

# **2018 ABA Progeny Test Loin Chop Pictures**



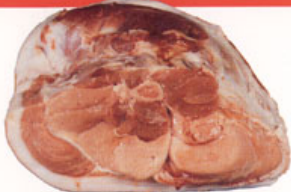
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# National Pork Board Pork Quality Standards


**PORK QUALITY STANDARDS**

Quality of fresh pork varies greatly. The quality levels shown below will appear differently to consumers, taste differently when cooked, and perform differently when converted to processed products. High quality pork has greater monetary value than low quality pork. Quality can be evaluated by simply visual appraisal, or it can be determined more accurately by scientific tests. This chart may be used to help identify variations in pork quality. Color and Marbling Standards cards are also available.


**COLOR - TEXTURE - EXUDATION**



**PSE** Pale pinkish gray, very Soft and Exudative. Undesirable appearance and shrinks excessively.




**RFN** Reddish pink, Firm and Non-exudative. "IDEAL". Desirable color, firmness and water-holding capacity.




**DFD** Dark purplish red, very Firm and Dry. Firm and sticky surface, high water-holding capacity.


**COLOR STANDARDS**




**1.0**  
Pale pinkish gray to white  
Minolta L\* Value<sup>1</sup> 61




**2.0**  
Grayish pink  
55




**3.0**  
Reddish pink  
49



**4.0**  
Dark reddish pink  
43




**5.0**  
Purplish red  
37




**6.0**  
Dark purplish red  
31


**MARBLING STANDARDS<sup>2</sup>**




**1.0**




**2.0**




**3.0**




**4.0**



**5.0**



**6.0**



**10.0**

Color and marbling scores are as described in "Composition & Quality Assessment Procedures", 1999, NPPC.  
<sup>1</sup> Minolta L\* values use D65 daylight light source.  
<sup>2</sup> Marbling scores correspond to intramuscular lipid content.

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Measurement	Targets
Ultimate pH	5.6 to 5.9
Hunter L*	37 to 49
Instron tenderness	< 4.5 kg
IMF, %	2 to 4%
Drip Loss, %	< 2.5%

*Pen 1: AJC Berkshires*  
*Sire: AJC6 Trojan Horse 3-2*



Ear Notch	4-2	4-9	4-10	4-11	4-12	4-13	5-2	5-3
ABA Ear Tag	55157	55154	55151	55156	55155	55153	55152	Died

*Pen 2: Fly'n K Berkshires*  
*Sire: FKB5 B777 53-3*



Ear Notch	83-3	83-4	83-5	89-2	89-4	89-6	90-5	90-6
ABA Ear Tag	Died	55162	55160	55161	55158	55159	55164	55163





*Pen 3: Ed and Pete Brummer*  
*Sire: KURO5 Master 163-7*



Ear Notch	1-3	2-3	2-4	2-9	3-5	3-4	4-1	5-2
ABA Ear Tag	55167	55166	55168	55169	Died	55165	55170	55171

*Pen 4: Fly'n K Berkshires*

*Sire: FKB5 B787 Dreamliner 89-6*



Ear Notch	81-3	81-2	82-2	82-6	76-3	76-4	77-1	77-2
ABA Ear Tag	55178	55177	55179	55172	55175	55173	55176	55174

*Pen 5: England's Berkshires*  
*Sire: COP5 Walter IMF 4-2*



Ear Notch	1-10	4-4	1-5	1-2	5-3	6-1	4-1	4-3
ABA Ear Tag	55186	55185	55180	55181	55183	Died	55182	55184



***Pen 6: Fly'n K Berkshires***  
***Sire: FKB5 Tex's Ranger 62-6***



Ear Notch	95-1	94-2	80-1	80-2	93-3	93-6	94-1	80-3
ABA Ear Tag	55187	55188	55191	55194	55190	55192	55193	55189



***Pen 7: Oak Hill Farm***

***Sire: 2OHF6 Consistent Stallion 29-1***



Ear Notch	202-1	202-2	202-8	203-7	205-1	205-2	205-5	208-4
ABA Ear Tag	55195	55198	55196	55201	55202	55200	55199	55197

*Pen 8: Fly'n K Berkshires*  
*Sire: WKF3 Tex 4-5*



Ear Notch	78-3	78-4	78-5	78-6	92-3	92-1	86-4	86-3
ABA Ear Tag	55203	55204	Died	55207	Died	Died	55206	55205

*Pen 9: Seybold Berks*  
*Sire: WACH6 Merger 14-5*



Ear Notch	4-2	4-3	2-1	2-2	6-3	6-2	7-5	7-6
ABA Ear Tag	55211	55213	55210	55217	55212	55216	55214	55215



*Pen 10: Fly'n K Berkshires*  
*Sire: FKB5 Tex's Gold 38-9*



Ear Notch	87-6	87-4	88-6	88-3	88-5	85-5	87-1	85-1
ABA Ear Tag	55223	55224	55218	55219	55221	55220	55225	55222



*Pen 11: Ray Tekippe*  
*Sire: GNK4 Walter 6-6*



Ear Notch	26-8	28-9	28-7	27-1	27-2	27-4	26-2	26-1
ABA Ear Tag	55228	55233	55227	55230	55232	55231	55226	55229

*Pen 12: Fly'n K Berkshires*  
*Sire: FKB5 B777 53-3*



Ear Notch	84-1	84-2	84-5	75-6	75-10	79-4	79-5	79-6
ABA Ear Tag	55235	55240	55239	55241	55236	55234	55237	55238

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