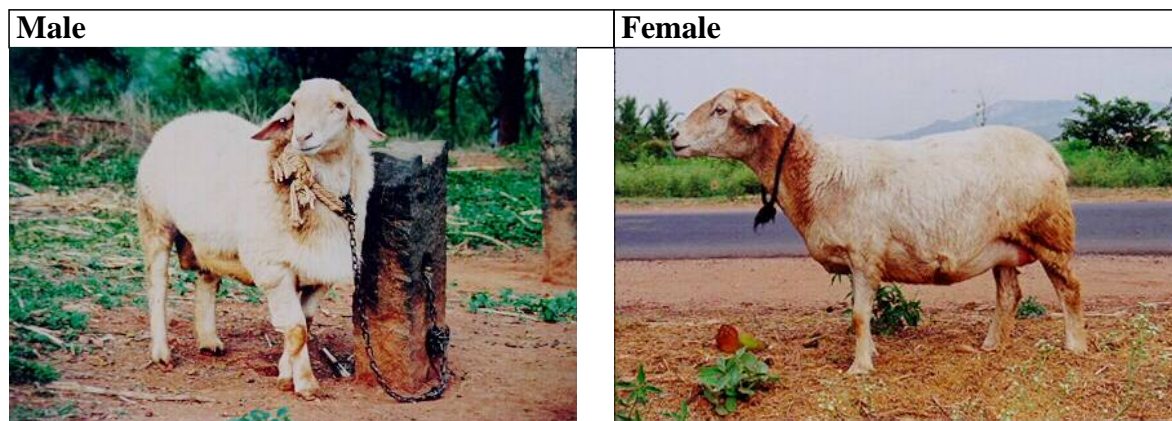


Breed Descriptor of Mandya (Sheep)



Breeding Tract			
State: Karnataka	Bangalore Rural		
	Mysore		
	Mandya		
Location			
Longitude (deg.)	74.12 - 78.40		
Latitude (deg.)	11.31 - 18.45		
General Information			
Synonyms	Bannur, Bandur		
Origin	The names are derived from the distribution area of this breed; Mandya is the name of the district whereas Bandur and Bannur are the villages from where Bandur strain is considered to have originated.		
Major utility	Food - Meat		
Comments on utility	The animals are unique in mutton quality		
Comments on breeding tract	Mandya district and bordering area of Mysore and Bangalore rural districts		
Adaptability to environment			
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
	2003	340000	Livestock census, 2003 and based on distribution area of the breed
	2013	244468	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	Semi-Intensive and Extensive		
Mobility	Stationary and Transhumant		
Feeding of adults	Grazing		
Comments on Management	Migration in some flocks during March, April and May with in the state.		
Morphology			
Colour	The coat color is white with light brown face usually extending upto neck; some of the animals may be completely white.		
Horn shape and size	Both polled. Males may rarely have scurs or small horns		
Visible characteristics	Relatively small animals. Compact body with a typical reversed U- shape conformation from the rear. Ears are medium to long in size(13 cm), leafy and drooping. A large percentage of animals carry wattles. Slightly Roman nose. Coat is extremely coarse and hairy.		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	62.3	54.6	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	68.3	60.6	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	79.2	69.6	
Body weight (avg. kg.)	36.8	26.7	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	2.21		
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Litter size born	1.0		
Age at first parturition (months)	32.0		
Parturition interval (months)		14.0	15.0
Fleece weight (kg/year)		0.4	0.45
Dressing percentage	48.0		
Any Peculiarity of the breed			