Breed Descriptor of Kanni Adu (Goat)





Breeding Tract				
State: Tamilnadu	Thoothukudi/Tuticorin			
	Virudhunagar/Kamarajar			
	Tirunelveli			
Location				
Longitude (deg.)	77.44 - 78.11			
Latitude (deg.)	8.44 - 9.35			
General Information				
Synonyms	Varikan Adu, Karapu Adu, Pullai Adu			
Origin	The names Kanni Adu and Varikan Adu are derived from			
	the presence of stripes on either side of the face.			
Major utility	Food - Meat			
Comments on utility				
Comments on breeding	Sattur and Sivakashi taluks of Virudnagar district;			
tract	Kovilpatti and Vilattikulam taluks of Tuticorin district;			
	Sankarankovil taluk of Tirunelveli district of Tamilnadu			
Adaptability to environment				
Population				
	Year	Population	Other information	
	2002	98000	Source: Indian J	
			Anim.	
			Sci.,2012,82,(2):223-	
			30.	
	2013	696219	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	Stationary		

Feeding of adults	Grazing, Fodder and Concentrate			
Comments on Management	Animals generally travel 5 to 10 km. for grazing.			
Morphology				
Colour	Generally Black with two white stripes on either side of			
	the face and white colour in the underbelly and inner side of the legs			
Horn shape and size	Directed backward and outward; backward outward and curved upward are predominantly present. Medium sized (15-25cm) in males and small (<15cm) in females.			
Visible characteristics	These goats have white strips on either side of face extending from base of horn to corner of muzzle. White lines on the edge of ears. Majority of the animals have white patch or line on either side of neck.			
	Male	Female	Overall	
Height (avg. cm.)	81.46	74.83		
Body Length (avg. cm.)	73.06	68.43		
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	75.22	70.07		
Body weight (avg. kg.)	34.05	28.17		
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	2.11	2.05		
Performance				
	Average	Minimum	Maximum	
Litter size born	1.9			
Age at first parturition	13.9			
(months)				
Parturition interval (months)	6.9			
Dressing percentage	45.0			
Any Peculiarity of the breed				