



British Pig Association

Standards of Excellence



LARGE BLACK

The Standard of Excellence should be used in the light of know commercial requirements. When assessing the relevant merits of Large Black pigs, this should be done against a background of the killing-out value of the pig at correct weight and age. The value of the pig from a commercial point of view should always take precedence over its ability to conform to breed characteristics as laid down by the Standard of Excellence.

<u>HEAD</u>	Well proportioned. Medium length, broad and clean between the ears.
<u>EARS</u>	Long, thin and well-inclined over the face.
<u>JOWL AND CHEEK</u>	Freedom from jowl. Strong under-jaw.
<u>NECK</u>	Long and clean.
<u>CHEST</u>	Wide and deep.
<u>SHOULDERS</u>	(Important) Fine and in line with ribs.
<u>LENGTH</u>	(Of the utmost importance)
<u>BACK</u>	Very long and strong.
<u>LOIN</u>	Broad and strong.
<u>RIBS</u>	Well sprung.
<u>SIDES</u>	Long and moderately deep.
<u>BELLY</u>	Full, straight underline, with at least twelve sound, evenly spaced, well placed teats and starting well forward.
<u>HAMS</u>	Very broad and full.
<u>QUARTERS</u>	Long, wide and not drooping.
<u>TAIL</u>	Set moderately high and thick-set.
<u>LEGS</u>	Well set, straight and fat. Fine bone.
<u>PASTERNS</u>	Strong.
<u>GENERAL MOVEMENT</u>	Active.
<u>SKIN</u>	Blue-black. Fine and soft.
<u>COAT</u>	Fine and soft, with moderate quantity of straight black silky hair.
<u>GENERAL QUALITY AND CONFORMATION</u>	Good carriage on sound feet with length and well developed loin and hams.

OBJECTIONS

<u>HEAD</u>	Excessive jowl, narrow forehead, dished or undershot lower jaw.
<u>EARS</u>	Thick, coarse, cabbage leafed..
<u>COAT</u>	Coarse, curly or bristly-mane.
<u>SKIN</u>	Thick, wrinkled or sooty-black.
<u>NECK</u>	Coarse collar.
<u>SHOULDER</u>	Heavy and coarse shield.
<u>LEGS AND FEET</u>	Crooked. Low pasterns and excessively bent hocks
<u>CONDITION</u>	Excessive fat to be discouraged at Show

DISQUALIFICATION

Any other colour than black. Rose on back.

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