SWINE BREEDS
And Parts
Parts of a Hog
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- Shoulder Area
- Rump
- Neck
- Ear
- Forerib Area
- Back
- Loin
- Shoulder
- Side
- Rear Flank
- Fore Flank
- Belly
- Teats
- Sheath (Barrow)
- Side
- Tail
- Vulva (Gilt)
- Ham
- Stifle Joint
- Hock
- Dewclaw
- Snout
- Jowl
- Elbow
- Knee
- Cannon Bone
- Pastern
- Foot (Toes)
**BREED TYPES**

- **Terminal**
  - Muscling
  - Leanness
  - Rapid growth rates

- **Maternal**
  - Mothering ability
  - Raise and care for litter of pigs
  - High weaning numbers
LANDRACE

- Drooped ears
- White
- Long bodied
- Maternal instincts
- 7 teats per side for registration
- Hair color must be white
LANDRACE

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BERKSHIRE

- Originated in England
- Black with white legs, snout, and switch
- Erect ears
- Once kept at Windsor Castle
- Known for producing high quality meats
BERKSHIRE
CHES T E R W H I T E

- Originated in Chester County, Pennsylvania
- First called Chester County White
- White with drooped ears
- Mothering breed
- Produce large litters
CHESTER WHITE

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DUROC

- Originated in the US
- Solid red
- Drooped ears
- Excellent meat type hog
DUROC

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HAMPSHIRE

- Originated in the US
- Black with a white belt
- Small, erect ears
- Probably the oldest American breed
- Well-known meat breed
Hampshire

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HEREFORD

- Originated in Missouri
- Developed from crossing Chester, Poland China, and Durocs
- Red with white face, legs, and underline
- Medium-sized, drooping ear
- Long neck
HEREFORD
POLAND CHINA

- Originated in the US
- Black with white snouts, legs, and switch
- Drooped ears
- Noted for ability to easily gain weight
- Quiet dispositions
- Generally poor mothers
SPOTS

- Developed in Indiana
- Black and white spots
- Efficient feeders
- Noted for rapid weight gain
TAMWORTH

- Originated in Ireland
- Red in color
- Bacon breed
- Erect ears
- Good mothers
TAMWORTH

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YORKSHIRE

- Originated in England
- White
- Large, erect ears
- “The Mother Breed”
- Produces large litters
YORKSHIRE

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PIETRAIN

- Originated in Germany
- White with black spots
- Erect ears
- Medium sized
- Extremely muscular and lean
PIETRAIN
MEISHAN

- Originated in China
- Slow growing and fat
- May be the most prolific breed in the world
- Puberty at 2.5-3 months
- Average litter size is 15-16 pigs
CROSSBREEDING

- Mating two different purebred hogs
Hybrid vigor - gain in growth by crossing two purebred lines

Heterosis - effect of hybrid vigor or crossing
Hybrid vigor can potentially

- Increase the number of pigs farrowed
- Improve baby pig livability
Produce heavier milking sows
Most have a faster growth rate to market
Common Crosses

- Hampshire x Yorkshire = Blue Butt
- Hamp terminal for meat
- York maternal for mothering ability