



British Pig Association

Standards of Excellence



LARGE WHITE

The Standard of Excellence has been designed in the light of known requirements of the meat and breeding trades, bearing in mind the avoidance of excessive fat. All efforts to appraise the relative merits of pigs shall be made against a background of the killing out value of the animal at the correct weight and age. The failure of an animal to reach the Standard of Excellence in some breed characteristics, shall not outweigh its obvious value from a carcass point of view.

<u>HEAD</u>	Moderately long, face slightly dished, snout broad and not too much turned up, light jowl, wide between the eyes and ears, neither jaw should be overshot.
<u>EARS</u>	Long, prick ears, slightly forward and fringed with hair.
<u>NECK</u>	Clean, medium length and proportionately full to shoulders
<u>SHOULDERS</u>	Medium to good width, displaying open shoulder blades when head down, free from coarseness and not too deep before maturity.
<u>BACK, LOIN and RIBS</u>	Long with slightly arched back and wide from neck to rump. Ribs well sprung to allow good muscling. Free from weakness behind shoulder and loin.
<u>HAMS</u>	Broad, well muscled at the side and back and deep to hocks. Ample length from pin bone to tail.
<u>TAIL</u>	Well set and strong
<u>UNDERLINE</u>	At least fourteen sound and well spaced teats free from supernumeraries. For boars at least three on each side in front of the sheath.
<u>LEGS</u>	Straight, set well apart; plenty of bone and adequate length.
<u>PASTERNS</u>	Short, strong and springy
<u>FEET</u>	Strong with even cleys
<u>ACTION</u>	Firm and free.
<u>SKIN</u>	Fine, white, free from wrinkles and black and blue spots.
<u>COAT</u>	Silky and free from 'roses'.