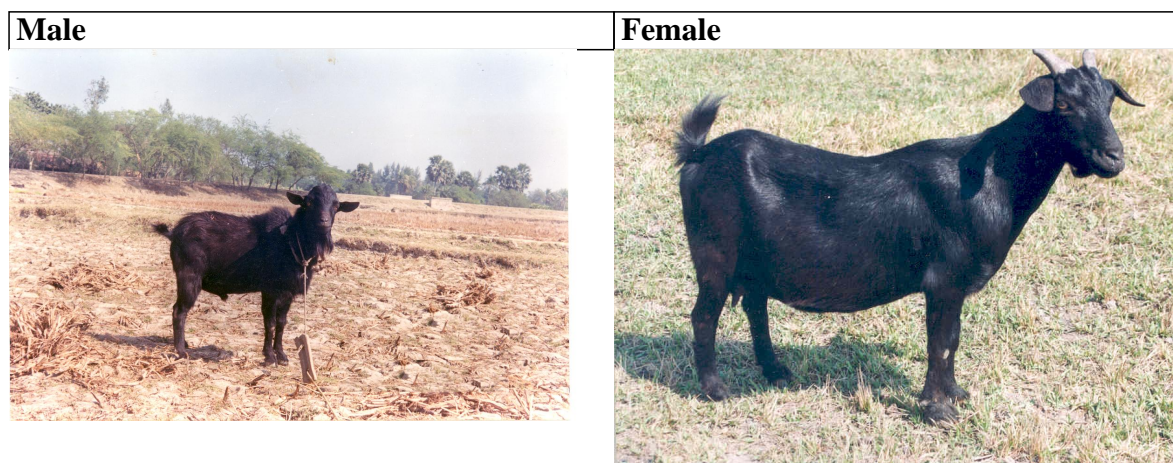


## Breed Descriptor of Black Bengal (Goat)



<b>Breeding Tract</b>			
State: West Bengal	West Bengal		
<b>Location</b>			
Longitude (deg.)	84. - 94.		
Latitude (deg.)	20. - 27.		
<b>General Information</b>			
Synonyms	Bengal, Desi		
Origin	The breed derived its name from its native habitat -West Bengal state of India.		
Major utility	Food - Meat; Others - Skin		
Comments on utility	Skins are of excellent quality and are highly priced.		
Comments on breeding tract	The breed is distributed throughout West Bengal and adjoining parts of neighbouring states viz. Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Assam and Tripura.		
Adaptability to environment	The breed is well adapted to the hot humid climatic conditions, wider range of vegetation, local management conditions, saline soil and water logging during rainy season.		
<b>Population</b>			
	Year	Population	Other information
	2004	18736721	Source: Network Project on Animal Genetic Resources, NBAGR, Karnal.
	2013	17408780	Source: Estimated Livestock Population Breed Wise Based on Breed Survey 2013. Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Government of India, New Delhi
<b>Management</b>			
Management system	Semi-Intensive		
Mobility	Stationary		

Feeding of adults	Grazing and Fodder		
Comments on Management	Bengal goats are managed both by stall feeding and grazing. Shelter is provided during night as well as during inclement weather.		
<b>Morphology</b>			
Colour	Predominantly black, brown, grey and white are also found.		
Horn shape and size	Small in size (<15), directed upward and sometime backward.		
Visible characteristics	Small-legged goat. Hair coat is short and lustrous. Nose line is slightly depressed.		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	44.9	44.3	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	43.8	42.6	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	60.3	58.9	
Body weight (avg. kg.)	32.37	20.38	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	1.5	1.4	
<b>Performance</b>			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Litter size born	1.6		
Age at first parturition (months)	17.43	12.0	20.0
Parturition interval (months)	6.8	5.9	7.2
Milk yield per lactation (kg)	144.0		
Dressing percentage	55.8		
Any Peculiarity of the breed	This is the most prolific breed of goat. The breed is famous for excellent chevon and morocco leather production.		