

The Availability of Replacements, 1976-1980. Table 8 provides information that goes a long way toward explaining the ease of getting swine replacements from within the area.

The number of known registrations for the major breeds accounted for only 19 per cent of total replacements needed in 1980. This deficiency is much more apparent than it is real. Approximately one-half of the young animals registered can be assumed to have been males and more boars were registered in all of the states except Florida and Louisiana than were needed as replacements. The number of sows registered in 1980 were a much smaller percentage of the number of replacements needed. This does not represent a real shortage of breeding sows as commercial breeders do not make extensive use of purebred sows. Furthermore, not all animals subject to registration are actually registered. Only four purebred breeds are included in Table 8.