



British Pig Association

Breed Standard and Standards of Excellence

MIDDLE WHITE



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

Ears Prick.

Colour White.

Breed Specific Disqualifications which make the pig ineligible for Herdbook Registration

None

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 Moderately short, face dished, snout broad, jaw straight, jowl light, eyes set well apart, wide between ears, which should be fairly large and inclined forward and outward and fringed with fine hair.

Neck Fairly light, medium length, proportionately and evenly set on shoulders.

Shoulders Fine, sloping and aligned with legs and sides. Free from coarseness.

Back Long and level to root of tail with well-sprung ribs.

Sides Deep and level.

Hams Broad and deep to hock. Tail set high, with no depression at root, moderately long but not coarse, with tassel of fine hair.

Legs Straight and fairly short, well set apart, bone fine and flat, pasterns short and springy, standing well up on toes and a good walker.

Skin Free from coarseness, wrinkles and spots.

Coat Of fine quality.

Underline Thick and straight underline, with at least twelve (preferably fourteen) sound, evenly spaced, well placed teats starting well forward.

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

None

Use of artificial whitening or the removal of spots by artificial means is prohibited

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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