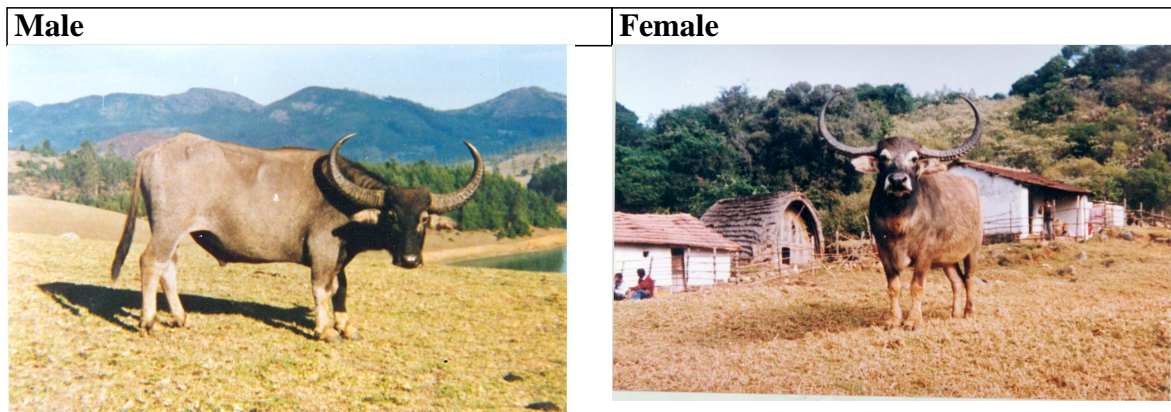


Breed Descriptor of Toda (Buffalo)



Breeding Tract			
State: Tamilnadu		Nilgiri	
Location			
Longitude (deg.)		76.15 - 77.	
Latitude (deg.)		11.15 - 11.30	
General Information			
Synonyms			
Origin		The Toda breed is known after its herdsmen, the Toda tribe of the Nilgiris.	
Major utility		Work - Draught; Socio-cultural - Religious ceremonies	
Comments on utility			
Comments on breeding tract			
Adaptability to environment		This is one of the important breed of buffalo other than Kaziranga buffaloes of Assam which thrives well in the high rainfall and high humid area.	
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
	1994	3531	955 adult females, 12 males, 74 young male and 621 young females, 321male calves and 548 female calves. Final Report. Evaluation and conservation of Toda buffaloes, TANVASU (Chennai), Sandynallah, The Nilgiris. Source: Indian J. Animal Sciences, 2008. 78(7):794.

	2013	3003	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	Calves and adults thrive solely on grazing. Normally, young calves were taken out for grazing 3 weeks after birth. They are grazed in the vicinity of the hamlet and are not allowed to mingle with adults to prevent suckling.		
Morphology			
Colour	Calf is generally fawn at birth. In growing calves, at about 2 months, the fawn colour changes to ash grey. In adult buffaloes the predominant coat colours are fawn and ash-grey.		
Horn shape and size	Horns long (62cm) and are variable in shape. They are usually set wide apart, outward, slightly downward and upward with the points being recurved inward, forming characteristically a crescent shape or semicircle. Horns are thick at the base.		
Visible characteristics	A narrow band of dense hair covering the top line from the crest of neck to the point of origin of tail, two chevron markings - one just around the jowl and the other anterior to the brisket.		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)		122.0	
Body Length (avg. cm.)		133.0	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)		180.0	
Body weight (avg. kg.)	380.0	380.0	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	27.9	27.9	
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Age at first parturition (months)	48.0		
Parturition interval (months)	15.7	14.0	18.0
Milk yield per lactation (kg)	500.0		
Milk Fat (%)	8.22		
Any Peculiarity of the breed			