



BPA Bloodline Survey 2015 – Tamworth



Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN progeny		Registered Sows without BN progeny		Total Sows	
2015	2014		2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
21	23	Golden Rose	20	18	12	17	32	35
36	38	Jacqueline	55	54	47	55	102	109
25	32	Lucky Lass	27	31	26	35	53	66
12	8	Maple	11	9	10	10	21	19
40	37	Melody	46	45	36	39	82	84
24	23	Princess	39	32	31	34	70	66
7	13	Rita	7	14	6	23	13	37
6	5	Roseleaf	4	6	6	4	10	10
11	14	Ruby	11	18	11	10	22	28
			220	227	185	227	405	454
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars					
2015	2014		2015	2014				
10	10	Dream Boy	11	14				
14	14	Glen	15	15				
10	8	Golden Ball	13	8				
7	10	Golden Ranger	8	10				
11	11	Jasper	13	12				
3	3	Ranger	3	3				
15	11	Royal Standard	17	12				
18	17	Yorkshireman	19	21				
			99	95				
							2015	2014
The total number of members keeping registered Tamworth pigs							115	119

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. It was easier this year as Ryan shared the work.

Most of the sow lines are holding their own number wise, except the Roseleaf (4), Rita (7), and Ruby (11) which have in the past been significantly popular lines. A plan has been put in place to ensure sow lines with low numbers are assisted to increase numerically. This has been noted with the Maple line over the last 3 years or so. We must continue to ensure every sow and gilt has litters birth notified. Jacqueline and Melody continue to be the most popular lines and seen out in the show circuit.

All the boar lines are in double figures except Golden Ranger (8) and Ranger (3). A plan is in place to selectively breed new unrelated boars please do get in touch with the breed reps if you are interested in helping out with this line. Overall members keeping Tamworth's hasn't dropped as low as some other breeds and this must be maintained. Total sow numbers have decreased by 11% this has mainly been from the number of sows without birth notified litters and doesn't give as much cause for concern. Hopefully breeders have just been that ever bit more selective as to which gilts are registered.

With both underrepresented sow and boar lines it is increasingly important to be ever more selective of progeny going forward to the next generation and anyone who has these lines is encouraged to breed with care and caution and use the Kinship Software held by the breed reps.

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