Breed Descriptor of Bargur (Cattle)





Breeding Tract				
State: Tamilnadu	Erode			
Location				
Longitude (deg.)	77.20 - 77.40			
Latitude (deg.)	11.40 - 12.			
General Information				
Synonyms				
Origin				
Major utility	Work - Draught			
Comments on utility	Animals are very sensitive and fiery in disposition and are difficult to train. They are light in built and are developed mainly for carrying out agricultural operations in the uneaven and hilly terrain. Cattle of this breed are unsurpassed in speed and endurance in trotting.			
Comments on breeding	This breed is found around Bargur hills in Bhavani taluk			
tract	of Erode district.			
Adaptability to environment				
Population				
	Year	Population	Other information	
	2013	14154	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	Animals are reared in the forest area in semi wild			
	conditions and are penned in enclosures called pattys.			
	They are tended by hired local tribal labours called			
	lingaiys. Each patty has 50 to 200 heads of cattle. They			
	remain in the interior of forest and graze on existing			
	vegetation. They are brought back to villages for harvest			
	operations only. All these cattle are driven to salt licks 43			
	Km north of Bargur by about January for a few days and			
	then driven to forest again.			
Morphology				
Colour	Brown with white markings.			
Horn shape and size	Horns are closer at root and are inclined backward,			
	outward and upward with a forward curve; sharp at the			
	tip. Medium in size and light brown in colour.			
Visible characteristics	Brown colour with white markings and light brown			
	colour of horns.			
	Male	Female	Overall	
Height (avg. cm.)	126.0	122.0		
Body Length (avg. cm.)	177.0	121.0		
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	156.0	124.0		
Body weight (avg. kg.)	340.0	295.0		
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	18.9	18.1		
Performance				
	Average	Minimum	Maximum	
Parturition interval	17.0			
(months)				
Milk yield per lactation (kg)	350.0	250.0	1300.0	
Any Peculiarity of the breed				