

# SWINE BREEDS

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## Berkshire

England



Black body with white nose and feet, erect ears

Fast and efficient growth, high quality carcass

## Hampshire

Southern Scotland and Northern England



Black in color with white belt, erect ears

Lean muscle and high carcass quality

## Hereford

Missouri, US



Red body, white face and legs, downward ears

Good mothers, good feeders and fatten readily

## Duroc

British



Solid red ranging from light to dark, downward ears

Valued production quality, fast growth

## Chester White

Pennsylvania, US



All white body, downward medium-sized ears

Mothering abilities, durability and soundness

## Yorkshire

England

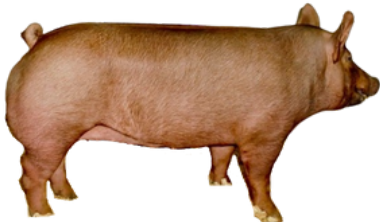


All white body, erect ears

“Mother Breed”, muscle production with high portion of lean meat

## Tamworth

Ireland



Red ranging from more golden to dark, erect ears

Lean type, production of high quality bacon

## Landrace

Denmark



White in color, downward ears

Heavy milkers, ability to farrow and raise large litters.

## Poland China

Ohio, US



Black body with white legs and face, downward ears

Large framed, length of body, lean and muscular

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