

# Pig Breeds to Consider

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## Introduction to Heritage Breeds

- Heritage breeds are traditional livestock breeds
- Bred before industrial agriculture became a mainstream practice
  - Carefully selected and bred over time
- Develop traits that made them well-adapted to the local environment
- Thrived under farming practices and cultural conditions

The Livestock Conservancy works to conserve a variety of heritage livestock.

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## Breeds

- Lard Breeds
  - Used when lard was commonly used in everyday life...
  - Slow growth: 8 months – 1.5 year (250lb)
  - Higher forage conversion
  - Examples: Large Blacks, American Guinea Hog, Ossabaw, Island Hog, Mangalitsa, Mulefoot, Gloucestershire Old Spots
- Bacon Breeds
  - Used more competitively when cheaper oils were produced...
  - Fast Growth: 6-8 months (250lb)
  - Less Fat
  - Examples: Red Wattle, Tamworth, Duroc, Berkshire, Poland China
- Factors of Selection
  - Fertility
  - Foraging ability
  - Longevity
  - Maternal instincts
  - Ability to mate naturally
  - Resistance to diseases and parasite

*(Image at right: Rhyne with Large Black pigs)*



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