

Large Black Survey Results 2026

Members keeping this sow line					Sow Line	Total Sows				
2025	2024	2023	2022	2004		2025	2024	2023	2022	2004
12	12	7	6	20	Bess	16	17	9	7	33
11	8	11	11	1	Black Lady	13	8	17	15	2
7	6	6	7	10	Blackie	14	12	14	9	16
10	10	9	10	4	Constance	25	21	14	16	6
12	13	12	7	15	Diana	28	24	24	12	22
6	6	7	7	8	Doreen	17	16	18	17	11
5	3	4	3	1	Dorothy	9	6	10	8	4
3	5	5	8	6	Fashion	7	10	8	14	14
4	6	8	10	5	Flame	7	10	12	15	5
8	10	13	15	5	Gold Vase	14	17	20	22	6
13	15	17	13	3	Golden Harvest	24	27	25	18	3
8	9	9	7	5	Grandeur	18	17	17	13	6
4	6	5	6	8	Jewel	9	12	7	10	19
6	6	7	7	10	Julia	7	6	7	12	11
5	3	4	6	10	Larkspur	8	4	5	9	10
4	6	7	8	9	Maid	7	10	11	15	9
11	13	15	14	10	Matilda	12	16	18	19	14
6	7	8	10	13	Nocturne	9	7	8	11	23
4	4	4	5	5	Princess	4	8	8	7	3
8	7	6	6	11	Queen	10	9	8	11	14
3	2	3	8	8	Skylark	4	3	6	14	7
11	11	11	12	9	Sunshine	16	20	18	23	10
6	8	7	8	11	Warbler	6	8	8	10	11
					Total	284	288	292	307	259

Members keeping this boar line					Boar Line	Registered Boars				
2025	2024	2023	2022	2004		2025	2024	2023	2022	2004
8	7	6	9	5	Attempt	9	7	6	9	5
9	12	11	12	13	Defender	10	12	12	13	14
10	11	11	12	22	Majestic	10	12	11	14	22
7	9	6	7	11	Majestic Eagle	8	9	6	7	8
9	8	8	9	11	Malcolm	9	8	8	9	10
17	16	15	13	10	Super	18	19	16	13	10
					Total	64	67	59	65	69
Members keeping registered pigs						96	96	108	123	128

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HB Reg No	Name	Ear No	DOB	IB coeff. 1	IB coeff. 2
CBJ/190	Westerly Majestic 190	CBJ/190	10/03/2002	0.0374	0.0332
R000455LB	Bilgrm Defender 14	BBL/14	07/07/2005	0.0372	0.0342
R000907LB	Sock Attempt 15	SOK/3106	05/03/2007	0.0333	0.0299
R001442LB	Crane Majestic Eagle 3	CRW/439	05/08/2009	0.0365	0.0335
R001661LB	Sock Super26th	SOK/3482	02/01/2011	0.0242	0.0224
R002180LB	Donagheragh Malcolm 61	KBB/61	04/12/2012	0.0388	0.0358
R002312LB	Donagheragh Super 93	KBB/93	28/10/2013	0.0198	0.0178
R003103LB	Framfield Majestic 203	NMA/203	01/09/2017	0.0064	0.008
R003362LB	Luckygeorge Majestic 2	LGP/33	02/01/2019	0.0134	0.0145
Average				0.0275	
R003784LB	Framfield Majestic Eagle 313	NMA/313	18/01/2021		0.0096
				Average	0.0239

	Anglia	Central	N. Ireland	North	Scotland	South	South West	Wales	Grand Total
Female	34	21	3	60	8	33	54	71	284
Bess	1	1	0	1	0	3	4	6	16
Black Lady	5	0	0	2	0	2	1	3	13
Blackie	0	4	0	2	0	0	1	7	14
Constance	0	4	0	0	3	0	5	13	25
Diana	1	2	0	11	1	12	0	1	28
Doreen	0	0	1	0	0	0	16	0	17
Dorothy	0	4	2	0	0	0	3	0	9
Fashion	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	7
Flame	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	7
Gold Vase	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	4	14
Golden Harvest	6	0	0	8	0	2	0	8	24
Grandeur	7	1	0	5	0	0	2	3	18
Jewel	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	5	9
Julia	0	0	0	2	0	1	4	0	7
Larkspur	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	8
Maid	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	7
Matilda	3	3	0	2	1	0	2	1	12
Nocturne	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	3	9
Princess	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Queen	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	1	10
Skylark	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
Sunshine	0	1	0	10	0	0	1	4	16
Warbler	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	6
Male	11	7	2	11	4	7	13	9	64
Attempt	4	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	9
Defender	1	0	1	1	1	2	4	0	10
Majestic	3	2	0	2	1	0	2	0	10
Majestic Eagle	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	8
Malcolm	0	2	0	1	0	2	3	1	9
Super	1	2	0	5	2	3	2	3	18
Grand Total	45	28	5	71	12	40	67	80	348

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Mean Inbreeding for the UK Large Black Population:

2019: 0.0420, 2020: 0.0398, 2021: 0.0330, 2022: 0.03476, 2023:0.02897, 2024: 0.02781, 2025: 0.1140

Analysis of Results

This year we have taken a more in depth look at the 'breeding' population and have noticed that the results include many older animals without birth notes (almost 25%).

We were able to increase the numbers of all the target lines except Princess and Warbler.

Re-evaluating the lines and removing any animal that is over 5 years old and not had any birth notified litter in the last 12 months has shown some worrying trends. Now we are aware of this situation we will be able to target our efforts more efficiently.

Targets

1. To encourage lines that have less than 5 keepers. Need to raise awareness of the lines with less than 9 individuals – Dorothy, Fashion, Flame, Jewel, Julia, Maid, Nocturne, Princess, Skylark and Warbler lines. On the male lines, the Majestic and Majestic Eagle are both lower in numbers when you remove those with no birth notes.
2. More emphasis will be put on geographical location of lines and we will encourage the breeding of more lines in less represented areas.
3. Encourage keepers to keep good breeding boars and aid their distribution.