

SOME BASIC CHARACTERISTICS OF XAO VA PIG BREED

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Summary

Xao Va is a local pig breed at North-West region of Nghe An. They have black hair and skin, four ivory toenails. They are of small and naturally slim build. They have a middle-small head, a long muzzle and a little bit wrinkled forehead. Their ears are small and direct toward. Their leg are small and go on nail. Their back is straight or a little bit hammock. The number born alive at farrowing was >7 piglets/litter, the number of weaned piglets was >6 heads/litter, the rate of weaning piglets was >90%; the birth weight of piglets was >0.3 kg/piglet, the weaning weight was >3 kg/piglet; LW at 8 months of age was 28.36 kg/ piglets, ADG was 135.03 g/pig/day, FCR was 5.43 kg of feed/kg of ADG; meat productivity of commercial pigs at 8 months of age wasn't high, the carcass rate was 77.31%, of lean meat percentage was 41.95% and of fat percentage was 34.39%.

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