35-40 million years old
  sus scrofa - Europe
  sus vittatus - East India
8000 to 3000 BC domestication
  8000 BC pigs in Turkey reason for settlement (Science V264, 1994)
  4900 BC written records show pigs domesticated in China (Gillespie)
spread
  4000 BC Chinese people ordered to raise and breed hogs by royal decree from the
    Emperor of China
  2000 BC appears in bible
  1500 BC raised in Europe
  800 BC in Britain
  1493 brought to Haiti by Columbus (8 pigs)
  1539 brought to Florida by Hernando de Soto (13 pigs), 500 pigs by 1541 (400 lost in
    fire), 700 killed for meat in 1542 (Yorkshire Journal, 1993)
  400 CE brought to Hawaii by Polynesians
  1778 brought to Niihau by Captain Cook

Roles of pigs
  food storage and distribution
  cultural and religious
    Egypt - sacred pigs, sacrificed on feast days
    Greece - companion of goddess Demeter
    Twrch Trwyth and Henwen - Celtic (Mabinogion)
    trial of the Dunmow flitch, 12th C
    San Shya boar festival to celebrate birthday of Taiwanese god Tsu Shy Ye
    Kamapua’a
  status
    Polynesian chiefdoms
    crest of Lord Bacon (1561-1626)
  profit
    mortgage lifter