

3. Hams contained less fat build-up and were considered to be the ideal size for most consumers.
4. Shoulders were considered real good, especially as far as size and leanness when considering the consumer and bar-b-que houses that use shoulders. The Manager commented that shoulders of those qualities would bring 8 cents per pound more than ham.

Conclusion of findings:

It was found that by crossing the Red Wattle hog with our domestic breed of hog showed an increase in the quality and grade of meat. However, the main economic value of crossing this breed of hog with our common breed of hogs might be that they will grow faster and reach the market at an earlier age when compared to the common crosses. Feed consumption ratio to pound of gain must be taken into consideration for both crosses.

If I can provide more information on this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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