

**Berkshire Process Verification Program
Checklist for Herd Certification**

This short version checklist highlights the general requirements for herds contained in the Process Verification Program handbook. All program specifics are available in the PVP program manual which is available at training sessions and on the ABA website.

Item	Completed	Not Completed
1. Genetics. For Registered Herds, all animals must be individually ear notched with no two litters having the same litter ear notch in the same farrowing season. For Commercial Herds all the breeding animals on the farm must be purebred pedigreed Berkshire. All Berkshire breeding stock must have pedigrees and express the phenotype as defined by the ABA Bylaws. In checking the pedigrees:		
a. All breeding stock pedigrees are recorded in my name and breeder number		
b. I have reported all ABA tag numbers to the office and have received pedigrees with the tag number		
c. For all my breeding stock I can match ear notches and ABA ear tags with the animal and pedigree		
d. I have removed all pedigrees of animals not in my breeding herd		
e. A herd inventory of breeding animals must be determined at the time of certification, I have an inventory list from the ABA office and have updated the list to reflect my current breeding stock		
2. Testing. Herd Sires must be non-mutant Hal 1843 and Rendement Napole genotypes. Any AI boars are required to meet the same requirement. I have test results on all my breeding boars and have removed any boars that are not negative for stress and/or Napole (testing may take 2-3 weeks).		
3. PQA. I am accredited for the National Pork Board, Pork Quality assurance program. I have my number available.		
4. Ear Notching of Progeny. All progeny must be ear notched within 7 days of farrowing: For a registered herd, follow the ABA approved notching system For a commercial herd, the herd notch assigned (call office if you need a herd notch) All my progeny is ear notched.		
5. Training. I have attended a training session. Date of training _____ Location of training _____		

You must be able to answer “completed” to each item before a herd visit can be made.