

# BPA Bloodline Survey 2010 Berkshire

Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Sows with BN progeny		Registered Sows without BN progeny		Total Sows	
			2010	2008	2010	2008	2010	2008
31	29	Excelsa	37	29	25	30	62	59
36	35	Farewell	44	47	33	21	77	68
39	31	Lady	41	34	38	23	79	57
27	23	Louise	36	37	24	26	60	63
23	19	Mermaid	27	23	13	11	40	34
38	26	Royal Lustre	63	67	48	28	111	95
30	32	Royal Sapphire	38	39	42	43	80	82
48	41	Stonebow	46	43	43	27	89	70
24	18	Suzanne	32	32	20	7	52	39
			<b>364</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>567</b>
Members keeping this line		Line Name	Registered Boars					
2010	2008		2010	2008				
28	23	Ambassador	35	28				
11	14	Freight Train	13	17				
7	8	Lassetter	7	8				
22	18	Nama Abel	26	21				
16	15	Namatjira	19	14				
19	16	Orlando	19	17				
45	43	Peter Lad	51	50				
			<b>170</b>	<b>155</b>				
							<b>2010</b>	<b>2008</b>
The total number of members keeping registered Berkshire pigs							202	176

The Berkshire figures are, on the whole, encouraging. They show a rise in numbers in most of the individual bloodlines, and also in the total number of Pedigree breeders with Berkshire pigs.

However there are still some areas of concern. For example, there is only a very small increase in the number of sows with birth notified litters, from which pigs can then be entered in the Herd Book. The main increase in sow numbers is with sows from which progeny has not been birth notified and these pigs are therefore permanently excluded from pedigree breeding.

Overall the number of registered Berkshire boars has increased but 2 lines *Freight Train* and *Lassetter* show a further drop in numbers, with the *Lassetter* giving particular cause for concern. This *Lassetter* line was introduced into the Berkshire breed, with the help of the RBST, by the late Geoffrey Cloke as recently as 1992 and it would be a pity if its future is not made more secure. I would therefore very much appreciate hearing from anyone with litters from registered *Lassetter* boars.

All the female lines seem to be holding up well with *Royal Lustre*, although fractionally down on last year, once again proving the most popular female bloodline. The lowest numbers are again in the, *Mermaid*, one of the oldest bloodlines in the Berkshire breed.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Berkshire breeders for their valuable help and co-operation over completing the survey.

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