BASIC TERMINOLOGY

1. **Swine are porcine animals,** which are members of the genus Sus
2. **Hog:** A mature swine animal
3. **Boar:** A mature male
4. **Sow:** A mature female
5. **Shoat:** A young male
6. **Gilt:** A young female
7. **Barrow:** A castrated male
8. **Piglet:** A newborn
9. **Drove or Herd:** A group of swine

ANATOMY

RUMP
Long and level with a high tail setting

SHOULDERS
Tall, wide between shoulder blades & lean

TOP
Long, lean, semi-level

NECK
Defined

EARS
Ear set varies between breeds

BONES
Tough, heavy, long cannon bones with structurally free joints

HAM
Long, deep, lean and wide with ham muscle appropriate to width of skeleton

RIBS
Deep, lean and rectangular, with more width at bottom

HEAD
Long, lean and rectangular, typifying masculinity in a boar and feminity in a sow

FOREHEAD
Wide, with good space between eyes

HOCK
Resembles a backward knee

FLANK
Deep and loose

CHEST
Wide with uniform width from front to rear

SNOUT
Large rim with big nostrils

FEET
Slope and cushion to pasterns with even toes and a large foot front and rear

TEATS
12 or more evenly spaced (minimum of 6 per side) on a gilt or sow; minimum of 3 in front of sheath on a boar

FOREARM
Wide, flat, durable bone