



Swine Breeds Ear Notching Pedigrees


Most Common Swine Breeds




1. Berkshire: Black, with white spots that may or may not have a brownish-red, sandy tint in them; spots on the tip of the tail, snout and four white-stocking feet; short, perky ears pointing skyward; short snout.




2. Chester Whites
White color, long body; straight back; floppy ears. Floppy ears is how you can tell Chester hogs from Yorks.




3. Durocs
Red skin with red or brown hair. Relative to other pigs, the Duroc has what you would call an "athletic" build in the realm of pigs. Short, floppy ears; short snout.




4. Hampshires
Black with white belt-like stripe around the front legs and belly, extending as far as the middle of the torso.




5. Herefords
Reddish-brown body with white spots on face, ears and possibly legs; slightly dishd face with droopy ears.




6. Landrace
White in color. Their ears droop and slant forward with its top edges nearly parallel to the bridge of a straight nose. Landrace hogs make great mothers.



7. Poland China
The Poland China is black with a white face and feet and a white tip on the tail; the ears droop.



8. Spots
The floppy eared Spotted Pig has black and white spots with no red or brown tints.

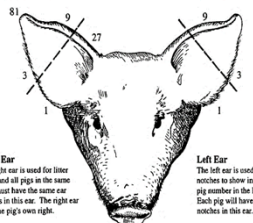


9. Yorkshires
White; long, straight back; upright ears, smaller ears than that of the Landrace.

The Universal Ear Notching System

Ear-notching helps identify a pig's litter and which one of the litter it is, giving each pig a unique identity number. Notches are placed in one of five locations in the pig's right ear — to show the litter number — and in one of three locations in the left ear — to show the individual pig number. The numbers are then added up and used as the pig's ear notch!

Universal Swine Ear Notching System



Right Ear
The right ear is used for litter mark, and all pigs in the same litter must have the same ear notches in this ear. The right ear is on the pig's own right.

Left Ear
The left ear is used for notches to show individual pig number in the litter. Each pig will have different notches in this ear.

Always Remember!

- The PIG'S right ear is the litter mark
- The PIG'S left ear is the individual pig number from the litter

What is a Pedigree?

A written record of the names of a pig's parents, grandparents, and other ancestors is called its pedigree. Some words you will see used on a pedigree, and their meanings, are listed below.

- Sire: The pig's father.
- Dam: The pig's mother.
- Grandsire: The father of the sire or dam (the pig's grandfather).
- Grandam: The mother of the sire or dam (the pig's grandmother).
- Purebred: An animal with parents from the same breed.
- Crossbred: An animal with parents from different breeds.



- Reading a Pedigree:
1. Animal's official name and registration number. The name starts with herdmark unique to each breeder and ends with the animal's ear notch.
 2. * HAL 1843 Stress Gene: "nm" – normal status, "mm" – carrier status, "dm" – positive status
 3. Animal's pedigree including parents and grandparents and their Sow Productivity Index.
 4. Individual information including registration numbers, sex, ear notch and birth date.
 5. Litter performance information.
 6. Breeder's name and address.
 7. Individual EPD's and indexes on the date the certificate was issued.
 8. Current owner's name and address and date of sale.

Individual pedigree:

AMERICAN BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRY

Registration: 121094008 [4]
Sex: ♂
Ear Notch: 2158
Date Born: 9/17/13 [1]
Date of Sale: []
Dams: A-E

PA3 POWERLINE 51 23-8
Ancestry: 121094008
HAL-1843* nm [2]
Sire: []
Dam: []
Sex: []
Date of Sale: []
A-B: []

PAZ POWERLINE 51 26-11
Sire: 115338951 [3] [187.2]
HAL-1843* nm [116.9]
Dam: []

PAZ MS HULK 40-1
Sire: [] [9572001] [97.0] [121.3]
HAL-1843* nm [] [] [126.9]
Dam: []

PAZ MS BLACK LION 67-12
Sire: [] [10078012] [97.0] [99.4]
HAL-1843* nm [] [] [125.6]
Dam: []

PAZ MS BLACK LION 17-1
Sire: [] [11537001] [97.0] [108.1]
HAL-1843* nm [] [] [128.1]
Dam: []

PA1 MS ALL YOU WANT 8-1
Sire: [] [109001003] [97.0] [108.1]
HAL-1843* nm [] [] [128.1]
Dam: []

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Traits	EPD	Traits	EPD	Traits	EPD
Birth Date	0.12*	Days to 100	-2.43	1st Litter Size	1.0
Litter Birth Wt	0.00	Days to 150	0.00	Intervening Days	0.00
Shrinker Potential	0.64*	Days to 210	0.00	Litter Color	0.00
21 Day Live Wt	1.13*	Litter Size	0.00	Litter Color	0.00
Posture Score	0	Litter Size	0.00	Litter Color	0.00

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