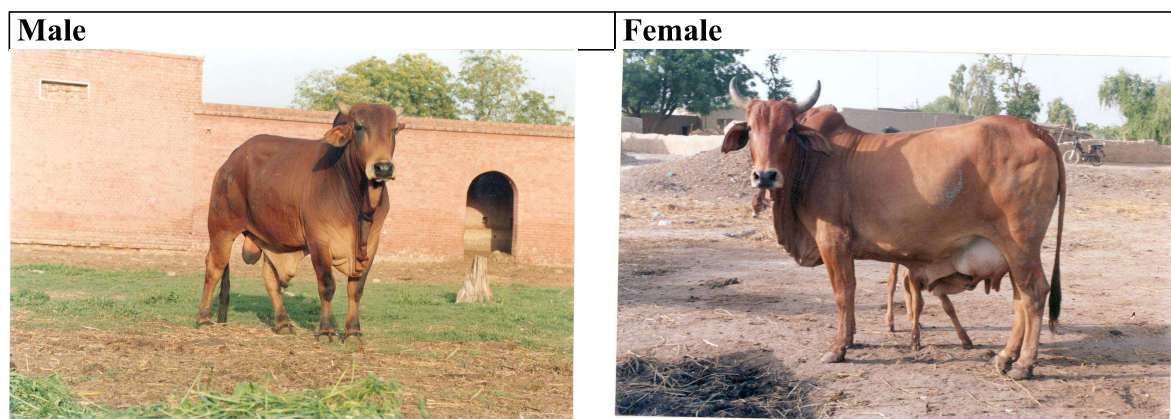


Breed Descriptor of Sahiwal (Cattle)



Breeding Tract			
State: Punjab	Amritsar		
	Ferozpur		
State: Rajasthan	Ganganagar		
Location			
Longitude (deg.)	73.6 - 74.4		
Latitude (deg.)	29.10 - 30.55		
General Information			
Synonyms	Lambi Bar, Lola, Montgomery, Multani and Teli.		
Origin	The breed derives its name from Sahiwal area in Montgomery district of Punjab (Pakistan.		
Major utility	Food - Milk		
Comments on utility	One of the best dairy breed of zebu cattle. It is being utilized for improvement of local stock.		
Comments on breeding tract	A few herds of pure Sahiwal cattle are available around Fazilka and Abohar towns of Ferozepur district.		
Adaptability to environment			
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
	2013	1092459	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	Grazing, Fodder and Concentrate		

Comments on Management	Animals are not provided with any type of house. They are kept loose in an open area. Only calves are provided with bush enclosers. Animals are taken for grazing in the morning. Milking cows return early while the rest return at sun set. They are also fed green fodder. Milking cows are provided supplementary feeding in the form of cotton seed, barley and oil cake. Feed is given in soaked form at the time of milking. Calves are reared on whole milk up to 1 month of age after which some green fodder is also fed. Calves are allowed to suck 1-2 teats up to 6 months of age.		
Morphology			
Colour	Brownish red colour, shades may vary from a mahogany red brown to more greyish red. Extremities in bulls are darker than rest of body colour. Occasionally there are white patches.		
Horn shape and size	Horns are stumpy and short to medium running Outwards, upwards and then inwards.		
Visible characteristics	Pale red colour, short horns and loose skin.		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	170.0	124.0	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	150.0	131.0	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	190.0	164.0	
Body weight (avg. kg.)	540.0	327.0	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	22.4	20.7	
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Age at first parturition (months)	41.7	30.0	50.0
Parturition interval (months)	15.6	13.0	18.0
Milk yield per lactation (kg)	2325.0	1600.0	2750.0
Milk Fat (%)	4.9	4.8	5.1
Any Peculiarity of the breed	Because of its desirable traits, it is being utilised widely in many warm humid countries of the world for improvement of local stock or for initial crossbreeding of indigenous stock before undertaking upgrading with European breeds.		