










THE LIVESTOCK CONSERVANCY

Heritage Pig Breed Comparison Chart

Photo	Breed	Origin	CPL Status	Adult Weight M/F (lbs)	Ideal Harvest Wt (lbs)	Temperament	Litter Size	Mothering	Foraging Ability	Climate	Owner Experience Level	Uses and Notes
	Choctaw	United States	Critical	M: 250-300 F: 150-200	150-180	Can be aggressive	6+	Excellent	Excellent	<p>All pig breeds are adaptable for any climate. They require dry shelter and protection from the wind.</p> <p>In hot conditions pigs need shade, ample water, and, ideally, a mud wallow.</p>	Intermediate	Descended from Spanish stocks kept by the Choctaw Nation; independent
	Gloucestershire Old Spots	England	Threatened	M: 500-600 F: 450-500	260-280	Docile	10 or more	Good to excellent	Good		Novice - Intermediate	Lop-eared orchard pigs; hardy; sows should have 14 teats for large litters; white skin can sunburn
	Guinea Hog	United States	Threatened	M: 250-300 F: 150	150-180	Docile	4 to 8	Good to excellent	Good		Novice	One of the smallest breeds; excellent for homesteading; easy keepers that can be prone to obesity, free choice feed is not recommended
	Large Black	England	Critical	M: 700-800 F: 500-600	230-240	Docile	8-10 or more	Good to excellent	Good		Novice - Intermediate	Lop eared; hardy; selected to have 14 teats to support large litters; can put on enormous amounts of fat
	Meishan	China	Threatened	M: 275-375 F: 300-400	220-275	Docile	16-20	Excellent	Good		Intermediate	Thrive on a diet higher in fiber and roughage; an extremely docile and prolific breed
	Mulefoot	United States	Critical	400-600	250-260	Active, but docile	5-6 up to 12	Excellent	Excellent		Novice	Erect to semi-lop ears; has solid hooves that may be advantageous in wet conditions

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	Ossabaw Island	United States	Critical	M: 250-350 F: 150-250	175	Varies by herd	4-8	Excellent	Excellent	All pig breeds are adaptable for any climate. They require dry shelter and protection from the wind. In hot conditions pigs need shade, ample water, and, ideally, a mud wallow.	Novice - Intermediate	Thrifty and self-sufficient; highly social breed; sows often protect piglets as a group; sensitive to high levels of sugar in diet
	Red Wattle	United States	Threatened	M: 700-800 F: 500-600	260-280	Docile	8-12	Excellent	Good		Novice	Very fertile breed; rapid growth rate
	Tamworth	Ireland	Recovering	M: 500-600 F: 500-600	250-260	Active, but docile	6-10	Excellent	Excellent		Novice - Intermediate	Erect ears; long lean body; one of the more athletic breeds

