



# Notifying crossbred litters for Pedigree Pork





## British Pig Association



### Birth Notifications

**Your breeds : GS HP XB** *XB is for Crossbreds*

           *Tick one breed box*

[Click here to view instructions for completing this form](#)

When you go to your birth notes you will see a new option in Your Breeds. Crossbred litters can now be birth notified provided that both parents are registered in the herdbook. The code for these is XB. Please note that crossbred progeny from pedigree parents can only be recorded as birth notified pigs. They cannot be registered in the main section of the herdbook for breeding.

The first part of the Birth Notification form looks much the same. Breed is shown as XB and the same information remains compulsory.

There are two big changes to the form.

The first is that you can select pedigree pigs of any breed as the parents. In this case a Large White boar on a Gloucester sow.

### Birth Notifications

You must complete the fields marked \*  
everything else is voluntary including birth weights and teat numbers on the next page

**Breed :** XB

**\*Date of Birth :** 1 OCT 2017

**\*NS / AI :** NS

**Service Date :** 0

**\*Sire :** Withersfield Champion Turk 9 (42734 - R010114LW) [Search for Sire](#)  
*This list contains alive registered males, for a full list click on 'Search for Sire'*

**\*Dam :** Balsham Ellen 126 (KMM/1315 - R009394GS) [Search for Dam](#)

**Weighing Date :** 0 No weighed :  Weight :

**Weaning Date :** 0

**\*Number Born Alive :** 12

**Number Born Dead :** 2

**\*Number Alive at 3 wks :** 10

**\*Number of notified :** Males : 5 Females : 5

*Ear numbers will not be entered here for this litter.  
If you transfer, register or require meat certificates  
for any pigs in this litter ,  
then Ear Numbers will be added at that time*



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The second is that you are not required to enter any ear numbers at this stage.

**Birth Notifications - Pork Litters with no individual ID**

<b>Breed :</b>	XB
<b>Date of Birth :</b>	1/10/2017
<b>NS / AI :</b>	N
<b>Service Date :</b>	
<b>Sire :</b>	R010114LW - Withersfield Champion Turk 9 (KAE/2050)
<b>Dam :</b>	R009394GS - Balsham Ellen 126 (KMM/1315)
<b>Weighing Date :</b>	No weighed :    Weight :
<b>Weaning Date :</b>	
<b>Number Born Alive :</b>	12
<b>Number Born Dead :</b>	2
<b>Number Weaned :</b>	10
<b>Males :</b>	5
<b>Females :</b>	5

To change any of the details above, click on the 'Change Details' button below to return to the previous screen

  

When you submit this litter to the BPA it will be processed in the usual way. The same rules apply as for purebred litters. The sows must be owned by the breeder. Any boar alive or dead can be used. Litters must be notified with 10 weeks of birth. The Dam's breeding history will be checked to make sure it is not a Close Litter and the details of the litter will be recorded on the breeding record of both the sire and dam.

Even though you do not have to enter ear numbers at this stage you may still want to tag the pigs. Behind the scenes an individual record is created for each of the birth notified pigs to which ear tag numbers can be added later. This could be when you send the pigs to the abattoir, issue meat certificates or if you sell them as weaners for fattening. The new owner of the crossbred weaners will be able to see these pigs in their herd and will be able to issue the meat certificates.

The Crossing Boar and Sows that used to appear in the different breeds are no longer available except in the XB section. Any litter where the parents are not pedigree must be notified in the XB section. As before these litters will not have any ear numbers and you will not be able to add ear numbers later. These pigs cannot have meat certificates and cannot be transferred to other members. They can still be used to maintain breeding records for showing or auditing the new Pedigree Pork scheme.