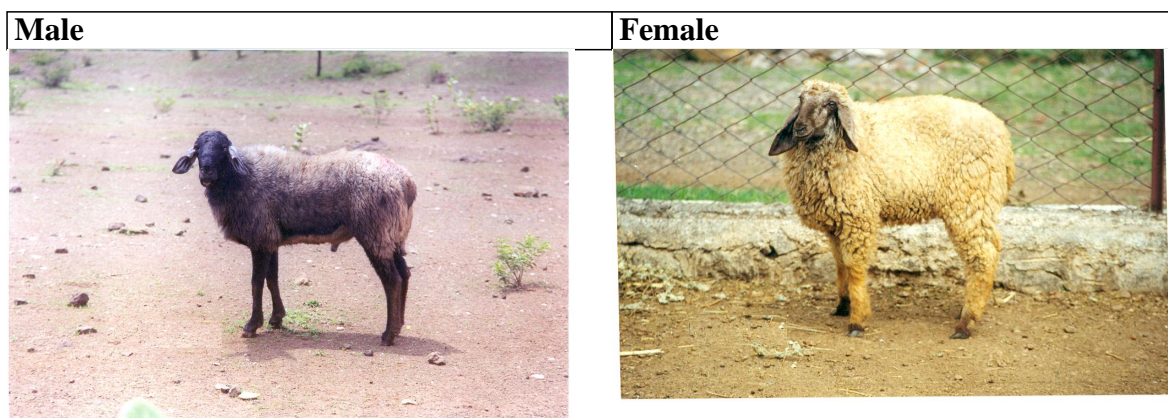


Breed Descriptor of Deccani (Sheep)



Breeding Tract			
State: Karnataka	Belgaum		
State: Maharashtra	Beed		
	Kolhapur		
	Solapur		
	Sangli		
	Satara		
	Pune		
	Ahmadnagar		
	Nashik		
Location			
Longitude (deg.)	72. - 78.		
Latitude (deg.)	16. - 20.		
General Information			
Synonyms	Deshi		
Origin	Known after the name of geographical area of its origin i.e. Deccan plateau		
Major utility	Food - Meat; Fibre - Wool		
Comments on utility	Meat breed		
Comments on breeding tract	Mostly found in southern - eastern part of Maharashtra, and in the neighbouring areas of Andhra Pradesh and Karanataka. The soils in the breeding tract ranged from light to deep black cotton soils.		
Adaptability to environment			
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
	2001	149958	Final Report (2001-03). Network project Deccani sheep. BAIF, Urilikanchan, Pune.

	2013	3723406	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	Stationary and Transhumant		
Feeding of adults	Grazing		
Comments on Management	During the monsoon period, the animals graze on the grasslands but remaining part of the year, they graze in the fallow land of the otherwise cultivated area. Few farmers supplement with cultivated fodder. Animals are housed only during night.		
Morphology			
Colour	Predominantly black or black with white markings. White and brown/fawn animals are also seen.		
Horn shape and size			
Visible characteristics	Face is narrow with Roman nose. Head convex. Ears are medium in size (16-17cm), flat and pendulous. Wattles are absent. Fleece is extremely coarse, hairy and open. Head and face are bare whlie legs are covered up to shoulder & fetlock joint. Belly is covered. Beard absent.		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	67.44	63.79	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	67.61	65.59	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	73.39	73.08	
Body weight (avg. kg.)	38.48	31.26	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	2.76	2.74	2.75
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Litter size born	1.04	1.0	2.0
Age at first parturition (months)	15.67		
Parturition interval (months)	9.48		
Milk Fat (%)		4.2	7.4
Fleece weight (kg/year)	0.74		
Staple length (cm)		4.16	4.36
Fibre Diameter (Åμ)		52.47	56.37
Dressing percentage	51.5		
Any Peculiarity of the breed			