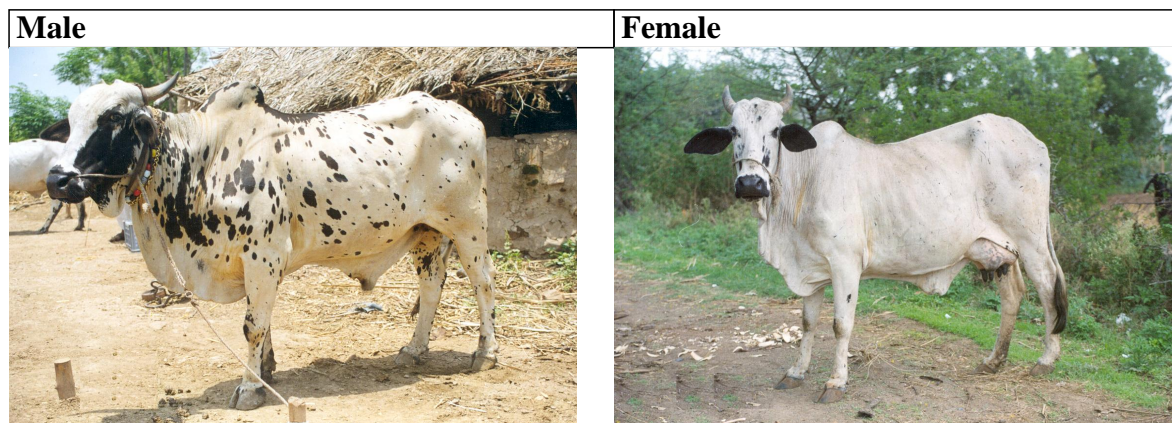


Breed Descriptor of Dangi (Cattle)



Breeding Tract			
State: Gujarat	The Dangs		
State: Haryana	Rohtak		
	Karnal		
State: Maharashtra	Ahmadnagar		
	Nashik		
	Thane		
Location			
Longitude (deg.)	73.16 - 75.05		
Latitude (deg.)	18.02 - 20.52		
General Information			
Synonyms	Kandadi.		
Origin	In Marathi Dang means mountains and these animals are living in mountains. Hence these are called Dangi. Some believe that this originates from the Dangs district in Gujarat.The synonym name Kandadi suggests the origin of the breed from Karnataka.		
Major utility	Work - Draught; Food - milk		
Comments on utility	Dangi cattle are extensively used for ploughing, harrowing and other field operations, and also for carting timber from forest area. The breed is well known for its excellent working qualities in heavy rainfall areas, rice fields and hilly tracts.		
Comments on breeding tract	Mostly found in the Akola taluka of Ahmadnagar district, Sinner and Igatpuri taluka of Nashik districts of Maharashtra and Dangs district of Gujarat. It is also found near by Thane district of Maharashtra. Generally these animals are found near the hilly tract where forest is available in the ranges of Sahyadri.		
Adaptability to environment	The animals are adapted to hevvy rainfall conditions. The skin exudes an oily secretion which protects from heavy rain.		
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information

	2001	108197	Source: Network Project of NBAGR, BAIF, Pune
	2013	119373	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	Intensive		
Mobility	Nomadic		
Feeding of adults	Grazing, Fodder and Concentrate		
Comments on Management	Dangi animals are hardy and subsist mostly on grazing alone. Dangi breeders are semi nomadic. They belong to Kanadi, Mahadeo Koli, Konkana, Thakar and Maratha communities, who practices seasonal migration and remain away from their villages for about 9 months in a year. During the hot dry season, the breeders migrate towards coastal areas where grass, tree fodder and water are available to some extent.During the heavy rainfall, they settle down at the foot hills for protection from the cold draught.		
Morphology			
Colour	Dangi cattle have distinct white coat colour with red or black spots distributed unevenly over the body.		
Horn shape and size	Horns are short (12-15 cm) and thick with lateral pointing tips Animals with inward and also with downward pointing horn tips are also available in sizable numbers.		
Visible characteristics	Uneven distribution of black or red spots over the body. Forehead is slightly protruding.		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	117.0	113.0	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	129.0	122.0	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	154.0	139.0	
Body weight (avg. kg.)	317.0	228.0	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	18.2	16.8	17.5
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Age at first parturition (months)	53.0	46.0	56.0
Parturition interval (months)	19.0	17.0	21.0
Milk yield per lactation (kg)	430.0	175.0	800.0
Milk Fat (%)	4.3	3.8	4.5

Any Peculiarity of the breed	They are well known for their hardiness and excellent working qualities in heavy rainfall areas, rice fields and hilly tract.
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