh Sambo 13	15/02/2014	KBB/13	0.0312	0.0288
R009840GS	Pebblesford Gerald 722	05/07/2014	LHC/722	0.0086	0.0079
R010731GS	Winterwood Patrick 16	16/01/2017	SJA/1491	0.0107	0.0098
SSG/80	Whinneyhill Sambo 3	06/02/2003	SSG/80	0.0286	0.0264
R012758GS	Felton Gerald 6458	31/03/2022	EOP/6458	0.0074	0.0107
R012887GS	Donagheragh Patrick 110	16/05/2023	KBB/110	0.0083	0.0097
R012888GS	Donagheragh Rufus 153	22/05/2023	KBB/153	0.0097	0.0111
Average inbreeding of Gloucestershire Old Spots boars in the genebank				0.0209	
R013039GS	Balsham Sam 13	11/10/23	KMM/1548		0.008
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All the boars in Bold on the Genebank are from the Earl of Plymouth Herd.

	Anglia	Central	N. Ireland	North	South	South West	Wales	Grand Total
Female	57	151	10	51	32	39	14	354
Bluebell	1	10	4	1		4	1	21
Countess		4		3	1	1		9
Dahlia	8	4			2	6	3	23
Dolly	5	14	1	12	1	2	1	36
Ellen	8	26			3	2	2	41
Josephine	12	7	1			4		24
Muriel		3		4		3	1	11
Primrose	2	7	3		9			21
Princess	11	14			10	2		37
Princess Ann		18		25			1	44
Princess Freda	2	8		4	1			15
Princess Joan	6	4	1	1		1	3	16
Princess Mary	2	20				7		29
Star		10				2	2	14
Star Antoinette		2		1	5	5		13
Male	15	31	8	18	8	8	3	91
Gerald	2	10	2	5	1			20
Patrick	3	7	3	6	1	5	2	27
Rufus	7	7	2	4	2	1	1	24
Sam	3	7	1	3	4	2		20
Grand Total	72	182	18	69	40	47	17	445

Mean Inbreeding for the UK Gloucestershire Old Spots Population:

2019: 0.0470, 2020: 0.0515, 2021: 0.04629, 2022: 0.05241, 2023: 0.04940, 2024: 0.05528, 2025: 0.2213

Analysis of Results

The breed is holding its own quite well with boar numbers very even. The usual female lines are still weak, so it is important to promote them especially in East Anglia where there are no Countess, Muriel, Star, or Star Antoinette's. Numbers of GOS are low in Wales and virtually non-existent in Scotland. The Gloucestershire Old Spots Pig Breeders Club still has a fuel distribution fund that is available to club members to help move stock around the country to increase diversity within herds and areas.

Targets

1. Promote the Countess, Muriel, Star, Star Antoinette and Princess Freda lines.
2. Encourage Anglia breeders to take on some of the above lines.
3. Increase breeders in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland by encouraging use of GOSPBC fuel distribution fund.
4. Continue promotion of the breed especially in Wales and try and get more pigs into Scotland.