

Large Black Conservation Plan 2025

Members keeping this sow line					Sow Line	Total Sows				
2024	2023	2022	2021	2004		2024	2023	2022	2021	2004
12	7	6	6	20	Bess	17	9	7	6	33
8	11	11	12	1	Black Lady	8	17	15	17	2
6	6	7	12	10	Blackie	12	14	9	18	16
10	9	10	11	4	Constance	21	14	16	17	6
13	12	7	8	15	Diana	24	24	12	12	22
6	7	7	10	8	Doreen	16	18	17	22	11
3	4	3	4	1	Dorothy	6	10	8	8	4
5	5	8	9	6	Fashion	10	8	14	14	14
6	8	10	9	5	Flame	10	12	15	17	5
10	13	15	17	5	Gold Vase	17	20	22	27	6
15	17	13	13	3	Golden Harvest	27	25	18	18	3
9	9	7	7	5	Grandeur	17	17	13	12	6
6	5	6	11	8	Jewel	12	7	10	17	19
6	7	7	7	10	Julia	6	7	12	9	11
3	4	6	5	10	Larkspur	4	5	9	8	10
6	7	8	8	9	Maid	10	11	15	18	9
13	15	14	18	10	Matilda	16	18	19	28	14
7	8	10	15	13	Nocturne	7	8	11	25	23
4	4	5	6	5	Princess	8	8	7	10	3
7	6	6	6	11	Queen	9	8	11	6	14
2	3	8	8	8	Skylark	3	6	14	11	7
11	11	12	11	9	Sunshine	20	18	23	23	10
8	7	8	8	11	Warbler	8	8	10	11	11
					Total	288	292	307	354	259
Percentage of sows with purebred litters						52%	48%	51%	44%	50%

Members keeping this boar line					Boar Line	Registered Boars				
2024	2023	2022	2021	2004		2024	2023	2022	2021	2004
7	6	9	10	5	Attempt	7	6	9	11	5
12	11	12	12	13	Defender	12	12	13	12	14
11	11	12	22	22	Majestic	12	11	14	24	22
9	6	7	10	11	Majestic Eagle	9	6	7	10	8
8	8	9	11	11	Malcolm	8	8	9	12	10
16	15	13	11	10	Super	19	16	13	11	10
					Total	67	59	65	80	69
Members keeping registered pigs						96	108	123	130	128

Mean Inbreeding for the UK Large Black Population:

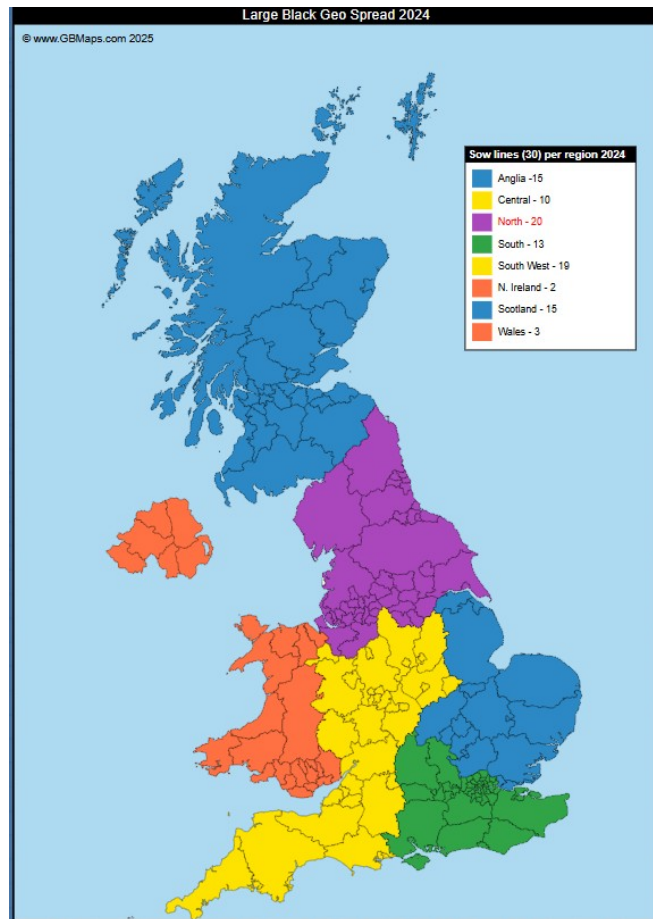
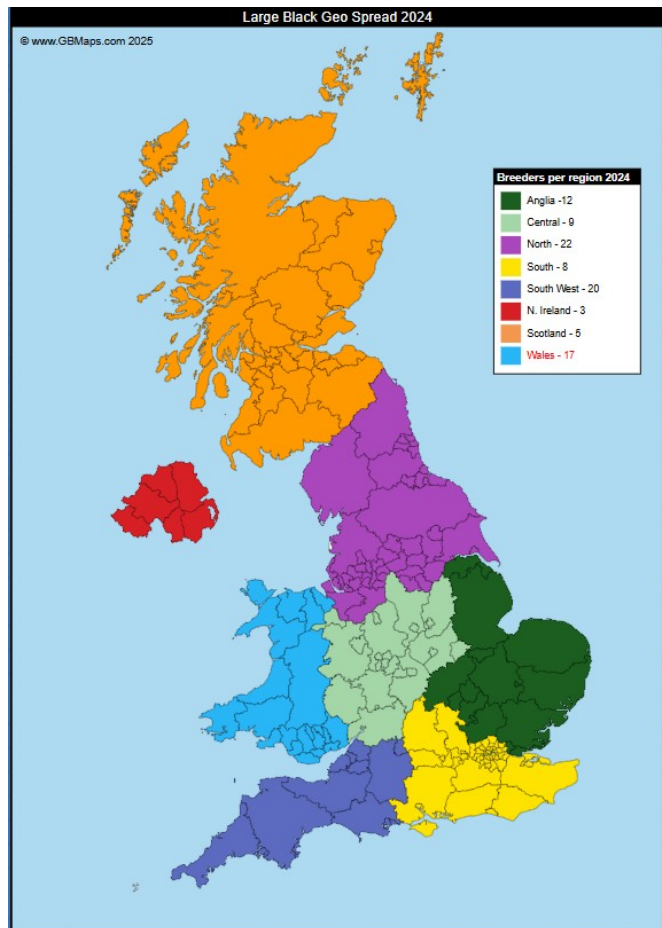
2019: 0.0420, 2020: 0.0398, 2021: 0.0330, 2022: 0.03476, 2023:0.02897, 2024: 0.02781

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	Bess Sows	Black Lady Sows	Blackie Sows	Constance Sows	Diana Sows	Doreen Sows	Dorothy Sows	Fashion Sows	Flame Sows	Gold Vase Sows	Golden Harvest Sows	Grandeur Sows	Jewel Sows	Julia Sows	Larkspur Sows	Maid Sows	Matilda Sows	Nocturne Sows	Princess Sows	Queen Sows	Skylark Sows	Sunshine Sows	Warbler Sows	Total	2024 Total regions with line	2023 Sow lines / region	2022 Sow lines / region
Anglia	2	2		1	1	2		2	2	2	4	4	3	1		1	1		2	1			1	32	17	13	13
Central	2				5						1	1					5	2		1		1	1	19	9	10	10
North	2	1	3	4	6			2	3	3	10	6	2	1	2		3	1	4	4	1	11	2	71	20	12	13
South	3				3				2		1	1		2	1	1		1						15	9	20	20
South West				3	4	9		2		7	5			1		6		1	1	1				40	11	2	1
N. Ireland							1					1	1											3	3	6	5
Scotland	1		2	2	3		1		2	1	1	1	1				2		1	1		4	3	26	15	11	11
Wales	7	5	7	11	2	5	4	5		4	5	3	5	1	1	2	6	1		1	2	4	1	0	21	16	17
2024 Region with line	6	3	3	5	7	3	3	4	4	5	7	7	5	5	3	4	5	5	4	6	2	4	5				
2023 Regions with this line	4	5	4	4	6	3	3	3	5	6	5	5	4	3	3	3	6	5	2	3	2	4	2				
2022 Regions with this line	4	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	5	7	5	5	4	4	3	3	5	4	2	4	4	4	3				

	Attempt	Defender	Majestic	Majestic Eagle	Malcolm	Super	Total	Lines in the region	2023 Boar lines / region	2022 Boar lines / region
Anglia	1	2	1	1		1	6	5	5	6
Central	2		2	1		2	7	4	3	3
North	1	3	2	4	3	7	20	6	6	4
Scotland		2		1	1	3	7	4	4	3
South	1	2	1				4	3	5	6
South West	1	1	2	1	3	5	13	6	2	3
N. Ireland	1	1		1			3	3	3	5
Wales		1	4		1	1	7	4	4	5
2024 Regions with line	6	7	6	6	4	6				
2023 Regions with this line	4	6	7	5	3	7				

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Large Black Genebank

HB Reg No	Name	Ear No	DOB	IB coeff. 1	IB coeff. 2
CBJ/190	Westerly Majestic 190	CBJ/190	10/03/2002	0.0374	0.0332
R000455LB	Bilgrm Defender 14	BBL/14	07/07/2005	0.0372	0.0342
R000907LB	Sock Attempt 15	SOK/3106	05/03/2007	0.0333	0.0299
R001442LB	Crane Majestic Eagle 3	CRW/439	05/08/2009	0.0365	0.0335
R001661LB	Sock Super26th	SOK/3482	02/01/2011	0.0242	0.0224
R002180LB	Donagheragh Malcolm 61	KBB/61	04/12/2012	0.0388	0.0358
R002312LB	Donagheragh Super 93	KBB/93	28/10/2013	0.0198	0.0178
R003103LB	Framfield Majestic 203	NMA/203	01/09/2017	0.0064	0.008
R003362LB	Luckygeorge Majestic 2	LGP/33	02/01/2019	0.0134	0.0145
Average				0.0275	
R003784LB	Framfield Majestic Eagle 313	NMA/313	18/01/2021		0.0096
				Average	0.0239

Assessment of Large Black Conservation Targets for 2024 and Targets Going Forward

At a time when the national pig herd is shrinking, it is encouraging to see that the Large Black is holding its own. Although we lost over 10% of breeders, sow number have remained virtually the same. We have managed to increase the boar numbers by 14% which was one of our aims for 2024.

The Skylark and Larkspur lines are causing concern with less than 4 individuals in 2 and 3 herds respectively. However, we need to work on increasing numbers of all those female lines with less than 10.

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The regional geographical distribution of many of our lines has decreased and as well as trying to encourage new breeders and increase the numbers of good breeding pigs, we need to look at their distribution too.

Large Black Conservation Targets for 2025

- 1. To encourage lines that have less than 5 keepers. Need to raise awareness of the lines with less than 9 individuals – Black Lady, Dorothy, Julia, Larkspur, Nocturne, Princess, Skylark and Warbler lines.**
- 2. More emphasis will be put on geographical location of lines and we will encourage the breeding of more lines in less represented areas.**
- 3. Encourage keepers to keep good breeding boars and aid their distribution.**