



This is an example of poor teat conformation. Some of the teats are not evenly spaced or are too close together. Some teats are too small and would not function. The small teats are sometimes called blind teats, or pin teats. An average sized Red Wattle litter would not be able to nurse well from these teats if it were a female. Because teats are inherited this piglet should be culled to the feeder or meat hog program.

All breeders will see poor teat conformation in their litters which is why it's an important factor to look for and document on each piglet. A good time to do that is when you're notching or tagging ears for identification. You should not be overly concerned to see poor teat conformation unless it is consistent using particular sows and boars.

These hogs make excellent pork. Also depending on the severity of the conformation a breeder may want to make a particular sow or boar their breeding hog for a dedicated pork producing breeding hog if the hog appears good in all other areas.

No hog with poor teat confirmation should be registered.