

BPA Bloodline Survey 2010 Large Black

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN progeny		Registered Sows without BN progeny		Total Sows	
2010	2008		2010	2008	2010	2008	2010	2008
16	19	Bess	15	16	15	13	30	29
14	16	Black Lady	15	15	13	9	28	24
4	4	Blackie	1	6	8	0	9	6
5	3	Constance	4	2	1	1	5	3
7	7	Diana	6	6	2	3	8	9
7	4	Doreen	8	7	6	1	14	8
2	3	Dorothy	1	1	1	2	2	3
6	4	Fashion	5	4	2	2	7	6
5	3	Flame	3	2	3	1	6	3
3	3	Gold Vase	1	1	3	5	4	6
6	4	Golden Harvest	6	5	2	1	8	6
9	8	Grandeur	10	9	1	2	11	11
8	7	Jewel	11	8	8	6	19	14
2	3	Julia	2	1	2	3	4	4
6	2	Larkspur	5	1	16	10	21	11
16	17	Maid	18	17	11	15	29	32
13	12	Matilda	6	9	9	5	15	14
18	19	Nocturne	14	17	15	12	29	29
12	7	Princess	10	7	12	5	22	12
9	9	Queen	13	14	13	13	26	27
8	8	Skylark	7	8	5	2	12	10
4	4	Sunshine	5	6	5	1	10	7
11	13	Warbler	8	11	13	10	21	21
			174	173	166	122	340	295
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars					
2010	2008		2010	2008				
7	8	Attempt	7	7				
4	5	Defender	4	5				
19	24	Majestic	20	27				
6	8	Majestic Eagle	6	8				
10	10	Malcolm	10	10				
18	12	Super	18	12				
			65	69				
							2010	2008
The total number of members keeping registered Large Black pigs							139	125

On a positive note, it is good to see that there has been a 10% increase in the numbers of keepers of Large Blacks from last year, and a 15% increase in total sows over this period too. What is concerning though is that there is no increase in sows with birth notified progeny. I hope this is because the extra females are young gilts that are due to give birth soon.

There is cause for concern over some of the lines. In the females, the Blackie, Dorothy and Gold Vase only have one sow each that has birth notified progeny, with the Julia having two. It is hoped that this year we can get some youngstock coming through to boost these numbers.

In the boars, the Defender line is also very low. Although there is semen in the tanks for this line this is no real substitute and we need to make a concerted effort to get progeny from this line to replace some of the older boars that are still out there.

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