



Hobby Gone Hog Wild

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Breeds Of Heritage Hogs



Large Black



GOS



Photo by ALBC Staff
Courtesy of the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy



Tamworth



Guinea Hog



Mulefoot



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Hereford



Ossabaw Island



Red Wattle



Choctaw



Photo Courtesy ALBC

**Choctaw boar grazing
Photo by Phillip Sponenberg**



Which Breed is Best for You?

- Size
- Temperment
- Lard Type
- Bacon Type



Acquiring Stock

- ▶ -ALBC
- ▶ -Zoos
- ▶ -Heritage Colonial Farms



Housing & Fencing



Electric



Panels



Hog Wire



Shelter



Feeding

- ▶ Number 1 Expense in Raising Hogs -70%
- ▶ Growing Your Own Feed
- ▶ Collecting Unwanted Produce
- ▶ Dairies
- ▶ Canneries
- ▶ Farmers Culls and Left-over Produce
- ▶ Bread Stores-old bread
- ▶ Wild fruit
- ▶ State Laws and Regulations



General Breeding Information

▶ **Sows**

- ▶ Age of Breeding -7-8m
- ▶ Gestation- 114 days
- ▶ Litter Size 5-12 pigs
- ▶ Weaning age 6-10 weeks
- ▶ 2 litters per year
- ▶ Heat return in 7 -10 days
- ▶ Comes into heat every 21 days

▶ **Boars**

- ▶ Age of Breeding- 7-8m
- ▶ Number of Boars per Sow- 1 boar/15-20 sows
- ▶ Use Best Specimen of Breed



2 Types of Breeding

- ▶ **Natural**
- ▶ **Artificial Insemination**



Natural

*Hand Breeding

*Pen Breeding

*Pasture Breeding

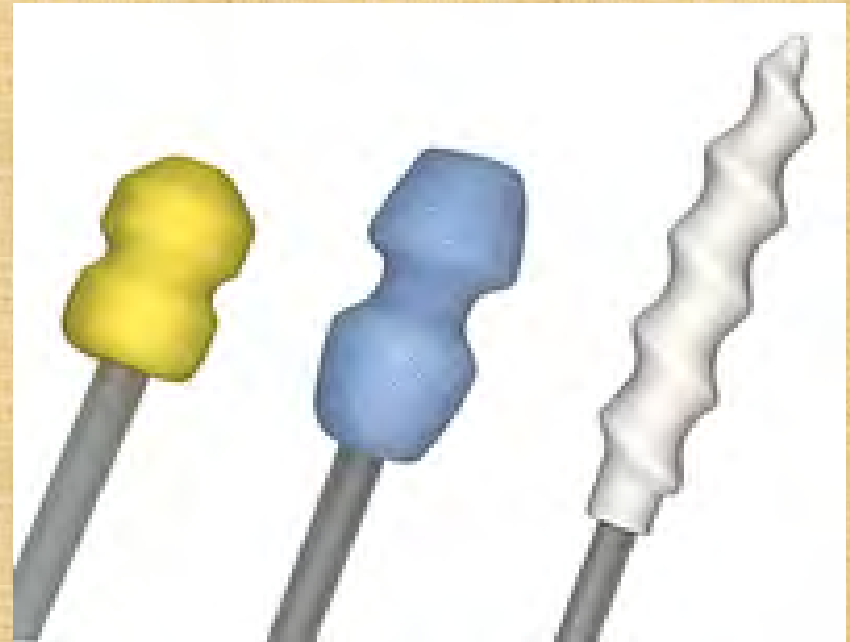
*Less Labor Intensive

*Less Costly than A.I. (Cost of boar and his feed)



Artificial Insemination

- ▶ Heat Detection
- ▶ Timing of A.I.
- ▶ Access To Good Genetics
- ▶ More Labor Intensive
- ▶ Can Be Costly
- ▶ A.I. course at ALBC conference meeting in November



Heritage Semen Companies

- ▶ International Boar Semen
- ▶ Prairie State Semen Supply
- ▶ Deer Park Swine Genetics



Marketing-Selling Your Product

- ▶ Restaurants
- ▶ Retail Sales
- ▶ Farmers Markets
- ▶ Get your foot in the door
- ▶ Recommendations
- ▶ Don't over commit
- ▶ Be willing to donate product
- ▶ Pricing



Processing

- ▶ Use Reputable Processor
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Building a Relationship
- ▶ Getting your label



