

Breed Descriptor of Chegu (Goat)



Breeding Tract			
State: Himachal Pradesh	Lahul & Spiti		
	Kinnaur		
	Chamba		
Location			
Longitude (deg.)	76.25 - 78.5		
Latitude (deg.)	30.5 - 33.6		
General Information			
Synonyms	Chayangra, Pashmina		
Origin	Chegu is considered to be descendant of Markhor and Ibex existing in higher range of the Himalayas.		
Major utility	Fibre - Hair(Pashmina); Food - Meat; Work - Pack.		
Comments on utility	Though the breed valuable fibre - Pashmina, yet the breed has main utility for meat.		
Comments on breeding tract	The breeding tract is confined to cold desert region of Spiti division (Lahul & Spiti district); Hangrang valley of Kinnaur district; Todd and Miar valley areas of Lahul region; and high altitude areas of Sural and Udeen in Pangey valley (Chamba district).		
Adaptability to environment	Animals subsist on shrubs and leaves.		
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
	2002	6600	Kids 1450; Young Stock 1650; Adult 3500. HPKV, Palampur under NATP project on Animal Genetic Resource Biodiversity

	2013	36149	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		
Mobility	Stationary		
Feeding of adults	Grazing with winter supplementation of crop residu		
Comments on Management	The animals are extensively grazed. Housing is provided only during night. Open day shelter around houses is also provided. Average flock size is 4.9.		
Morphology			
Colour	Compact white, black, grey, brown and mixture of these colours are common.		
Horn shape and size	Horns are long, cork shaped, directed upward, backward and inward/outward. Medium to large in size		
Visible characteristics	Reddish/tan/black coloration mostly around head & neck, and abdominal areas. Face and muzzle are tapering, possess long hair below with a second coat of pashmina.		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	66.2	58.1	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	72.9	65.5	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	86.7	73.9	
Body weight (avg. kg.)	39.4	25.7	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	2.0	1.9	
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Litter size born	1.13	1.0	2.0
Age at first parturition (months)	22.33		
Parturition interval (months)	12.0		
Milk yield per lactation (kg)	69.5		
Fleece weight (kg/year)	0.12		
Staple length (cm)	3.38		
Fibre Diameter (Åμ)	14.36	8.0	15.0
Dressing percentage	46.0		
Any Peculiarity of the breed			