

SWINE BREED ID

Berkshire

- The ideal color pattern is black with six white points (face, four socks, tip of tail)
- A Berkshire cannot have a full or 3/4 belting pattern or a spotted or mottling pattern
- Ears should be ridged and tight (Upright)
- The Berkshire is a productive, placid breed who is a heavy milker and will lose little flesh whilst rearing her litter



Chester White

- Known as a maternal breed with high conception rates
- developed in PA.
- White in color
- SHORT, NON-ERECT ears



Duroc

- originated in the eastern United States
- Known as the red hog that varies from a light red to a dark mahogany
- Droopy, non-erect ears
- Sire market pigs that excel in durability, growth, and muscle qualities attributes



Hampshire

- Terminal sire breed with unique color patterns
- Noted for muscle and cutability.
- Must be black in color with a white belt starting on the front leg. The belt may partially or totally encircle the body.
- Upright ears



Hereford

- Deep red or light red with a white head, white ears and four white legs
- Ears must break forward
- Herefords are easy to pasture but are also grain-efficient, reaching market weight on less feed than many other breeds.
- They make excellent mothers as they are closely attentive to their bright red and white piglets.



Landrace

- Noted for large litters
- White in color
- LARGE NON-ERECT ears that slant forward
- generally refined in bone



Poland China

- Lean, heavy muscled
- black breed with six white points and NON-ERECT ears
- Originated in Ohio.



Spot

- Must be black and white
- Ears cannot be erect
- No solid black head from ears forward
- Spots are popular with farmers and commercial swine producers for their ability to transmit their fast-gaining, feed efficient, meat qualities to their offspring



Tamworth

- Color may vary from a golden red to a dark red, some with large black spots
- Ears are of medium size and should be carried erect
- Tamworth is a rugged, thrifty, very active breed
- Traditionally considered a “bacon” breed, slow-growers and produced a leaner meat



Yorkshire

- Do not have any hair color except for white
- Erect ears
- Known as the “mother breed”, bringing both high-quality meat and efficient breeding characteristics to a herd
- Most common breed in North America

