



British Pig Association

Breed Standard and Standards of Excellence

MANGALITZA



Section A - To be eligible for Herd Book entry a pig must (except in exceptional circumstances) be:

- bred in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland
- have at least 12 sound teats
- ear-marked and birth recorded with the BPA in accordance with current regulations
- the offspring of parents already registered either in the Herd Book of the same breed (or in a supplementary register of the Herd Book maintained at BPA's discretion)
- Free from congenital defects (e.g. Umbilical and Scrotal Hernias , Atresia Ani (blind anus), cryptorchid boars, extra cleys, twisted, overshot or undershot jaw and rose on the back)
- conform to any other such regulations as are made by the BPA Council from time to time

In exceptional circumstances a pig which does not fulfil all the criteria above may be accepted for herdbook registration following an inspection.

Breed Specific Requirements for Herdbook Registration

None

Breed Specific Disqualifications which make the pig ineligible for Herdbook Registration

Skin : Generally spotted torso or head. Grey or yellow hooves

Teats : Pink

Section B – Standard of Excellence – These are recommendations only - breeders should try to achieve these standards in their breeding programmes. Pigs will be judged against these standards of excellence at BPA shows.

Head Medium and wide with the bridge of the cylindrical nose a little dented. The face and jaws are hairy and meaty. Eyes are brown with black eyebrows and eye-lashes.

Ears Generally has lop ears (in the Red variety the ears are upright rather than 'Lop'). They are medium to large, rounded and droopy – hanging forward.

Neck The neck is short.

Back A fine, very robust skeleton with a straight back

Hams A slight curve to the short / medium hams. Tail is usually white with black interior. If Red haired the tail is also red.

Skin Grey – black pigment. The mouth, hooves and teats are black. A feature is 'The Well-man spot' – a bright area of skin, usually around the ear, 3-5 cm in diameter merging with the pigmented hide.

Coat Dense and long, frilled in Winter whilst softer, shorter and straighter in the summer. The seasonal change is characteristic in healthy, well tended animals.

Underline A minimum of 12 well placed teats and sound on both sides

Dimensions A height of 70 – 90 cm. and length (root of the tail to back of the head behind the ears) 120 – 140 cm. The weight is perhaps 70 – 80 kg after one year, 80 – 100 kg after two years and up to 300 kg when fattened and fully grown.

Breed Specific Objections – Breeders should try to avoid these in their breeding programmes

Skin Pink on the belly (and under the hair on the torso).

Hair Dark brown tips and black or brown bristles

Ears Too long

Breeders should note that there three common colour strains within the breed, Red, White and Swallow but due to lack of genetic diversity in the UK herd at present these strains may be interbred with each other

Pigs must comply with Section A. Breeders should aspire to breed pigs which meet the Standards of Excellence in Section B. More information is available in the BPA leaflet – Pedigree Breeding the Next Steps.

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