

Breed Descriptor of Kahmi (Goat)



Breeding Tract	
State: Gujarat	Devbhoomi Dwarka
	Rajkot
	Junagadh
	Jamnagar
State: Uttar Pradesh	Pilibhit
	Shahjahanpur
	Budaun
	Bareilly
Location	
Longitude (deg.)	69.39 - 71.40
Latitude (deg.)	20.44 - 23.23
General Information	
Synonyms	Desi

Origin	Local. Well known for more than 300 years among the breeder community and in the Saurashtra region.		
Major utility	Milk and Meat		
Comments on utility	Kahmi goats are mainly kept for milk production as these have good milk yield. Male Kids of 3-6 months are sold for meat purpose		
Comments on breeding tract	Kahmi goats are native to Saurashtra region of Gujarat and are distributed in 10 talukas viz. Dhoraji and Upleta of Rajkot district; Jamjodhhpur and Jamnagar of Jamnagar district; Manavadar, Mendarda and Vanthali of Junagadh district; and Bhanavad, Kalyanpur, Khabhaliya of Devbhoomi Dwarka district		
Adaptability to environment	Excellent migratory capacity		
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
	2016	6896	Source: Survey by Kahmi goat breeders and Sahjeevan
Management			
Management system	Extensive		
Mobility	Nomadic		
Feeding of adults	Grazing		
Comments on Management	Majority of Kahmi goat breeder lives a nomadic lifestyle. Continuous migration is part of their life. Pastoralists of Junagadh and Rajkot move to periphery of their villages and districts only; while Pastoralists of Jamnagar and Devbhoomi Dwarka are nomadic/semi-nomadic in nature and migrate to couple of districts of Saurashtra.		
Morphology			
Colour	Coat color is unique - neck and face are reddish brown while rear abdominal part is black. Muzzle, eyelids and hooves are black in colour.		
Horn shape and size	Curved upward and backward		

Visible characteristics	Medium size, unique coat color (Cranial Reddish brown and Caudal black coat, locally called Kahmi), ear type (long, tubular & coiled, locally called veludi), wattles in majority of goats and convex forehead		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	88.56	81.33	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	82.15	76.27	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	84.09	81.53	
Body weight (avg. kg.)	56.4	48.35	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	2.75	2.64	

Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Litter size born	1.38	1.0	3.0
Age at first parturition (months)	22.45	18.0	24.0
Parturition interval (months)	9.57	6.0	12.0
Milk yield per lactation (kg)	326.87	81.0	769.0
Milk Fat (%)	3.39	0.9	8.3
Dressing percentage	52.0		
Any Peculiarity of the breed			