Breeds of Swine
Berkshire

- Originated in England
- Black with white legs, snout and switch
- Once kept at Buckingham Palace
- Known for producing high quality meats
- Erect ears
Chester White

- Originated in Chester County, Pennsylvania
- White with drooped ears
- Mothering breed
- Known to produce large litters

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Duroc

- Originated in the United States
- Solid red
- Drooped ears
- Slight dish to the face
- Excellent meat type hog

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Hampshire

- Originated in England
- Probably the oldest breed in America
- Black with a white belt
- Small, erect ears
- Well-known meat breed
Hereford

- Originated in Missouri
- Developed from crossing Berkshires and Durocs
- Red with white face, legs and underline
- Medium-sized, drooping ear
- Long neck
Landrace

- Originated in America
- Drooped ears
- Known for their maternal instincts
- White
- Long
- Flatter-topped than other breeds
Pietrain

- Originated in Belgium.
- White with black spots. Around the black spots rings of light pigmentation.
- Known for is extreme muscle.
Poland China

- Originated in the US
- Noted for ability to easily gain weight
- Quiet dispositions
- Black with white snouts, legs and switch
- Generally poor mothers
- Drooped ears
Spotted

- Developed in Indiana
- Black and white spots
- Efficient feeders
- Noted for rapid weight gain
Yorkshire

- Originated in England
- White
- Large, erect ears
- Known as “The Mother Breed”
- Produces large litters
- Bacon-type hog