Hobby Gone Hog Wild

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Breeds Of Heritage Hogs
Large Black
Guinea Hog
Mulefoot
Hereford
Ossabaw Island
Red Wattle
Choctaw

Choctaw boar grazing
Photo by Phillip Sponenberg
Which Breed is Best for You?

- Size
- Temperment
- Lard Type
- Bacon Type
Acquiring Stock

- ALBC
- Zoos
- Heritage Colonial Farms
Housing & Fencing

Electric

Panels

Hog Wire

Shelter
Feeding

- Number 1 Expense in Raising Hogs - 70%
- Growing Your Own Feed
- Collecting Unwanted Produce
- Dairies
- Canneries
- Farmers Culls and Left-over Produce
- Bread Stores-old bread
- Wild fruit
- State Laws and Regulations
General Breeding Information

**Sows**
- Age of Breeding: 7-8m
- Gestation: 114 days
- Litter Size: 5-12 pigs
- Weaning age: 6-10 weeks
- 2 litters per year
- Heat return in 7-10 days
- Comes into heat every 21 days

**Boars**
- Age of Breeding: 7-8m
- Number of Boars per Sow: 1 boar/15-20 sows
- Use Best Specimen of Breed
2 Types of Breeding

- Natural
- Artificial Insemination
Natural

* Hand Breeding
* Pen Breeding
* Pasture Breeding
* Less Labor Intensive
* Less Costly than A.I. (Cost of boar and his feed)
Artificial Insemination

- Heat Detection
- Timing of A.I.
- Access To Good Genetics
- More Labor Intensive
- Can Be Costly

A.I. course at ALBC conference meeting in November
Heritage Semen Companies

- International Boar Semen
- Prairie State Semen Supply
- Deer Park Swine Genetics
Marketing-Selling Your Product

- Restaurants
- Retail Sales
- Farmers Markets
- Get your foot in the door
- Recommendations
- Don’t over commit
- Be willing to donate product
- Pricing
Processing

- Use Reputable Processor
- Communication
- Building a Relationship
- Getting your label