Breed Descriptor of Khillar (Cattle)





Breeding Tract					
State: Karnataka	Bagalkote				
	Gulbarga				
	Dharwad				
	Bijapur				
	Belgaum				
State: Maharashtra	Osmanabad				
	Kolhapur				
	Solapur				
	Sangli				
	Satara				
	Pune				
Location					
Longitude (deg.)	74.42 - 76.15				
Latitude (deg.)	16.45 - 17.22				
General Information					
Synonyms	Mandeshi, Shikari, Thillar				
Origin	Originated from Hallikar or Amritmahal breed of cattle. Khillari means herd of cattle and herdman is known as Khillari or Thillari. Four types of Khillari are prevalent i				
	different parts. Atpadi Mahal in Southern Maharashtra,				
	Mhaswad in Solapur and Satara area, Thillari in Satpura				
	range of hills, and Nakali in adjoining area of this region.				
Major utility	Work - Draught				
Comments on utility	Bullocks are known for quick draught capability.				
Comments on breeding	Source: Project Coordinator Report. 2008. Network				
tract	Project on Animal Genetic Resources, NBAGR, Karnal.				
Adaptability to environment					
Population					
	Year	Population	Other information		
	1997	1144660	Livestock Census.		
			1997. Maharashtra.		

	12002	1046400	011667: 34.1		
	2003	1046489	811665 in Maharshtra		
			and 234824 in		
			Karnataka. Source:		
			Indian J. of Animal		
			Sciences, 2008,		
			78(8):900.		
	2013	1102359	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 and Fodder				
Comments on Management	Usually male calf is allowed to suck all the milk it can				
	take until the dam goes dry. Cow is partially milked if it has a female calf. Males are castrated at about 5 to 5½				
	years of age. Sorghum and bajara are extensively grown				
	in the area. Grains are used for human consumption				
	while stalks are fed to cattle. Maize and some varieties of				
	sorghum are also grown as fodder crops.				
		Brown as roader	crops.		
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Parturition interval	16.6	15.0	21.0		
(months)					
Milk yield per lactation (kg)	451.48	240.0	515.0		
Milk Fat (%)	4.22				
Any Peculiarity of the breed	Bullocks are highly valued as fast powerfull draught				
	animals. They can travel miles without showing any				
	signs of fatigue. Cattle of this breed have been exported				
	to North-Western Sri Lanka to improve the draught				
	qualities of Sinhala breed.				