

Breed Descriptor of Ramnad White (Sheep)



Breeding Tract			
State: Tamilnadu		Sivaganda/Pasumpon muthu thevar	
		Ramanathapuram	
		Pudukkottai	
Location			
Longitude (deg.)		77.50 - 78.40	
Latitude (deg.)		9.20 - 9.40	
General Information			
Synonyms		Kilakathai adu	
Origin		Breed name derived from the name of its habitat, Ramnad (now known as Ramanathapuram) district and its white coat.	
Major utility		Food - Meat	
Comments on utility			
Comments on breeding tract		Also distributed in the parts of Thoothukkudi, Tirunelveli, Virudhunagar, Madurai, Dindigul, Tiruchirappalli, Perambalur, Ariyalur, Thanjavur, Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Cuddalore, Villupuram and Thiruvannamalai districts as migratory flocks.	
Adaptability to environment			
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
	2007	1540000	Sorce: 18th Livestock Census, DAHD&F, GOI
	2013	710028	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	Local migration from March to May.		
Morphology			
Colour	Pre-dominantly white with black colour on the ventral aspect of the body, in the region of inner canthi of eyes extending to poll, angle of mouth, lower lip, chin, throat, brisket, tips and border of the ears, and fore and hind limbs.		
Horn shape and size	Rams are horned and ewes are polled. Spiral, thick and corrugated running backward and outward		
Visible characteristics	Medium sized animals. Ears are leaf like, medium in size (12-13cm) and semi-pendulous. Body is covered with short hair.		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	83.21	75.86	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	72.48	65.96	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	80.83	74.19	
Body weight (avg. kg.)	42.73	31.67	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	3.68	3.54	
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Litter size born	1.0		
Age at first parturition (months)	23.6		
Any Peculiarity of the breed			