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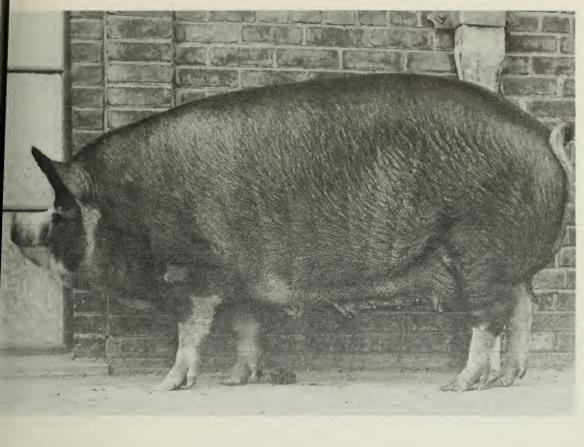
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# THE SWINE INDUSTRY IN CANADA

The production of hogs is an important part of the livestock programs of many Canadian farms. Pigs are produced in all provinces, particularly where mixed farming is practiced. Canadian hogs produce high quality bacon and hams which command a premium price on the American market.

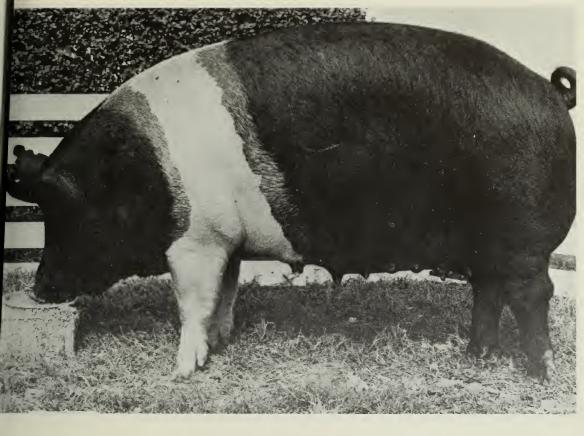
The number of hogs in Canada on June 1, 1972, was estimated at 7,150,000 head. Farm cash income from the sale of hogs amounted to \$575.9 million in 1972, accounting for 10.8% of total farm cash income for that year.



## BERKSHIRE

This breed was developed in the west of Berkshire, England, before 1789 and was brought to Canada in 1838. In 1972 there were 10 Berkshires registered in Canada.

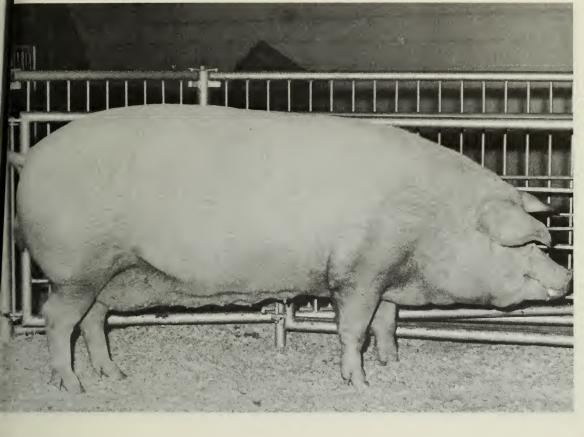
The Berkshire has been used mainly to produce meat for the British fresh pork market. The pigs are black, with white markings on the snout, the feet and the brush of the tail. Mature boars weigh 500 to 750 pounds and mature sows 450 to 650 pounds.



#### HAMPSHIRE

The Hampshire pig, named after the county of Hampshire in England where it originated, was first exported to the United States between 1825 and 1835 and to Canada in 1910. Canadian breeders imported Hampshires from the United States as early as 1906, and present importations are from this source. In the United States the Hampshire, described as a meat breed, is the most populous swine in the country. In Canada it is now becoming popular for crossbreeding. There were 1,675 of the pigs registered in Canada in 1972.

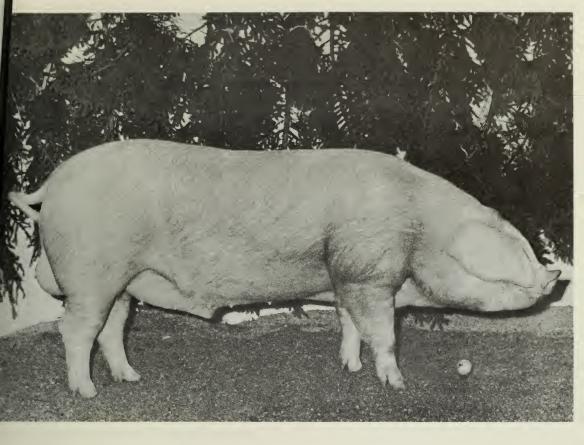
Mature boars weigh 590 to 700 pounds and mature sows 450 to 600 pounds. They are black, with a belt of white encircling the body at the shoulder.



## **LACOMBE**

This race was developed by the Canada Department of Agriculture at the Lacombe Experimental Farm, Lacombe, Alberta. The original cross-breeding took place in 1947 and registration in 1957. The Lacombe is a white bacon breed with a semi-flop ear, closely resembling the Landrace in general appearance.

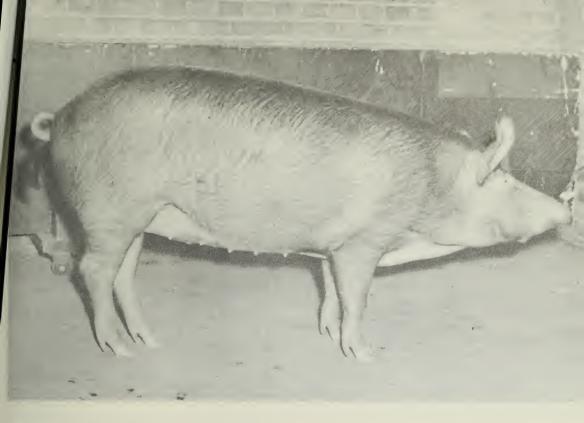
There were 1,291 registered Lacombe in 1972.



## **LANDRACE**

A native breed of Denmark, the Landrace was imported into Canada in 1934, but was rejected. It was reintroduced in 1955 and a Canadian Association was then formed. A white bacon breed with long drooping ears, long body and flat sides, the Landrace does not display much arch of back.

There were 2,938 registered Landrace in Canada in 1972.

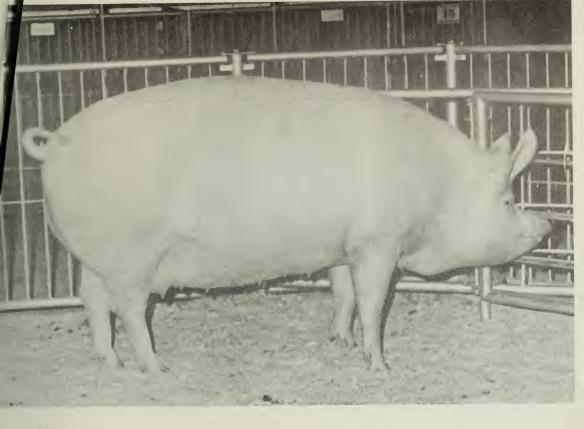


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# **TAMWORTH**

The Tamworth takes its name from a town in the county of Staffordshire, England, where the breed originated. It was first imported into Canada in 1877. In 1972 there were 39 of the pigs registered here.

This is a bacon breed. Mature boars weigh 525 to 800 pounds and mature sows 450 to 650 pounds. Their color varies from light golden red to very dark red. They have unusually long snouts, and erect, medium-sized ears that incline forward slightly.



## YORKSHIRE

Originating in the county of Yorkshire, England, the breed is considered to be the world's foremost bacon hog. In 1972 there were 9,241 animals registered in Canada. Yorkshires are white, have medium-sized upright ears and are one of the largest breeds - mature boars usually weigh between 550 and 850 pounds, sometimes exceeding 1,000 pounds.



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