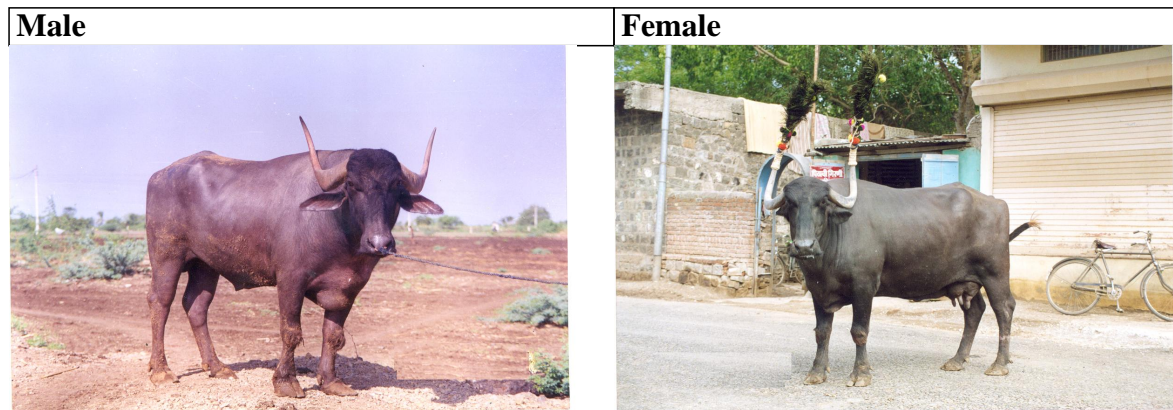


Breed Descriptor of Marathwadi (Buffalo)



Breeding Tract			
State: Maharashtra	Latur		
	Nanded		
	Beed		
	Parbhani		
	Jalna		
Location			
Longitude (deg.)	74.40 - 78.15		
Latitude (deg.)	17.35 - 20.40		
General Information			
Synonyms	Ellichpuri, Dudhana Thadi		
Origin	Named after place of its origin		
Major utility	Food - Milk; Work - Draught and Transport.		
Comments on utility			
Comments on breeding tract			
Adaptability to environment			
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
	1997	425000	Source: Indian J. Animal Sciences, 2008. 78(7):790.
	2013	278502	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		
Feeding of adults	Fodder and Concentrate		

Comments on Management	Farmers maintain mixed herds of cattle and buffaloes. Animals are housed in open, close to farmers residence. Sorghum, paddy straw, grasses, sugarcane leaves and tops are usually fed to animals. Concentrate is offered only to milking animals.		
Morphology			
Colour	Greyesh black to jet black. Some animals have white markings on forehead and lower parts of the limbs.		
Horn shape and size	Horns are parallel to the neck, reaching up to shoulder but never beyond shoulder blade. Medium in length (av.43cm).		
Visible characteristics	Length of horns differentiate these buffaloes from Pandharpuri buffaloes. Horns reach upto shoulder unlike in Pandharpuri buffaloes where these may reach upto pin bones some time.		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	133.0	124.3	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	149.0	128.5	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	187.1	181.6	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	24.5	23.7	
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Age at first parturition (months)	52.3		
Parturition interval (months)	16.7		
Milk yield per lactation (kg)	1118.0		
Milk Fat (%)	8.8	6.25	10.5
Any Peculiarity of the breed			