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U. S. HOGS FIND NEW HOME

SAIPAN, M. I. (NOV 26)...Nine purebred Duroc-Jersey pigs have arrived in Saipan by air from Portland, Oregon, to increase the population of meat-producing animals in the Trust Territory. Director of Agriculture Manuel N. Sproat said the new hogs will be shipped to the Government piggery in Truk. The offspring from these will be distributed later on to Ponape and the Marshalls. Others will be imported later for Saipan, also for breeding and later distribution to Yap and Palau Districts.

The new hogs, which are about six weeks old, are russet-red in color and are of the lard-producing type. This breed, one of the most popular in some sections of the United States over a period of many years, does well in Micronesia, according to Trust Territory agriculturists. The Durocs are fast-growing and well-adapted to the climate here. Another breed of hog to achieve success in Micronesia is the Hampshire, which is a black breed with a distinctive white belt in the fore part of the body.

Crosses of these two breeds with local hogs produce vigorous offspring which are fast developing with good meat quality, Mr. Sproat said.

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