

BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Berkshire

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN Progeny		Registered Sows without BN Progeny		Total Sows	
			2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
29	35	Excelsa	29	37	30	28	59	65
35	36	Farewell	47	47	21	28	68	75
31	36	Lady	34	43	23	28	57	71
23	28	Louise	37	37	26	29	63	66
19	19	Mermaid	23	30	11	17	34	47
26	35	Royal Lustre	67	66	28	56	95	122
32	33	Royal Sapphire	39	50	43	35	82	85
41	39	Stonebow	43	51	27	37	70	88
18	18	Suzanne	32	29	7	8	39	37
			351	390	216	266	567	656
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars					
			2008	2007				
23	28	Ambassador	28	35				
14	15	Freight Train	17	16				
8	11	Lassetter	8	14				
18	17	Nama Abel	21	19				
15	9	Namatjira	14	9				
16	16	Orlando	17	17				
43	37	Peter Lad	50	44				
			155	154			2008	2007
Members keeping registered Berkshire pigs							176	182

The latest survey, completed in the early months of 2009, shows a sizeable reduction the number of registered sows, down from 656 to 567. A matter for further concern is that nearly 40% of these sows had not in the past year produced any pedigree or eligible offspring. They had either been used for crossbreeding, or produced litters from Berkshire boars that were then not birth notified, and any progeny was lost to the breed. In terms of individual bloodlines the lowest number is in the *Mermaid* line, one of the oldest female lines in the Berkshire breed.

Boar numbers, on the other hand, have held up well and are, at 155, just one up on the previous year. The biggest decline in any boar line is in the newest Berkshire line, *Lassetter* which has only 8 registered boars. However with the current financial climate and in light of problems faced by breeders generally, it is encouraging to see only a very small decline on the previous year in the number of pedigree breeders keeping Berkshires. Their help over completing this survey is very much appreciated.

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BPA BRITISH SADDLEBACK BLOODLINE SURVEY

Numbers of both breeders, and British Saddleback pigs, are down in the latest survey, with a drop of 132 sows. It is however encouraging to see that the proportion of these that have produced birth notified litters has not dropped. Boar numbers show a much smaller decline with only 13 less than the last survey.

In the female lines **Mary, Lucy & Duchess** have only 2 sows. **Bountiful & Colleen** with 4 and **Bell & Molly** (5) & **Gamma** (down to 6 from 11) also give rise for concern. The **Choice** line, with only 2 last year, now appears to have been lost.

In the boars the **Generals** are down to 2 boars and **Walter** and **Simon** only have 3 each. Semen for the RBST semen bank is yet to be collected from any of these. However I am pleased to report that the **Dominator** numbers have improved from 2 last year to 5. Lets hope that any further decline in numbers of all the above can be halted and that next year's survey will show the breed on the up again.

Thanks to all those who completed their survey forms. The survey is an essential part of maintaining the herdbook and monitoring the status of our breed and we need all Saddleback breeders to take part in this important conservation exercise.

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BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - British Saddleback

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN progeny		Registered Sows without BN progeny		Total Sows	
2008	2007		2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
11	9	Alvis	11	9	7	3	18	12
43	44	Babble	58	64	32	39	90	103
4	2	Bell	4	2	1	3	5	5
15	17	Belle	14	26	9	5	23	31
11	17	Biddy	12	10	8	16	20	26
3	2	Bountiful	3	2	1	0	4	2
0	2	Choice	0	1	0	1	0	2
4	5	Colleen	4	5	0	1	4	6
42	45	Dinah	58	61	27	40	85	101
2	2	Duchess	2	2	0	1	2	3
5	6	Fidra	8	8	4	6	12	14
3	4	Gamma	4	2	2	9	6	11
24	31	Grand Duchess	30	45	25	20	55	65
8	6	Hilda	5	3	2	3	7	6
15	21	Ivy	15	27	8	12	23	39
5	8	Joyful	6	11	8	3	14	14
9	7	Lady	10	11	7	13	17	24
5	7	Lassie	4	8	6	6	10	14
49	50	Lottie	70	83	30	32	100	115
2	4	Lucy	1	3	1	2	2	5
2	1	Mary	1	2	1	5	2	7
5	6	Molly	3	8	2	1	5	9
16	22	Octavia	22	32	11	16	33	48
4	3	Red Rose	3	1	6	7	9	8
6	3	Rose	5	4	2	0	7	4
37	41	Rosette	59	73	33	33	92	106
6	9	Shamrock	5	7	4	8	9	15
32	37	Silver Wings	45	42	23	20	68	62
4	3	Spot	7	6	3	1	10	7
			469	558	263	306	732	864
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars					
2008	2007		2008	2007				
7	13	Carl	8	13				
5	8	Consort	5	9				
32	27	Dictator	41	31				
1	1	Dominator	5	2				
3	4	Earl Simon	3	4				
2	3	General	2	3				
25	24	Golden Arrow	27	26				
29	34	Grand Duke	32	39				
10	14	Guardsmen	10	15				
11	13	Prefect	12	13				
13	9	Rajah	17	11				
14	17	Stockbroker	17	20				
7	6	Viscount	8	10				
3	5	Walter	3	7				
			190	203			2008	2007
Members keeping registered British Saddleback pigs							213	250

BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Duroc

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN progeny		Registered Sows without BN		Total Sows	
2008	2007		2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
1	1	Dejbjerg	1	3	0	0	1	3
5	3	Havnbjerg	19	18	1	0	20	18
4	5	Hjornegard	6	14	4	2	10	16
7	6	Hover	20	33	1	2	21	35
2	1	Lena	2	1	0	0	2	1
5	4	Nancy	6	5	7	1	13	6
3	3	Torntofte	3	4	3	1	6	5
			57	78	16	6	73	84
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars					
2008	2007		2008	2007				
1	1	Anden	1	1				
1	1	Bold Stroke	3	2				
0	1	Buster of Deerpark Nor.	0	1				
0	1	Clyde	0	1				
0	2	Goff	0	4				
0	1	Harald	0	1				
3	2	Jerry	4	2				
2	2	Next Level	2	2				
1	3	Rossi	2	7				
3	4	Sveske	4	6				
1	1	Syd	1	2				
0	1	Syd of Seaborough Ir D034	0	1				
0	1	Syd of Seaborough Ir D036	0	1				
2	2	Thunder	4	3				
			21	34			2008	2007
The total number of members keeping registered Duroc pigs							11	10

BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Hampshire (sows)

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN		Registered Sows without BN		Total Sows	
2008	2007		2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
3	3	Anna	7	11	4	5	11	16
1	0	Black Lady of Whitehill	1	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	Hanne of Whitehill	1	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	Helen	1	0	0	0	1	0
1	1	Helen of Whitehill	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	Hope of Whitehill	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	Jane of Whitehill	1	1	0	0	1	1
4	3	Judy	4	6	3	1	7	7
1	1	Juli of Whitehill	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	0	Norma	2	0	0	0	2	0
1	0	Norma of Whitehill	1	0	0	0	1	0
7	6	Precious	6	9	5	4	11	13
1	0	Tessa	0	0	1	0	1	0
1	1	Tessa of Whitehill	1	1	0	0	1	1
			28	31	13	10	41	41

BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Hampshire (boars)								
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars					
2008	2007		2008	2007				
1	1	Daniel of Whitehill	1	1				
1	1	Ewart of Whitehill	1	1				
2	0	Golden Eagle	2	0				
2	1	Peterbilt	3	1				
0	1	Random of Whitehill	0	1				
1	1	Royal of Whitehill	1	1				
2	2	Southern Style	3	5				
			11	10			2008	2007
Members keeping registered Hampshire pigs							11	8

BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Gloucestershire Old Spots

Our thanks to all that helped us with this years survey by completing their returns on line or by post. As expected, due to the large increase in food and other costs in 2008, the numbers were down by just over 20% in both sow numbers and registered breeders.

As usual Countess, Primrose, Dahlia and Princess Freda are the lowest in numbers and they will need to be closely monitored also Bluebell and Princess Joan whose numbers fell by just under 40% and 50% respectively in the last year. All this emphasizes the importance of a Survey, so we can make sure we do not lose any of the family lines in our breed.

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN		Registered Sows without BN		Total Sows	
2008	2007		2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
27	43	Bluebell	46	68	23	39	69	107
13	20	Countess	18	29	5	5	23	34
14	18	Dahlia	14	15	3	8	17	23
37	47	Dolly	55	72	23	31	78	103
44	71	Ellen	70	108	45	38	115	146
34	51	Josephine	82	93	42	39	124	132
28	33	Muriel	30	36	14	15	44	51
5	7	Primrose	5	5	0	3	5	8
85	87	Princess	141	155	65	69	206	224
31	52	Princess Ann	45	70	17	20	62	90
12	15	Princess Freda	16	19	1	2	17	21
32	57	Princess Joan	34	68	17	35	51	103
51	56	Princess Mary	75	89	54	47	129	136
23	30	Star	32	37	13	17	45	54
26	32	Star Antoinette	43	58	15	38	58	96
			706	922	337	406	1043	1328
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars					
62	80	Gerald	73	106				
48	56	Patrick	49	60				
49	61	Rufus	57	67				
50	76	Sambo	55	90			2008	2007
Members keeping registered Gloucestershire Old Spots pigs							313	400

Next year it has been decided to conduct the survey in January, avoiding the Christmas and New Year period when everybody is busy. So please make it your New Years resolution to complete the survey enabling us to get the most accurate numbers of GOS breeding pigs in the UK

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BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Landrace

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN		Registered Sows without BN		Total Sows	
2008	2007		2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
1	2	Aina	1	3	0	0	1	3
1	3	Ally	1	3	0	2	1	5
3	4	Annabell	14	24	0	0	14	24
1	1	Anne	1	1	0	0	1	1
2	6	Asa	3	4	0	3	3	7
1	0	Asella	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	1	Atla	0	2	0	0	0	2
1	1	Atoma	1	3	0	0	1	3
1	0	Belinda	0	0	1	0	1	0
1	1	Bessie	2	6	0	0	2	6
5	7	Bodil	19	29	0	2	19	31
1	1	Cenette	44	32	1	0	45	32
1	1	Christina	21	11	1	0	22	11
5	5	Cordelia	5	7	2	1	7	8
1	1	Countess	21	25	0	0	21	25
0	1	Crystal	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	1	Cynthia	0	3	0	0	0	3
0	1	Dina	0	1	0	0	0	1
5	7	Dora	9	10	1	7	10	17
1	2	Doranda	1	2	0	0	1	2
2	2	Dorina	5	6	0	0	5	6
1	2	Eileen	5	5	0	0	5	5
4	2	Elegance	5	3	3	2	8	5
2	2	Enorma	14	17	0	0	14	17
5	5	Frua	95	142	0	1	95	143
2	2	Grafelia	33	29	2	1	35	30
3	3	Guri	5	14	0	0	5	14
1	1	Hera	4	4	0	0	4	4
1	2	Hoylo	2	3	0	0	2	3
1	1	Hveberg	4	5	0	0	4	5
3	6	Inga	7	7	0	2	7	9
4	4	Johs	7	12	0	0	7	12
1	1	Killegarden	28	18	1	0	29	18
1	1	Kjenseth	4	8	0	0	4	8
0	1	Kvam	0	2	0	0	0	2
2	2	Lyssi	2	2	0	2	2	4
4	6	Marilyn	6	15	2	9	8	24
2	2	Miss	6	6	1	0	7	6
2	3	Naera	18	15	1	0	19	15
1	1	Narikka	8	5	0	0	8	5
3	3	Ninni	24	23	3	0	27	23
2	3	Peta	4	9	2	5	6	14
2	3	Princess	12	15	0	3	12	18
1	1	Remman	1	3	0	0	1	3
1	1	Sabrina	2	4	0	0	2	4
0	1	Sally	0	1	0	0	0	1

BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Landrace

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN		Registered Sows without BN		Total Sows	
2008	2007		2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
1	1	Sheila	3	3	0	0	3	3
1	1	Skraastad	9	6	0	0	9	6
2	3	Skyliner	9	8	0	0	9	8
2	2	Sophia	24	19	0	0	24	19
6	6	Vega	10	17	2	0	12	17
			500	593	23	40	523	633

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars	
2008	2007		2008	2007
1	0	Bishop	1	0
0	2	Calesh	0	2
1	1	Candidus	1	1
1	2	Dromus	2	3
1	0	Duke	2	0
1	2	Elias	1	2
4	5	Enorm	5	7
2	2	Esmer	2	2
1	1	Grande	2	2
2	4	Hamster	2	5
1	1	Hawk	1	1
0	1	Jasu	0	1
2	4	Kefalos	2	6
1	1	Kill	1	1
2	3	Krosus	2	5
1	2	Lagom	2	3
1	1	Limbus	1	4
4	5	Nekton	6	8
1	1	Nero	1	1
0	2	Noff of Seaborough	0	2
6	4	Norton	9	7
4	3	Notis	9	7
1	4	Ovasjon	3	8
0	1	Ovasjon of Glenmarshal	0	1
1	2	Pasta	1	5
1	2	Patukka	1	3
1	1	Rally	1	1
2	2	Riber	2	3
1	0	Royal Eros	2	0
2	2	Uilu	7	5
			69	96
Members keeping registered Landrace pigs			2008	2007
			21	24

I have conducted the Landrace survey now for the past 5 years.

Every year, I report to you that there is a considerable decline in numbers, and yet breeders still persist in not returning surveys. Why is this? Am I doing something wrong? Or are you just not interested? I would really value your thoughts.

The figures published with this summary speak for themselves. A decline in sow numbers by 110 and boars are down by 27.

Although there is a considerable spread of female lines left, the majority appear to be critical in terms of numbers. Crystal, Cynthia, Dina, Kvam and Sally all appear to have been lost. There may be young females about, but without breeders telling me I can only assume that they are dead.

In the boar lines its even worse, with the old established Calesh family (originating at Costock and then to Pingle Eros) now also gone. Bishop, Candidus, Elias, Hawk, Kill, Limbus, Nero, Pasta, Patukka, and Rally only have 1 boar apiece.

They only good news to report is that Robin and Agnes Todd are back in business with there Cappagh herd and have purchased a number of pigs from the now dispersed Millrace herd, saving several lines in particular the Skyliner family. We wish them every success.

I will leave you with this one final thoughtThere are now as many registered Mangalitzta herds as there are Landrace.

BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Large White (sows)

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN progeny		Registered Sows without BN progeny		Total Sows	
2008	2007		2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
13	10	Beautiful	28	27	9	9	37	36
0	1	Belle	0	4	0	0	0	4
6	6	Berry Catalina	12	12	4	1	16	13
5	4	Beryl	15	24	3	1	18	25
7	8	Blackberry	92	94	8	4	100	98
2	5	Bonetta	9	18	0	0	9	18
3	3	Champion Lady	4	2	0	1	4	3
4	5	Champion Molly	31	42	3	0	34	42
0	2	Champion Queen	0	63	0	8	0	71
1	1	Courtney of Bellaghy	1	1	0	0	1	1
2	3	Dainty Girl	4	10	0	0	4	10
5	8	Dainty Lady	24	58	6	5	30	63
3	3	East Lass	33	22	5	1	38	23
9	14	Fanny	48	69	4	3	52	72
1	1	Golden Knot	1	1	2	0	3	1
2	3	Greenback	3	13	0	0	3	13
1	2	Greta	2	4	0	0	2	4
3	6	Houri	15	12	2	1	17	13
4	6	Jean	4	12	3	0	7	12
1	1	Judith of Bellaghy	1	1	0	0	1	1
3	3	Lady Mollington	3	9	2	1	5	10
3	1	Lassie	32	18	5	0	37	18
0	1	Lily	0	1	0	0	0	1
1	1	Lisa of Bellaghy	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	Maid Matilda	14	8	0	1	14	9
3	7	Maple	5	59	1	6	6	65
2	9	Maple Leaf	5	19	0	5	5	24
0	1	Miss	0	2	0	0	0	2
1	3	Molly	27	55	0	0	27	55
0	1	Myosotis	0	2	0	0	0	2
1	1	Polla	1	3	0	0	1	3
0	1	Polla of Glenmarshall	0	1	0	0	0	1
3	3	Primrose	18	17	1	0	19	17
5	6	Queen	18	24	3	1	21	25
6	13	Queen Mary	47	60	4	13	51	73
1	3	Rima	5	5	1	0	6	5
6	6	Royal Catalina	77	94	8	27	85	121
2	1	Royal Maple	1	1	1	0	2	1
1	1	Sadie	2	2	0	0	2	2
1	3	Syksy	8	11	0	1	8	12
1	1	Syksy Fi.381598	1	1	0	0	1	1
20			592	882	75	89	667	971

BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Large White (boars)

Where have all the Large White's gone! Females down 304 and boars showing a massive drop from 234 in 2007 to 114 in this last survey year.

The response to the 2008 survey has again been very mixed, both in terms of response and findings. It would appear that a number of herds have gone out of business or have reduced herd numbers considerably. One of the breeders to cease production is Austin Glasgow at Killycurragh, Along with a number of other leading breeders in Northern Ireland, his contribution to the Large White breed was very considerable.

Once more, the vast majority of pigs remain in three herds. Namely Bellaghy, Seaborough and Tates.

Boar lines show the biggest drop, with a reduction of 120 on the year. The older families continue to support the male section, with Field Marshall, King David and Champion Boy still fairly strong. Field Marshall originating several decades ago at the famous 'Wall' herd of the late W. John Ryman (a past president of the NPBA) and tracing back to the noted 'Lion' family. Snobb boars have shown a huge reduction from 17 in 2007 to just 2 in 2008.

On the female front, it is not much better. Champion Queen no longer exists and it should be noted that there were 71 in the last survey, adding concern as to just how vulnerable these bloodlines are. Belle, Lily, Myosotis and Miss also appear to have disappeared.

When you consider that the Large White pig was one of the three foundation breeds of the NPBA and the incredible contribution that it has made to the pig industry worldwide, it is disheartening to see such a significant drop in numbers. It puts the vulnerability of the breed into perspective when you consider that some traditional breeds numerically, now overshadow this famous animal.

Serious breeders should therefore think hard before they cull sows and boars and make sure that they have sons and daughters available as replacements.

Please look after your Large Whites.

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	Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars	
	2008	2007		2008	2007
7	8	Alpine	12	39	
1	2	Ami	1	2	
6	8	Champion Boy	8	10	
1	2	Champion Turk	4	3	
5	7	Danny	8	11	
6	10	Field Marshal	23	45	
2	2	Gul	3	2	
6	11	King David	12	20	
0	1	Kiva	0	1	
1	1	Lommo	1	2	
3	4	Mcflannel	4	11	
2	3	Napoleon	2	4	
1	0	Polis	1	0	
1	1	Potenza	1	1	
6	9	Prince	6	18	
0	1	Rike	0	1	
1	2	Rope	1	3	
3	5	Royal Turk	3	7	
1	1	Saturn	3	2	
2	4	Snobb	2	17	
1	1	Solid Gold	1	1	
1	2	Uisto	1	2	
1	0	Uron	1	0	
4	5	Valiant	5	9	
1	1	Victory of Bellaghy	1	1	
4	4	Viking	4	6	
1	1	Vision of Bellaghy	1	1	
3	7	Weiss	5	15	
			114	234	
			2008	2007	
Members keeping registered Large White pigs			29	43	

BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Large Black

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN progeny		Registered Sows without BN progeny		Total Sows	
2008	2007		2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
19	16	Bess	16	18	13	10	29	28
16	19	Black Lady	15	26	9	9	24	35
4	2	Blackie	6	2	0	0	6	2
3	4	Constance	2	5	1	3	3	8
7	15	Diana	6	11	3	11	9	22
4	5	Doreen	7	5	1	3	8	8
3	3	Dorothy	1	1	2	2	3	3
4	7	Fashion	4	7	2	5	6	12
3	4	Flame	2	4	1	4	3	8
3	4	Gold Vase	1	2	5	3	6	5
4	4	Golden Harvest	5	5	1	1	6	6
8	9	Grandeur	9	10	2	7	11	17
7	8	Jewel	8	13	6	9	14	22
3	3	Julia	1	1	3	3	4	4
2	4	Larkspur	1	3	10	2	11	5
17	17	Maid	17	14	15	20	32	34
12	14	Matilda	9	11	5	9	14	20
19	18	Nocturne	17	17	12	16	29	33
7	6	Princess	7	8	5	4	12	12
9	12	Queen	14	14	13	14	27	28
8	12	Skylark	8	10	2	6	10	16
4	9	Sunshine	6	9	1	6	7	15
13	12	Warbler	11	14	10	9	21	23
			173	210	122	156	295	366
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars					
2008	2007		2008	2007				
8	7	Attempt	7	7				
5	10	Defender	5	11				
24	22	Majestic	27	23				
8	12	Majestic Eagle	8	16				
10	15	Malcolm	10	16				
12	14	Super	12	15				
			69	88	2008	2007		
Members keeping registered Large Black pigs					125	144		

The number of keepers and pigs have reduced by around 20% from 2007 to 2008, which, in this economic climate we shouldn't be too surprised at.

We were very fortunate that due to the perseverance of Viki Mills there were eventually only a couple of people that were not contacted to complete the survey. This means that there were very few pigs estimated in our figures. With the low numbers we have this is very important as we can be confident of the accuracy of the data.

Causes for special concern are the Dorothy, Gold Vase, Jula and Flame lines, which have very low numbers and even lower sows with progeny birth notified.

Steps have been taken to make next years survey easier to complete and at a better time of year. A very big thank you to all those who completed their survey without prompting, and we would all be most grateful if you would take the time to complete next years when it arrives, which will save the surveyors a lot of their valuable time – and money – in chasing those who don't.

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BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Middle White

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN progeny		Registered Sows without BN progeny		Total Sows	
2008	2007		2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
10	14	Alma Rose	10	17	10	14	20	31
5	12	Carnation	12	25	35	21	47	46
14	14	Dorothy	14	15	10	15	24	30
42	42	Fair Lady	52	44	49	54	101	98
3	5	Ladys Maid	5	9	3	4	8	13
5	10	Modiste	6	9	8	9	14	18
10	16	Purity	8	9	4	8	12	17
13	19	Silk	14	23	17	16	31	39
26	31	Woodlands Lady	26	26	17	42	43	68
14	15	Yootha	21	19	14	19	35	38
			168	196	167	202	335	398
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars					
2008	2007		2008	2007				
14	22	Captain	14	24				
10	12	Mischief	19	18				
17	18	Rajah	22	21				
15	18	Revival	20	20				
6	8	Sovereign	6	10				
			81	93				
						2008	2007	
Members keeping registered Middle White pigs						100	118	

The 2009 survey has now been completed and has revealed some worrying trends. Sadly last year's increase in numbers was not sustained and the sow numbers have slipped by 63, though this may in part be due to more accurate recording by some breeders. As with last year there is the same number of registered sows with no birth notifications. The number of Woodlands Ladys has fallen the most, a drop of 25 to 43. Of the others Lady's Maid, Modiste and Purity are very vulnerable.

In the boar lines the Captain and Sovereign have lost ground, the other three lines being fairly stable, a drop of 12 overall.

The number of breeders has also fallen by eighteen and I am aware that two or three more are having to give up. Also between a third and half of all registered Middle Whites are in one herd which makes them even more vulnerable.

Finally I would like to thank everyone for either completing their survey or co-operating on the phone with me.

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BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Pietrain

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN progeny		Registered Sows without BN progeny		Total Sows	
2008	2007		2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
0	2	Blondie	0	2	0	4	0	6
0	1	Blondie of Inveresk	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	1	Bluebell Be 0429120N	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	1	Crickie 0421393S	0	1	0	0	0	1
1	1	Gerda	7	7	0	0	7	7
1	1	Gerda of Glenleary Be 045	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	Gerda of Glenleary Ge5031	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	Greta	6	2	0	0	6	2
1	1	Greta of Deerpark Be 0521	1	3	0	0	1	3
2	5	Herbais	4	7	2	2	6	9
1	1	Lexa	4	2	1	1	5	3
0	1	Lexa of Deerpark Au 23741	0	1	0	0	0	1
1	1	Poly	4	5	0	0	4	5
1	1	Poly of Glenleary Ge 8819	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	Reena	0	1	2	2	2	3
0	1	Reena of Deerpark Be 0429	0	1	0	0	0	1
1	0	Renate	5	0	0	0	5	0
1	0	Rosi	3	0	0	0	3	0
1	0	Sarah	3	0	0	0	3	0
1	1	Sarah of Deerpark 05219H8	1	3	0	0	1	3
3	5	St Pauline	4	3	0	6	4	9
0	3	Vakir	0	3	0	3	0	6
0	1	Vakir of Pasturefields	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	1	de Herbair	0	1	0	0	0	1
2	2	de Herbais	1	6	2	0	3	6
1	1	de Herbais 0421989E	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	de Herbais 04219H33	0	0	1	1	1	1
1	1	de Herbais Be 0421980E	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	de Herbais Be 04219H33	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	de Herbais Be 04219H35	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	0	de Herbais Be 05219X26	1	0	0	0	1	0
1	1	de Herbais Be 0621941M	1	1	0	0	1	1
0	1	de Herbais Be 0621949M	0	1	0	0	0	1
1	1	de Herbais H-21E 0421921E	1	1	0	0	1	1
0	1	de Herbais of Adfa	0	1	0	0	0	1
2	2	de St Benoit	2	3	0	0	2	3
1	1	de St Benoit of Todhall	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	0	de St Pierre	0	0	1	0	1	0
1	1	de St Pierre 0421389S	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	de St Pierre 04213S14	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	de St Pierre Be 0421365S	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	de St Pierre Be 0421389S	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	de St Pierre Be 04213S18	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	de St Pierre Be 04213S33	1	1	0	0	1	1
0	1	de St Pierre Be 04213S65	0	1	0	0	0	1

BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Pietrain

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN progeny		Registered Sows without BN progeny		Total Sows	
2008	2007		2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
0	1	de St Pierre Be 05213E31	0	0	0	1	0	1
0	1	de St Pierre Be 05213E32	0	0	0	1	0	1
1	1	de St Pierre Be 0621348P	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	de St Pierre Be 0621349P	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	de St Pierre Be 0621350P	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	de St Pierre Be 06213P37	1	0	0	1	1	1
1	1	de St Pierre Be 06213P41	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	de St Pierre of Craighill	1	1	0	0	1	1
			68	78	9	22	77	100

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars				
2008	2007		2008	2007			
1	1	Andrew	1	1			
1	1	Andrew of Deerpark Au 248	1	1			
1	1	Apple de St Benoir Be 042	1	1			
1	1	Atlas of Deerpark Au 2482	1	1			
0	1	Bert	0	1			
0	2	Bim	0	2			
1	1	David of Deerpark Be04291	1	1			
1	1	Du Baccus 0325454T	1	1			
3	4	Duke	3	6			
0	1	Duke of Inveresk	0	1			
1	1	Fernand	1	1			
0	1	Fernand de Herbais 04219H	0	1			
1	1	Filou	1	1			
0	1	Filou of Glenleary Be 045	0	1			
2	2	Filou of Glenleary Be 055	2	2			
0	1	Gaffeur	0	1			
0	1	George of Deerpark Be 052	0	1			
0	1	Gibus of Glenleary Be 045	0	1			
1	0	Mark	1	0			
1	1	Mark of Deerpark Au 23380	1	2			
1	1	Micangelo	1	1			
1	1	Micangelo of Glenleary Ge	1	1			
1	1	Murray of Deerpark Au 249	1	1			
0	1	Osker Be 0421395S	0	1			
1	1	St Benoir	1	1			
1	3	St Pierre	1	3			
1	1	Stag of Glenleary Ge 8818	1	1			
1	1	William	1	1			
1	1	William of Deerpark Au 24	1	1			
1	0	Winni	1	0			
0	1	de Herbais Be 06219M81	0	1			
1	1	de St Benoit of Craighill	1	1			
			25	40			
Members keeping registered Pietrain pigs						2008	2007
						21	29

BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Mangalitzza

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN Progeny		Registered Sows without BN progeny		Total Sows	
2008	2007		2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
3	4	Abbottess	3	3	0	5	3	8
6	1	Bonny	5	1	2	0	7	1
7	3	Delight	4	3	7	1	11	4
2	2	Duchess	1	1	1	1	2	2
1	1	Pride	1	1	0	3	1	4
12	5	Princess	14	5	7	1	21	6
2	2	Topsy	1	1	2	2	3	3
			29	15	19	13	48	28
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars					
2008	2007		2008	2007				
10	5	Curly	16	6				
2	2	Leader	2	2				
4	4	Wonder	5	5				
			23	13			2008	2007
Members keeping registered Mangalitzza pigs						21	10	

BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Oxford Sandy and Black

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN		Registered Sows without BN		Total Sows	
2008	2007		2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
17	23	Alison	22	25	7	22	29	47
22	24	Clare	25	20	8	29	33	49
7	7	Clarissa	6	5	8	6	14	11
21	25	Cynthia	22	24	9	12	31	36
9	7	Dandy	7	4	7	8	14	12
18	24	Duchess	24	27	3	21	27	48
17	23	Elsie	16	23	9	12	25	35
8	12	Gertrude	8	9	2	8	10	17
6	6	Gloria	6	6	9	5	15	11
17	14	Iris	13	7	9	14	22	21
20	23	Lady	23	29	11	9	34	38
20	17	Mary	24	16	7	10	31	26
14	18	Sybil	11	14	7	8	18	22
			207	209	96	164	303	373
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars					
2008	2007		2008	2007				
12	9	Alexander	13	12				
20	15	Alistair	20	16				
26	27	Clarence	28	30				
22	24	Jack	23	29				
26			84	87				
							2008	2007
Members keeping registered Oxford Sandy and Black pigs						109	131	

BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Tamworth								
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN progeny		Registered Sows without BN progeny		Total Sows	
2008	2007		2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
18	21	Golden Rose	20	16	9	23	29	39
19	27	Jacqueline	24	31	12	28	36	59
46	52	Lucky Lass	45	58	34	35	79	93
15	25	Maple	15	22	9	29	24	51
29	28	Melody	35	32	22	21	57	53
10	13	Princess	15	17	5	4	20	21
20	19	Rita	25	31	13	6	38	37
27	32	Roseleaf	30	35	26	23	56	58
28	29	Ruby	35	34	23	21	58	55
			244	276	153	190	397	466
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars					
2008	2007		2008	2007				
4	7	Dream Boy	4	7				
9	9	Glen	9	10				
11	6	Golden Ball	11	6				
9	7	Golden Ranger	9	8				
21	31	Jasper	26	31				
1	1	Millenium	1	1				
9	12	Ranger	9	12				
24	27	Royal Standard	24	29				
8	9	Yorkshireman	9	10				
			102	114			2008	2007
Members keeping registered Tamworth pigs						156	185	

The latest Tamworth survey is showing 49 sows less than the previous year, with a sharp decline in the *Maple* line which has halved in number. The *Princess's* line, while hardly altering in number, remains the female line with the fewest sows. Of the total of 413 females across all lines only 244 of these have produced birth notified litters. It would therefore be a great bonus for the Tamworth breed if more of the remaining pedigree sows (including both the *Princess & Maple* bloodlines) could be bred to produce pedigree birth notifiable litters in this coming year.

Despite a drop in the number of people keeping registered Tamworths, the Boar figures are holding up pretty well with only 9 less than before. However there has been a further reduction in the *Dream Boy* line with only 4 now remaining. This is

one of the lines that is not yet in the RBST Semen programme and a suitable boar for future AI collection is urgently being sought. I would ask any breeders who have, or are expecting litters from the *Dream Boy* line, to contact me.

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BPA Bloodline survey 2008 - Oxford Sandy and Black

This year's **Oxford Sandy & Black** survey was made easier due to the lessons that were learnt after last year's survey. Thank you to all of you who made the effort to complete your own surveys either on line or on paper – This freed up my time to chase the laggards!

One frustration that I experienced this year was difficulty contacting breeders whose information held by the BPA was out of date. – Regrettably there were some who despite my best efforts I didn't manage to contact.

The recent expansion of the herd seems to have slowed somewhat – perhaps that was to be expected given the current commercial climate that we are all operating in. One other frustration is those pigs which are sold to "new" breeders who do not then join the BPA. This has the same effect as killing the pigs off as without the registration of pedigree breeding activity they are of no value in preserving the breed. Please could you all do your utmost to persuade, cajole, & blackmail your pig customers to join the BPA - even going so far as to make it a condition of sale?

The survey process allow the herd book to be as accurate as possible which assists in the close tracking and monitoring of those bloodlines which are getting few in number and hopefully will allow intervention action to be taken early enough so that we don't lose anymore bloodlines.

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BPA Pig survey 2008 - Welsh								
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN progeny		Registered Sows without BN progeny		Total Sows	
2008	2007		2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
5	4	Aconite	9	7	8	6	17	13
2	0	Cornflower	0	0	2	0	2	0
10	12	Daffodil	22	17	11	10	33	27
1	0	Dainty Girl	1	0	2	0	3	0
9	8	Elenora	11	10	6	4	17	14
7	7	Emma	8	9	4	6	12	15
7	8	Empress	10	10	11	1	21	11
6	8	Flora	6	7	2	4	8	11
0	2	Goldilocks	0	1	0	2	0	3
0	2	Impish	0	2	0	0	0	2
2	2	Jean	4	3	1	3	5	6
4	2	Julia	4	5	5	1	9	6
4	7	Lioness	7	15	2	5	9	20
19	29	Lucky Girl	41	46	25	48	66	94
3	2	Marigold	1	2	1	1	2	3
9	6	Model	17	16	16	6	33	22
7	10	Nina	19	15	9	8	28	23
2	1	Rose	6	4	7	2	13	6
4	4	Sally	10	10	6	6	16	16
3	4	Tessa	16	13	1	3	17	16
4	3	Theresa	20	16	2	2	22	18
4	2	Waitress	5	2	5	2	10	4
4	5	Wakeful	6	6	1	2	7	8
3	2	Willing	9	3	1	2	10	5
4	5	Winchat	6	7	1	3	7	10
			238	226	129	127	367	353
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars		you to careful plan your breeding strategy to prevent these lines being lost for good.			
2008	2007		2008	2007				
1	1	Arthur	2	1	Lorna Rogers Tel: 07966 583896 lorni-lou@fsmail.net The Pedigree Welsh Pig Society Ltd. Following on from The Welsh Breeders Group we are now an officially recognised body - The Pedigree Welsh Pig Society Ltd. Registered with Companies House Oct. 21st 2008. As a Company we now have the opportunity to apply for any grants available from The National Assembly for Wales. The Grant on offer is to support and promote the development of the Pedigree Welsh Pig in the pig industry throughout Wales, the United Kingdom and The European Union. The project will develop a breed conservation initiative to protect The Welsh Pig, added value branding and market promotion including the evaluation of PDO status for the pig meat where ever it is produced in the U.K. The Society is governed by six Directors dealing with the financial decisions and a Livestock Committee to manage the well-being of the pig. Membership is welcome form breeders and other interested parties. For more details please contact Helen Tongue 01291 650378			
3	6	Earl	6	10				
7	7	Emperor	8	7				
3	4	Imperial	3	4				
7	3	Ivor	6	3				
11	14	James	13	18				
8	7	Leo	9	7				
2	3	Ted	1	3				
9	17	Victor	14	22				
7	2	Vulcan	8	2				
6	11	Workman	7	11				
			77	88				
			2008	2007				
Members keeping registered Welsh pigs			62	81				

Thank you to all the Welsh breeders who completed this years survey. This information is crucial in identifying the current status of the Welsh pig in comparison to previous years, highlighting any sow and boar lines in decline and the relevant work which is required to ensure lines are not lost for good.

The results of the survey show a slight increase in sow numbers in 2008 compared to 2007, with the Aconite, Empress, Lioness and Model lines thriving.

Unfortunately it appears that the Goldilocks and Impish lines have been lost as no members have registered sows from these lines. The Luck Girl line has suffered a serious decline, although it remains the most popular of all the sow lines. The Cornflower and Dainty Girl lines seem to have made a revival (identified as being lost in 2007), which highlights the importance of completing the survey to obtain accurate results of sows in production. Lines currently at risk are Cornflower, Dainty Girl, Jean, Marigold, Wakeful and Winchat.

Boar numbers have declined compared to the 2007 results, although no lines have been lost. James and Victor remain the most popular lines. Boar lines currently at risk are Arthur, Earl, Imperial and Ted. The Ted line is at severe risk, with only 1 Ted boar currently registered.

Once again many thanks to all breeders who completed the survey. If you own one of the lines currently at risk, I would urge