Breed Descriptor of Nellore (Sheep)





Breeding Tract				
State: Andhra Pradesh	Nellore			
	Ongole / Prakasam			
Location				
Longitude (deg.)	80.00 - 80.10			
Latitude (deg.)	14.25 - 16.50			
General Information				
Synonyms				
Origin				
Major utility	Food - Meat			
Comments on utility				
Comments on breeding				
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Adaptability to environment				
Population				
	Year	Population	Other information	
	2013	6942182	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				
Morphology				

Colour	Red or white with or without black colour on the ventral			
	side. Three colour types: Palla- completely white or			
	white with light bro	at brown spots on head, neck back and		
		or Jodimpu- white with black spots around		
	the lips, eyes, lower jaw, belly and			
Horn shape and size	Horns are found in males only.			
Visible characteristics	Tall animal with little hair except at brisket, withers and			
	breech. Ears are long (15.11cm) and drooping. 86 % of animals carry wattles.			
	Male	Female	Overall	
Height (avg. cm.)	76.46	72.75		
Body Length (avg. cm.)	68.31	67.05		
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	75.39	72.78		
Body weight (avg. kg.)	36.69	30.0		
Birth weight (avg. kg.)			2.74	
Performance			•	
	Average	Minimum	Maximum	
Litter size born	1.0			
Age at first parturition	28.2			
(months)				
Parturition interval	14.26			
(months)				
Dressing percentage	47.0			
Any Peculiarity of the breed				