

Breed Descriptor of Bellary (Sheep)



Breeding Tract			
State: Karnataka	Haveri		
	Davanagere		
	Chitradurga		
	Bellary		
Location			
Longitude (deg.)	76.25 - 77.10		
Latitude (deg.)	15. - 15.25		
General Information			
Synonyms			
Origin	The name is derived from the distribution area		
Major utility	Food - Meat; Fibre - Wool		
Comments on utility			
Comments on breeding tract	Bellari and Davangere districts and adjoining areas of Haveri and Chitradurga districts		
Adaptability to environment			
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
	2003	1500000	Based on Livestock census (2003) and distribution area of the breed
	2013	1673154	Source: Estimated Livestock Population Breed Wise Based on Breed Survey 2013. Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Government of India, New Delhi
Management			
Management system	Extensive		
Mobility	Transhumant		

Feeding of adults	Grazing		
Comments on Management			
Morphology			
Colour	Coat colour comprises various combinations of black and white to complete black. Most of the animals are black with patches of white all over the body including head, thorax, abdomen, belly and legs. The proportion of complete white animals is very low.		
Horn shape and size	About 89% of rams are horned, Only ~ 9.5% ewes horned, remaining polled. Horns are thick at the base, corrugated & curved in rams with pointed tips.		
Visible characteristics	Ears are tubular and medium in size. Belly and legs are devoid of wool.		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	74.5	68.9	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	70.2	65.6	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	82.5	76.1	
Body weight (avg. kg.)	42.8	31.8	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	2.1	2.0	
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Litter size born	1.0		
Age at first parturition (months)		18.0	24.0
Parturition interval (months)		14.0	15.0
Fleece weight (kg/year)		0.2	0.4
Fibre Diameter (μ)	59.03		
Any Peculiarity of the breed			