

Berkshire Hogs



Free Range Acorn Finished Hogs

After much deliberation, we decided to raise Registered Berkshire Hogs. This heritage breed is well suited to a free-range or pastured lifestyle and produces a high quality, well marbled meat referred to by the Japanese as Kurobuta pork. We particularly wanted a breed that would do well wandering in our woods and pastures. These hardy animals, because of their dark color (black with white points), will not sunburn, have wonderful mothering instincts, are amiable and friendly, and generally enjoy rooting around and foraging for their dinner. We have lots of oaks on the property and, as with traditional methods of hog raising in West Virginia, our guys will certainly “pig out” on acorns each fall.

As with all of our livestock we will only maintain a minimal size herd so that we can provide the best care for each animal, minimize stress due to overcrowding, and maintain our “free range” goals for all our creatures.

Berkshires were developed in the shire of Berks in England. They have been reared for 300 years for producing hams and bacon of rare quality and flavor. An early cross with Chinese variety hogs has produced the color variation recognized today, but for the last 200 years the Berkshire heritage has been maintained pure. The American Berkshire Association was founded in 1875 to maintain Berkshire bloodlines.

American Berkshires are literally descendants of royalty. The first hogs in the nation were derived from the herd maintained by the House of Windsor.

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