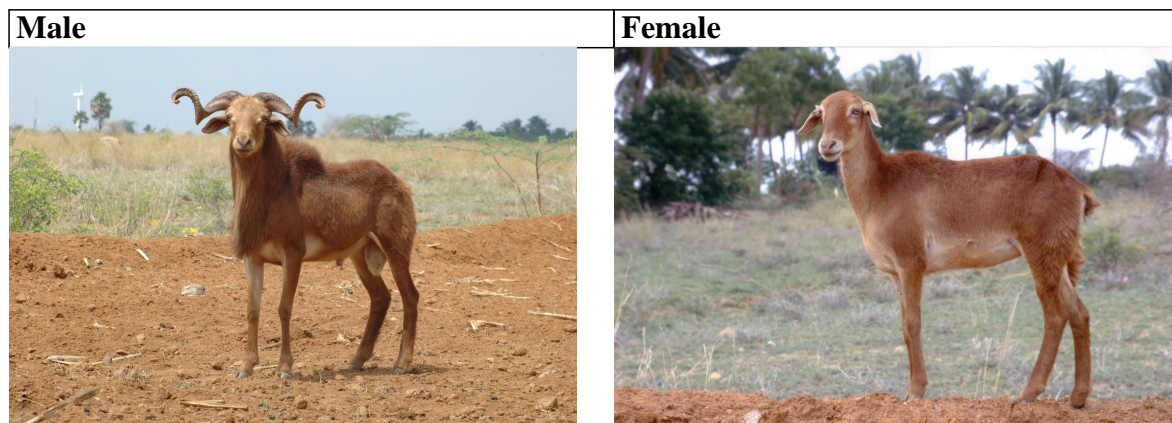


Breed Descriptor of Chevaadu (Sheep)



Breeding Tract			
State: Tamilnadu	Tirunelveli		
Location			
Longitude (deg.)	77.05 - 78.25		
Latitude (deg.)	8.05 - 9.30		
General Information			
Synonyms	Arichevaadu		
Origin	The name Arichevaadu stands for light brown coloured body coat		
Major utility	Meat, Skin, Manure, Religious and cultural use		
Comments on utility	The attractive brown coat colour gives a better value to the Chevaadu which is preferred by the Hindus for their religious purpose. This fetches more price and profit to the flock owners. Males are specially utilized to serve the cultural purposes of the local inhabitants.		
Comments on breeding tract	Predominantly distributing areas are Alangulam and Pappakudi Panchayat Union areas in Alangulam taluk; Manur Panchayat Union areas in Tirunelveli taluk; Melaneelithanallur and Kuruvikulam Panchayat Union areas in Sankarankovil taluk; Nanguneri Panchayat Union areas in Nanguneri taluk of Tirunelveli District of Tamil Nadu.		
Adaptability to environment	Chevaadu is considered as unique economically important breed as it survives on dry land as well as near coastal area ecosystem.		
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information

	2013	158200	Source: Thangaraj Ravimurugan (2014). Chevaadu breed of sheep of Tamil Nadu, India. An economically and culturally important sheep. Lambert Academic Publishing. 978-3-659-64502-0.
Management			
Management system	Extensive		
Mobility	Stationary		
Feeding of adults	Grazing		
Comments on Management	Few flocks follow temporary migration during April to June extended up to July depending on monsoon. Hair clipping - once in a year mostly during summer month (May). Farmers belonging to backward (Konar-Yadhava) and Scheduled Caste (Pallar) communities have evolved and maintained the breed.		
Morphology			
Colour	Light brown. Some are dark brown and few tan.		
Horn shape and size	Highly corrugated.Curved horizontally outward, backward with blunt conical apex having few thick ridges. Size 10 - 42 cm.		
Visible characteristics	Dorsal part of the body is light brown in colour and the ventral part, from the jaw to inguinal region, is lighter than the dorsal part of the body and these animals are called as “Arichevaadu”.Head is erected and high in disposition		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	74.47	69.53	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	62.83	57.73	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	73.2	69.34	
Body weight (avg. kg.)	32.1	23.27	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	2.64	2.47	
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Litter size born	1.0		
Age at first parturition (months)	18.19	14.0	21.0
Parturition interval (months)	8.48	8.2	9.2
Any Peculiarity of the breed			