

The Red Wattle Hogs were a well known line of hogs in the Southern U.S. in the early 1900's. They were known for their lean meat, also the meat has a very mild flavor, a fine grained texture and is generally a more tender meat.

The hogs are named and identified by the wattles on the lower jaw and neckline of the hog. There may be some in a litter that do not have the wattles or only one wattle, other litters may all be wattled. Most of the sows are noted for their quietness and are easy to handle.

The market for lard was good before World War 1 and the Polands, Durocs, etc., well noted for their lard and fattness at that time, became very popular. The Wattle hogs gradually became fewer and fewer, due to their lean traits.

In visiting with various people in Texas we found two elderly men who remembered the hogs well, one of these men had operated butcher shops years ago. The hogs were described to be a red hog with a light colored hide with black colored specks and patches with some black hairs mixed in. Some individuals were nearly black. They had a clean, lean head and jowels with slim noses and upright thin ears.

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Mr. Harry Wengler, retired, living on a small farm in east Texas, could remember tending the Wattle hogs his family had when he was a small boy. He found some Wattle hogs similar to what he remembered in an isolated area and started what is known as the Wengler Red Waddle Hog bloodline. Mr. Wengler got some very outstanding individuals bred and one of the most noted was Samson, one of the great and most important boars of any breed of all times.

In late 1981 after Bob became ill from formaldehyde poisoning, Ruth drove him to visit their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Berry, in Texas for a weekend, between treatment and therapy Bob was taking in Kansas City. Bob had heard of the hogs and had talked by phone to Mr. Wengler earlier in the year. Mr. Berry drove Bob over to Mr. Wengler's and looked at the hogs, where Mr. Berry took several snapshots of the gilts and Samson, Titus, and Jungle Jim. Bob put his order in for hogs from Mr. Wengler, Mr. Wengler said it would be a year or two before we could expect to get a pair of pigs.