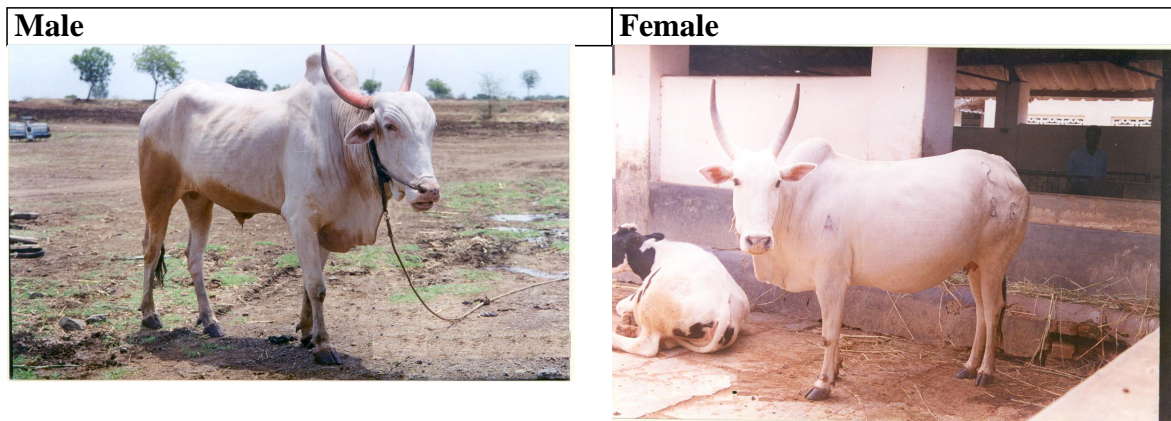


Breed Descriptor of Krishna Valley (Cattle)



Breeding Tract			
State: Karnataka	Raichur		
	Bijapur		
	Belgaum		
State: Maharashtra	Solapur		
	Sangli		
	Satara		
Location			
Longitude (deg.)	74. - 78.		
Latitude (deg.)	15.8 - 17.8		
General Information			
Synonyms	Kistna Valley		
Origin	Gir cattle from Kathiawar, Ongole from Andhra Pradesh, Kankrej from Gujarat and local cattle having Mysore type blood in them have contributed to the origin of Krishna Valley breed.		
Major utility	Work - Draught		
Comments on utility	This is a heavy draught breed and used exclusively in the black cotton soil of the watershed of river Krishna.		
Comments on breeding tract			
Adaptability to environment			
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
	2013	3462	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	Cattle are usually allowed to graze only after the grasses have been harvested for hay making. All animals are stall fed throughout the year. Sorghum, maize, beans and grasses are fed as green fodder. Concentrate is fed to milking cows and bullocks. Shevri is grown extensively along the banks of the rivers; the plant remains green throughout the summer. Loppings are used for feeding . Male calves are allowed to suck two teat and female calves one teat. At the age of 2-1/2 years, young males are broken into work, and at 3 to 4 years, they are castrated and sold as bullocks.		
Morphology			
Colour	The common colour is grey - white with a darker shade on fore & hind quarters in males. Adult females are more whitish in appearance. Brown & white, black & white, and mottled colours are often seen.		
Horn shape and size	Curved and usually emerge in an outward direction from the outer angles of the poll curving slightly upward and inward. Horns are small in size.		
Visible characteristics	Massive body, distinct bulge in the forehead.		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	145.0	122.0	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	153.0	132.0	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	196.0	168.0	
Body weight (avg. kg.)	550.0	325.0	
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Age at first parturition (months)		46.05	49.34
Any Peculiarity of the breed	Bullocks of this breed have been exported to Brazil and the United States of America.		