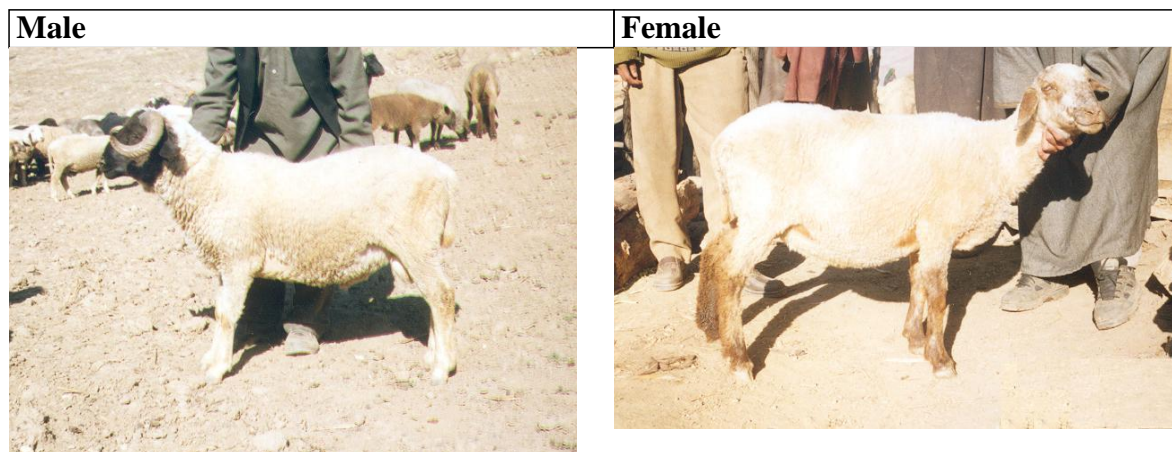


## Breed Descriptor of Gurez (Sheep)



<b>Breeding Tract</b>			
State: Jammu & Kashmir	Baramulla		
<b>Location</b>			
Longitude (deg.)	74.0 - 74.25		
Latitude (deg.)	34.25 - 35.10		
<b>General Information</b>			
Synonyms			
Origin	The name is derived from the home tract “Gurez” subdivision.		
Major utility	Food - Meat; Fibre - Wool		
Comments on utility	Gurez is not a typical dairy type sheep breed, however has good potential for milk production. The shepherds use sheep milk when on summer camp.		
Comments on breeding tract	Found in Gurej Tehsil of Baramulla district in Northern Kashmir.		
Adaptability to environment			
<b>Population</b>			
	Year	Population	Other information
	2004	4475	Source: Sheep Genetic Resources of India: Gurez. Monograph No. 49, NBAGR, Karnal.
	2013	17207	Source: Estimated Livestock Population Breed Wise Based on Breed Survey 2013. Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Government of India, New Delhi
<b>Management</b>			
Management system	Extensive		
Mobility			

Feeding of adults	Grazing		
Comments on Management			
<b>Morphology</b>			
Colour	Body colour is predominantly white with brown or black colour on muzzle and around eyes. Complete coloured sheep may also be seen.		
Horn shape and size	Males are generally horned (84.60%) whereas Females are generally polled (82.98%). Large in males (average size 28.40cm) and medium in females (average size 15.10cm).		
Visible characteristics	Gurez is the heaviest sheep found in Jammu & Kashmir. Ears are medium sized, thin and pointed. Body is mostly well covered with white fleece.		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	63.0	63.3	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	70.0	71.0	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	79.6	82.7	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	2.4	2.4	2.4
<b>Performance</b>			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Litter size born	1.04		
Age at first parturition (months)		24.0	30.0
Parturition interval (months)	12.0		
Fleece weight (kg/year)		0.8	1.0
Staple length (cm)		10.0	12.0
Fibre Diameter ( $\mu$ )		25.0	26.0
Dressing percentage	55.0		
Any Peculiarity of the breed	Multiple horns detected in some animals of both the sexes in Gurez breed		