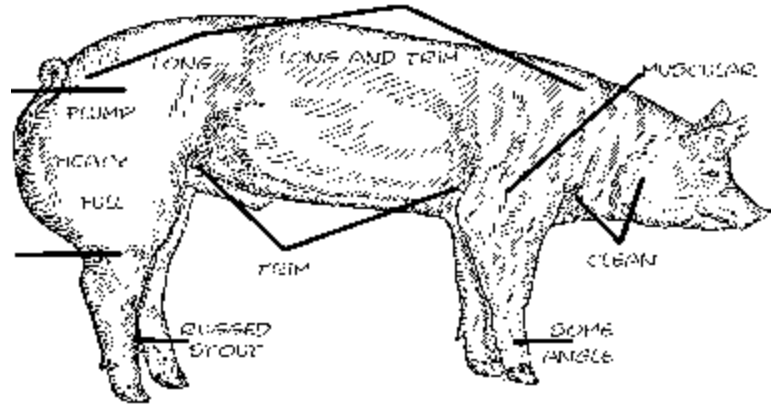


Swine Handbook

Points Of An Ideal Swine

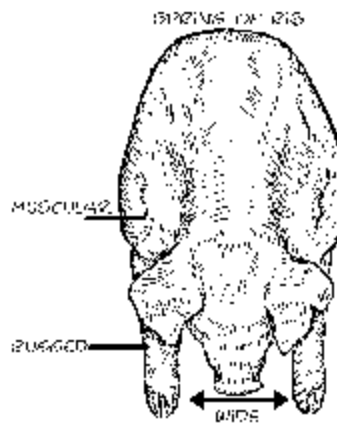
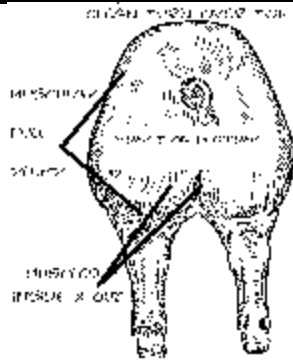
The pig should be muscular, sturdy, and fast growing. He should be long, especially through the loin and rump. The hams should be plump and meaty indicating good muscling throughout. He should move freely, with a long, smooth stride. The pig should be clean through the jowls and trim over his top, side and belly. His bone should be strong and rugged and he should have plenty of room for heart and lungs in his chest. He needs some spring and cushion to his pastern so he will stay sound on his feet.



Conformation

General Appearance - Heavy-muscled; lean; trim; firm; smooth; long bodied; uniform width but ham and rump should be wider than rest of body; moderately deep but not wasty; uniformly arched top; well balanced and stylish with a high degree of development in the valuable region of the ham and loin; adequate size for age.

Hindquarters	Forequarters	Middle and Underline
<p>Hind Legs: Set wide apart, out on the corners, giving an indication of abundant muscling; straight and correct.</p> <p>Ham: Wide; deep; long; full; firm; meaty.</p> <p>Rump: Long; wide; uniformly turned; high tail setting; meaty.</p> <p>Loin: Muscular turn; long; Lean; uniformly arched.</p>	<p>Back: Muscular turn; long; clean; uniformly arched; uniform width; full spring of rib.</p> <p>Shoulders: Smooth; muscular; clean.</p> <p>Neck: Medium length.</p> <p>Head: Clean-cut; refined; clean, firm jowl.</p>	<p>Side: Long; moderate depth; smooth; free from wrinkles.</p> <p>Underline (belly): Trim; firm; no evidence of looseness or wastiness.</p>



Finish

Ham: Firm and free from wrinkles-at the base; firm in the crotch.

Back-Loin: Clean, meaty turn; evidence of abundant muscling accompanied by minimum amount of backfat.

Shoulders: Fine and smooth; free from fatty creases and wrinkles; no evidence of fat deposit at the elbow.

Jowl: Trim and firm.

Belly: Trim and firm.

Quality

Smooth throughout, not creased or wrinkled. Ample substance of bone; definitely not fine.