The Canadian Hampshire

Hampshire gilt

Hampshire boar

Current efforts in almost all countries to produce lean pork have placed emphasis on the Hampshire as a crossing breed. This meat-type pig has been developed to provide greater carcass muscling and when used in a final cross there is evidence of superior carcass quality in the offspring. The modern Hampshire exceeds other breeds in producing a leaner, meatier carcass.

Hampshire pigs are black in colour with a white belt around the body which includes the shoulder and front legs. The breed is exceptionally well muscled, somewhat shorter than the Yorkshire and on average has numerically smaller litters. The registrations in 1984 were 1,492. 1