











The Livestock Conservancy
Quick Reference Guide to Heritage Pigs

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	Choctaw	United States	Critical	250-300/150-200	150-180	Aggressive	6+	Excellent	Intermediate	Excellent	All pig breeds are adaptable for any climate provided they have dry shelter and protection from the winds. In hot conditions pigs need shade, ample water, and, ideally, a mud wallow.	Hogs descended from Spanish stocks kept by the Choctaw Nation; adaptable; independent
	Gloucestershire Old Spots	England	Threatened	500-600/450-500	260-280	Docile	10 or more	Good to excellent	Novice / Intermediate	Good		Lop eared orchard pigs; hardy; sows should have 14 teats for large litters; white skin can burn from overexposure to sun
	Guinea Hog	United States	Threatened	250-300/150	150-180	Docile	4 to 8	Good to excellent	Novice	Good		One of the smallest breeds; excellent for homesteading; easy keepers that can be prone to obesity, so free choice feed is not recommended
	Hereford	United States	Recovering	800/600	250-260	Docile	6 or more	Good to excellent	Novice	Good		Well muscled; lean-type hog; grows more quickly than other breeds of heritage hog
	Large Black	England	Critical	700-800/500-600	230-240	Docile	8-10 or more	Good to excellent	Novice / Intermediate	Good		Lop eared; hardy; selected to have 14 teats to support large litters; can put on enormous amounts of fat
	Meishan	China	Critical	275-375/300-400	220-275	Docile	16-20	Excellent	Intermediate	Good		Thrive on a diet higher in fiber and roughage; known to be an extremely docile and sedentary breed.
	Mulefoot	United States	Critical	400-600	250-260	Active, but docile	5-6 up to 12	Excellent	Novice	Excellent		Erect to semi-lop ears; has solid hooves that may be advantageous in wet conditions
	Ossabaw Island	United States	Critical	250-350/150-250	175	Varies by herd	4-8	Excellent	Novice / Intermediate	Excellent		Thrifty and self sufficient; highly social breed; sows often protect piglets as a group; sensitive to high levels of sugar in diet

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	Red Wattle	United States	Threatened	700-800/500-600	260-280	Docile	8-12	Excellent	Novice	Good		Very fertile breed; rapid growth rate
	Tamworth	Ireland	Watch	500-600/500-600	250-260	Active, but docile	6-10	Excellent	Novice / Intermediate	Excellent		Erect ears; long lean body; one of the more athletic breeds