

offspring. In late 1999 Jerry Russell began to search for Red Wattle hogs and found only 42 breeding animals belonging to six breeders. Non of the three registries had registered stock in years. At the breeders request, ALCB is maintaining a pedigree registry for the breed and providing technical support. Concerned breeders are searching for other who may have Red Wattle hogs so that all eligible animals can participate in the breeds recovery.

The story of the Red Wattle breed illustrates the problems associated with conservation of regional and local populations. Often poorly documented, even when common, these breeds can be rapidly lost when no formal network exists to conserve and promote them.

Today, the Red Wattle is not only supported by the ALBC, but a national organization has been established. The Red Wattle Hog Association was established in 2002. they meet once a year at the National Small Farms Trade Show and Convention in Columbia, MO. Anyone interested in information or becoming a member, please feel free to contact the association.

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