

Red Wattle Hog Association rules for registration

1. Current RWHA membership of the seller is a requirement to register hogs. This does not apply to hogs that are not and will not be registered and are culled for feeders.
2. Two symmetrical wattles located near the lower inside jowl area.
Symmetrical: look alike in placement and size.
3. Minimum of 12 symmetrical teats for both gilts and boars that appear they would function normally for nursing. It is understood boars do not nurse. Teats on the inner upper thighs are usually blind or non-functioning and would not be counted. More than 12 teats are acceptable.
4. Color from light reddish blond to dark red almost black. Solid color. No swirls, stripes or spots are acceptable. Small dark or black spots on the skin no larger than nickel size on the belly or underline area only are acceptable.
5. Some type of identification. Either ear notch or tag.
6. Minimum age for registration is 2 months or 8 weeks of age.
7. Registration of transfer paperwork must be received no later than 90 days from purchase or transfer. Registration or transfer requests received after 90 days from purchase will result in double original fee with any new RWHA rules, regulation or guidelines applied.
8. Registrations or transfers resulting from sale or transfer received 1 year or more after date of purchase or transaction will be denied. Breeder/owner/seller must newly begin the registration or transfer process with double fee and any new rules, regulations or guidelines applied.
9. Maximum registration age is 18 months from birth for breeders/owners of hog(s) they have bred and are in legal and financial possession of.
10. Registration will be granted to any hog over the age of 18 months only with proof of parentage thru DNA administered thru UC Davis. The sire and dam must already be registered and DNA must confirm the sire and dam of the hog to be registered. The owner of the hog must be or become a member of the RWHA prior to registration being issued.
11. Any hog that is of registered quality and is to be registered will be registered by the owner of the hog. The breeder will complete the registration paperwork and submit it along with the appropriate fee to the registration office in a time frame set by the RWHA Board of Directors. A copy of the paperwork is to be provided to the new owner if this hog is sold.
12. No hogs will be registered if the hogs are born prior to the breeder becoming a member of the RWHA.
13. As of April 25th, 2013 no recovery to recovery hog breeding will be allowed for registration. Once a DNA baseline is established this topic can be revisited.
14. UC Davis is the official RWHA profiler. No DNA information will be acceptable without going thru UC Davis to confirm parentage.
15. The public at large will be permitted to transfer hogs that have been registered with the RWHA. If RWHA membership has lapsed during the current year, all sold bred sows or gilts must farrow prior to July 23 of the current year or registration of resulting litter will be denied. If RWHA membership has lapsed 1 year or more, or seller was never a RWHA member, no offspring in resulting litters will be registered from registered sires and dams.
16. Ear notching with the universal accepted system or ear tags are the only two acceptable means of identification for registration.