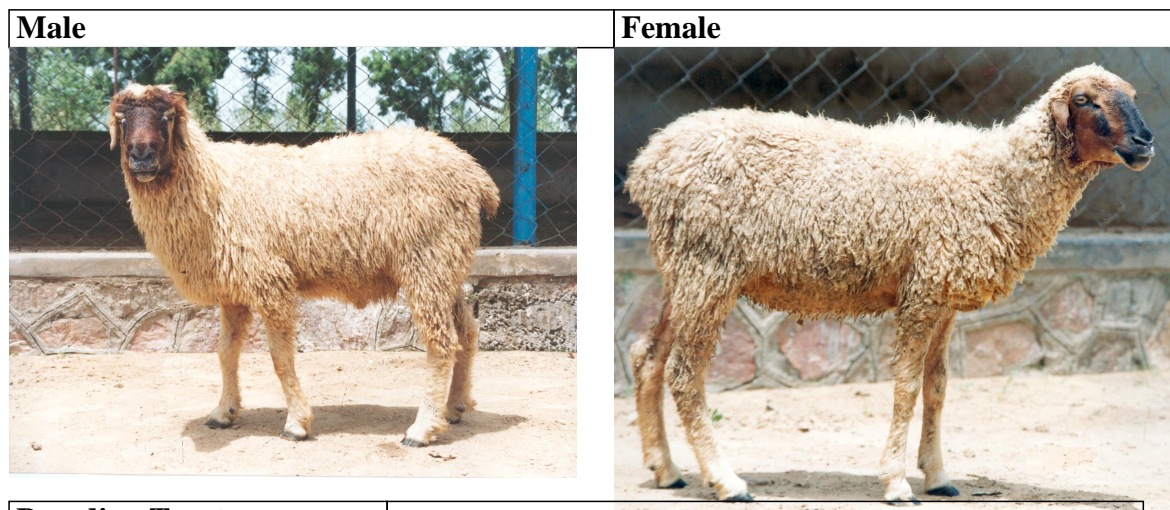


Breed Descriptor of Chokla (Sheep)



Breeding Tract			
State: Rajasthan	Churu		
	Sikar		
	Nagaur		
Location			
Longitude (deg.)	73.40 - 75.15		
Latitude (deg.)	27.11 - 28.19		
General Information			
Synonyms	Chapper, Shekhawati and Raata Munda		
Origin	The name Shekhawati and Chhappar are derived from the name of its distribution area whereas Raata munda stands for dark brown coloured face		
Major utility	Fibre - Wool; Food - Meat		
Comments on utility			
Comments on breeding tract	A limited area at the juncture of Churu, Nagaur, and Sikar districts		
Adaptability to environment			
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
	2005	20000	Source: Indian J. Animal Sciences, 2008. 78(9):1039.
	2013	261514	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			
Morphology			
Colour	The coat colour is white. The face colour is dark brown (Raata Munda), and the colour may extend upto middle of neck.		
Horn shape and size	Both Polled		
Visible characteristics	Light to medium sized animals, face is generally devoid of wool. Ears are small to medium in length (9-11cm) and tubular. Coat is dense and relatively fine.		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	69.2	63.9	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	70.9	62.6	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	82.1	75.3	
Body weight (avg. kg.)	41.1	29.9	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	2.03	2.01	
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Litter size born	1.0		
Age at first parturition (months)	18.0	12.0	24.0
Parturition interval (months)	12.0		
Fleece weight (kg/year)	1.75	1.5	2.5
Staple length (cm)	5.5		
Fibre Diameter (μ)	23.4		
Any Peculiarity of the breed	Chokla breed has the unique characteristics of fine carpet quality fleece production and survival on scarce fodder resources under field conditions during drought – a regular feature of physical environment of Chokla breeding tract.		