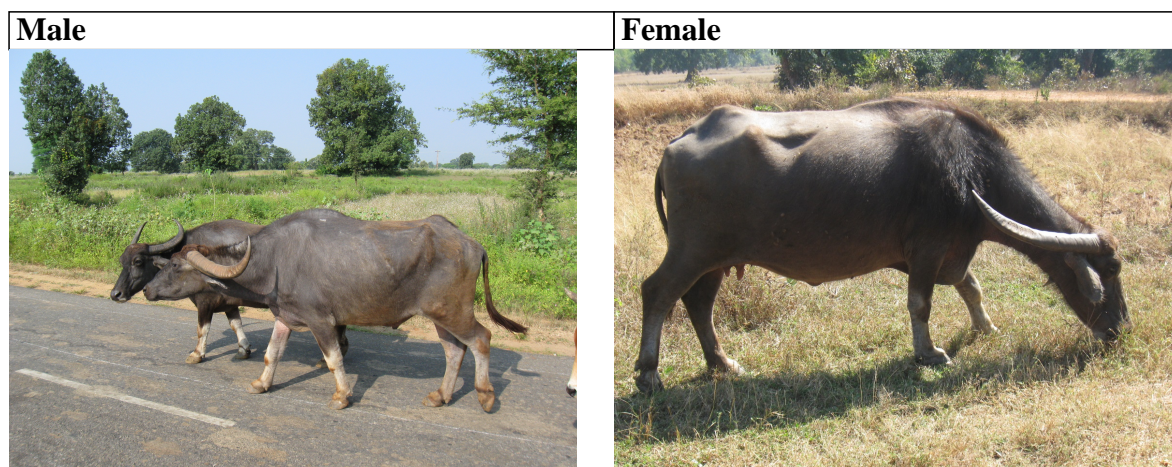


Breed Descriptor of Kalahandi (Buffalo)



Breeding Tract			
State: Odisha	Rayagada		
	Kalahandi		
Location			
Longitude (deg.)	82.30 - 83.74		
Latitude (deg.)	19.03 - 21.05		
General Information			
Synonyms	Deshi		
Origin	Named after its native tract i.e. Kalahandi district in Orissa		
Major utility	Milk, draught, manure		
Comments on utility			
Comments on breeding tract	Kalahandi distrct and adjoining area in Rayagada district. , heavy concentration is in Bhawanipatna, Junagarh, Dharmagarh, Kodsara and Golamunda blocks of Kalahandi district		
Adaptability to environment	Adapted to low input system of management		
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
	2009	80000	Source: Project on survey, evaluation and characterization of Kalahandi Buffalo, implemented by OLRDS, and OUAT, Odisha
	2013	115213	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		
Feeding of adults	Grazing		
Comments on Management	Kalahandi buffaloes are usually left loose in the morning and allowed to graze across forest, hillocks, roadside vegetation and harvested fields throughout the day. Milking is done once in the morning before grazing.		
Morphology			
Colour	Coat colour is usually blackish grey, sometimes grey		
Horn shape and size	Horizontal going backwards, upward, and inward, Curved to make half circle appearance. About 50cm long		
Visible characteristics	Muzzle, eyelids, tail and hoofs are black. Head convex, hump small, udder round and medium in size. Tail extends below hock with coarse hairs on switch		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	125.9	123.8	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	124.4	122.6	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	177.1	172.1	
Body weight (avg. kg.)	377.6	350.9	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	23.12	22.23	
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Age at first parturition (months)	49.74		
Parturition interval (months)	17.5		
Milk yield per lactation (kg)		680.0	912.0
Milk Fat (%)		7.8	8.2
Any Peculiarity of the breed			