

The Canadian
Yorkshire

The Canadian Swine Industry

The Canadian swine industry is relatively specialized and consists of two major components: the purebred swine breeder and the commercial feeder. There are a significant number of producers who grow both foundation purebred breeding stock and the finished feeder animal ready for slaughter.

The major breeds of the Canadian swine industry are the Yorkshire, Landrace, Duroc, Hampshire and to a lesser extent, the Lacombe. Annual purebred registrations average 26,000 with 47 per cent Yorkshire, 34 per cent Landrace, 11 per cent

Duroc, 6 per cent Hampshire and 2 per cent other breeds. Each breed has its own performance characteristics in terms of litter size, growth rate, feed conversion efficiency and yields of carcass structure and composition.

In most modern swine operations, a set of repeatable combination of breeds is selected to achieve maximum efficiency in live performance and to produce carcasses that best suit the market. The objective of the purebred swine industry is to provide these enterprises with high performance breeding stock that will



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