



# British Pig Association

## Breed Standard and Standards of Excellence

### BRITISH LANDRACE



#### **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), cryptorchid boars, 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 Drooping and slanting forward

Colour White

#### **Breed Specific Disqualifications** which make the pig ineligible for Herdbook Registration

None

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.

#### **General**

The British Landrace pig has been developed for speed of growth to furnish long, lean carcasses, whilst preserving stamina and a strong constitution.

Head Light, medium length and fine with minimum jowl.

Nose Straight, slightly concave with age.

Ears Medium size, neither coarse nor heavy.

Neck Clean and light and of medium length.

Shoulders Not deep, free from coarseness, of adequate width and well laid into the body.

Back Long and slightly arched. Breadth uniform throughout. No dip at shoulder or loin.

Ribs Well sprung ribs throughout

Loin Strong and wide with no deficiency in muscle. No dip in front of hands.

Sides Firm, compact and not deep.

Quarters Medium length, broad, straight or very slightly sloping to the tail.

Hams Full and rounded from both back and sides. Deep to hock. Wide between legs with moderately good inner thigh

Tail Set reasonably high. Thick at root.

Legs Medium length, well set and square with the body. Bone strong but not coarse. Cleys even and well developed. Pasterns strong, springy and not too long.

Skin Soft and slightly pink. Hair fine and white.

Action Firm and free.

Underline Should be straight. At least fourteen sound, well placed teats, starting well forward.

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

Coat Preference for no black hair..

Skin Preference to be free of black pigment.

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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