



British Pig Association

Breed Standard and Standards of Excellence

OXFORD SANDY AND BLACK



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), 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 Lop or semi lop.

Colour Sandy coloured coat ranging from pale sandy to rust with black patches. The sandy colour must be even ie not multi-tone.

Breed Specific Disqualifications which make the pig ineligible for Herdbook Registration

Ears Prick ears.

Coat White patches (except for feet, blaze and tassel). NB an odd white hair (one or two) is acceptable.

Colour Black and white, all sandy (or two-tone sandy), or tri-coloured (sandy, black and white).

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.

Size A medium to large pig.

Head Medium length, snout moderately long and straight. Face slightly dished. Ears fairly long with forward pitch over the face (lop or semi-lop) but not obscuring the view forward. There should be good width between the ears and eyes.

Neck Moderately long and not thick, no over heaviness of the jawl.

Shoulders Fine, well set and neat, not raised.

Back Long and strong with a slight arch over the loins (when viewed from the side and behind).

Chest Wide and deep from top to bottom.

Loins Strong and broad.

Ribs Well sprung.

Sides Deep and well filled behind the elbows.

Quarters Long and wide, not sloping, with well filled hams.

Tail Good length, set on high, ideally with a tassel of fine white hair.

Belly Deep straight underline with at least 12 (14 preferred) sound and well placed teats in even matched pairs. For boars three pairs of teats should be in front of the sheath.

Legs Strong, straight with good bone. Pasterns short and strong. Standing well up on the toes.

Action Free, straight and a good walker.

Coat Of good length ranging from pale sandy to rust with random black patches, preferably with white blaze, feet and tassel.

Boars Should show "maleness" with well developed testicles, free from lumps and sponginess and carried high.

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

None.

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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