

PONWAR



Home Tract : Philibith district of Uttar Pradesh

Type : Draught purpose
Local white cows and the Morang breed of Nepal are the base of this breed. Tharu tribes are maintaining these cows for years.

Colour : Black or brown with white patches.

Face : Small white patches on forehead.

Ears : Small

Horns : Small, pointed

Tail : Long, white switch



NAGORI

Home Tract : Naguar district of Rajasthan

Type : Draught

Colour : White, light grey

Eyes : White eye lids, heavy & over hanging

Ears : Medium size, inside is pinkish

Muzzle : Black

Horns : Black, medium size emerging from outer angles

Hooves : Black

NIMARI

Home Tract : Nimar tract of Narmada valley in Madhya Pradesh

Type : Draught
Breed originated from Gir & Khillari

Colour : Red with large patches of white

Horns : Emerge in backward direction. Occasionally copper coloured, long

Muzzle : Copper or red coloured

Tail : Long, Black switch



KENKATHA



Home Tract : On the banks of Ken river at Lalithpur, Hamipur of Uttara Pradesh. Tikamgarh of Madhya Pradesh

Type : Draught purpose
Moderate sized, strong legs are the specialities. They work under any adverse conditions. Due to the popularity of Hariana & Tharparkar the number is decreasing.

Colour : Grey

Face : Small, broad, groove at forehead.

Horn : Starts from the side of poll & bends forwards

Ears : Pointed, small

MALVI



Home Tract : Malva of
Madhya Pradesh & Jhalwar
district of Rajasthan

Type : Draught

Colour : White

Males – Grey dark in neck,
shoulders, hump quarters

Head : Short, dished forehead

Horns : Strong pointed emerge
from outer angles from poll

Tail : Switch is black

DANGI

Home Tract : Nasik & Ahmadnagar districts of Maharashtra called Dangs Ghats.

Type : Draught, Medium to heavy size. Known for excellent working qualities in heavy rainfall areas.

Colour : White with red or black spots over the body, Shining coat

Muzzle : Large

Horns : Short & thick

Ears : Small

Hooves : Black, flint like, very hard

Skin : Exudes oil secretion which protects from rain.



KHILARI



Home Tract : Bijapur district of Karnataka, Solapur of Maharashtra

Type : Draught

Known for its draught endurance

Colour : Grayish white.

Males – fore & hindquarters are black.

Grey white motled marking on face.

Tapti Kilari – Variety is white carrot nose & hooves

Newly born calves – red poll but disappears within 2 months

Forehead : Narrow, long, convex bulge towards horns, distinct groove from nose to poll

Ears : Small, held sideways

Horns : Long, pointed, close at the root, bow shaped

Hooves : Closely set, black, tail – black switch

AMRITH MAHAL



Home Tract : Hassan, Chikmagalur, Chitradurga districts of Karnataka

Type : Draught, Known for its power & endurance

Developed by the rulers of Mysore State between 1572-1636 AD. Mainly for transportation of army equipments. Earlier called Benne Chawadi. Tippu Sultan renamed as Amrith Mahal

Skin : Generally grey, white & black is also seen. Cows are white, bulls dark. Muzzle, face & tail switch – black

Head : Long & tapering. Forehead is narrow, furrow in the middle.

Horns : Long, emerge from the top of poll close together backward & upward direction.

Ears : Small, horizontal

Hooves : Hard, close together

KRISHNA



Home Tract : Watershed area of Krishna River of Karnataka

Type : Draught breed

This is evolved from Gir, Ongole, Kankrej, Hallikar breeds

Colour : Grey white, brown black & white mottled colours may be seen. Males – darker shades in fore & hindquarters

Forehead : Distinct bulge

Horns : Small, curved upward inwards

Ears : Small pointed

Tail : Almost reaches ground

MALENADU GIDDA



Home Tract : Malenada area (coastal hilly area) of Karnataka – Mangalore, Kumta, Shimoga

Type : Draught breed

Very small in size. Highly resistant to most diseases, takes little food & gives better quality milk, ideal for small farmers.

Colour : Brown, black, fawn, white, Kapila is also seen.

Head : Long & narrow

Horns : Small

Tail : Long

JAVARI



Home Tract : Hubli, Bijapur areas of Karnataka

Type : Draught breed
Small size, good draught purpose breed. Highly resistant to many diseases & extreme climate conditions.

Skin : Different colours are seen. Full black, brown, grey colours & mixture of these can be seen.

Head : Short

Horns : Small

Legs : Strong



HALLIKAR

Home Tract : Mysore, Mandya, Bangalore, Kolar, Tumkur, Hassan, Chitradurga districts of Karnataka

Type : Draught. Best draught breed of southern India. Medium sized, compact & muscular. Most of south Indian breeds have originated from this breed.

Male calves are allowed to suckle full milk.

Skin : Grey to dark grey with deep shading on fore & hindquarters, Light grey markings on the face, dewlap & under the body.

Forehead : Prominent, slight bulgy appearance. Furrow in the middle. Face is long.

Muzzle : Grey to black

Horns : Closely at base from the top of poll, backward long, forward bend. Tip is black & sharp.

Ears : Small, tapering to a point

Tail : Switch is black.

ONGOLE



Home Tract : Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh

Type : Draught

These are our mute ambassadors to many countries. USA, South American countries imported these in large number.

Colour : White, Males – dark grey markings on head, neck & hump. Calves sometimes born with reddish brown colour but as they grow older turns white.

Horns : Short & stumpy

Muzzle : Black

Special Blacks : Muzzle, eye, hooves, fetlock, hind quarters, tip of tail, anal region, tip of ear & tip of testes



KANGAYAM

Home Tract : Erode, Dindigal & Coimbatore districts of Tamilnadu

Type : Draught, Medium size

Colour : Grey & White

Bulls : Dark colour in hump, fore & hind quarters face & legs. Red, Black, fawn & broken colour is also seen

Forehead : Broad, groove at the centre

Muzzle, eyelids, tail switch, hooves are black

Eyes : Dark rings around

Horns : Long upward

UMBLACHERY



Home Tract : Tanjavur,
Tiruvavuru, Nagapattanam districts
of Tamilnadu

Type : Draught breed
Developed from Kangayam breed.
Best draught breed of Tamilnadu.

Colour : Males : Dark grey, black
patches on head, back, pelvis, Legs
– below hocks are white – socks
like.

Females : Grey with white
markings on face & legs.

Muzzle : Black

Eyes : Black eyelashes



BARAGUR

Home Tract : Baragur hills, Erode of Tamilnadu

Type : Draught, medium size
Unsurpassed in speed & endurance in trotting. For most part of the year cattle's remain in forest.

Colour : Brown with white markings. White or dark brown colour may be seen.

Forehead : Slightly prominent & has a deep furrow between the roots of horns

Horns : Light brown colour, closer at roots, sharp at the tip

Limbs : Thin & bony

KASARAGOD



Home Tract : Kasaragod district of Kerala

Type : Draught

Very small in size but good resistant power is seen. Most of the time let out for grazing & requires very little food.

Colour : Usually black. White, red, grey are also seen.

Head : Narrow, short

Horns : Small

Tail : Long

HARYANA



Home Tract : Rohtak, Gurgaon, Hisar districts of Haryana

Type : Dual, medium size
Greater attention is paid to rearing of male calves.

Colour : White or light grey. Bull fore and hind quarters are dark.

Face : Long narrow. Well marked bony prominence at the poll.

Horns : Small

Muzzle : Black

Eyes : Black eyelashes

Tail : Black switch

THARPARKAR



Home Tract : Thar desert of Rajasthan

Type : Dual purpose – milk & working

This breed was developed from Kankrej, Red Sindhi, Gir, Nagori breeds

Colour : Whit & grey
Bulls neck, hump, fore & hindquarters are dark

Ears : Long pendulous & inner side is yellowish

Horns : Small

Tail : Long, black switch



KANKREJ

Home Tract : Kutch of Gujarath,
Jodhpur of Rajastan

Type : Dual, Heavy breed. One of
the oldest breeds of India.

Colour : Grey or Steel black.
Males - hind & fore quarters,
hump is black

Face : Short, nose is slightly
upturned

Ears : Long, pendulous

Horns : Strong, long, lyre shaped

Dewlap & Sheath : Pendulous

Gait : Head is held high, smooth

DEONI



Home Tract : Marathwada region of Maharashtra, Bidar district of Karnataka

Type : Dual

Originated from Gir breed about 500 years back. Male calves are nursed better. Calves are not weaned.

Colour : Spotted black & white.

Three strains – Shevera (black & white spotted), Balankya (white, without any spot), Wannera (white, partial black face)

Ears : Grey white with **black** inside, drooping

Forehead : Prominent, slightly bulged

Horns : Emerge from side of poll behind and above the eyes in upward direction

Eyes : Black eyebrows & eye lashes

Hump : Massive Limbs : Straight & powerful

Hooves : Black Tail : Switch is black

Teats : Black

LAL KANDHARI



Home Tract : Kandhar area of Nanded district & Marathwada of Maharashtra

Type : Dual purpose

In fourth century the kings of Kandhar developed this breed. Moderate sized cows.

Colour : Dark brown or red

Forehead : Broad

Ears : elongated, drooping

Eyes : Black ring around the eyes

Muzzle : Black

Horns : Small

Hooves : Black

Tail : Long, black switch

GAOLAO



Home Tract : Wardha district of Maharashtra, Southern Madhya Pradesh

Type : Dual, Medium size
In 18 century the Marathas developed this for quick transportation in army.

Skin : White or light grey. Males – grey on neck, hump & quarters

Forehead : Slightly convex appearance

Eyes : Almond shaped, placed slightly at angles

Ears : Medium size, carried high

Horns : Short & stumpy, blunt at the tip

Tail : Short

SAHIWAL



Home Tract : Sahiwal district of Pakistan, Panjab

Type : Milk breed

One of the best dairy breed.

Closely related to Sindhi & Gir breeds. Many countries have imported this breed

Colour : Usually reddish

Brown with white spots is also seen

Fore Head : Males – massive and broad. Female - medium

Ears : Medium size, black hair on the fringes

Dewlap : Large & heavy

Udder : Heavy

SINDHI



Home Tract : Karachi, Hyderabad districts of Pakistan

Type : Milk breed

Exported to many countries for their milk production & endurance. But now in India, not seen in general

Colour : Red but white patches are seen

Horns : Short

Dewlap & Sheath : Pendulous

RATHI



Home Tract : Western part of Rajasthan

Type : Milk breed
This is originated from Sahiwal, Sindhi, Tharparkar breeds. Sahiwal blood is more seen.

Colour : Usually brown with white patches. Completely brown or black coat with white patches are also seen

Muzzle : Black

Eyelids : Brown or black

Horns : Short

Ears : Moderate, dewlap is voluminous

Tail : Long, switch is black

GIR



Home Tract : Gir hills of Gujarath

Type : Milk breed

Known for its tolerance to stress condition.

Exported to USA, Brazil, Mexico, Venezuela. Best milking breed of India.

Colour : Red, speckled red

Head : Broad convex forehead, broad muzzle & nostrils

Eyes : Partially closed appearance

Ears : Long, pendulous, folded like a leaf, notch at the tip

Horns : Starting at the base of crown, downward, backward & again upward. Half moon appearance.

Sheath : Large & pendulous

Tail : Long

Skin : Loose & pliable

Hooves : Medium size & black

GANGATIRI



Home Tract : Banks of Ganga river at Bihar, Varanasi

Type : Milk breed

Developed from Hariana breed. 10 years back this breed was at the verge of extinction. But by the effort of local Gou Bhaktas, we can see this breed in & around Varanasi, which are giving 10-15 liters of milk per day.

Colour : White

Face : Narrow

Muzzle : Black

Eyes : Black

Horns : Short, upwards pointing

Tail : Long, black switch

VECHUR



Home Track : Vechur of Kerala

Type : Small type

Kerala Agricultural University has taken project to conserve this breed.

At present pure Vechur animals will be around hundred in number.

Colour : Light red, black, fawn & white

Size : Extremely small & compact

Head : Long & narrow

Horns : Small, curving forward, downward

Tail : Long

KERIGHAR



Home Track : Lakimpur Kheri district of Uttar Pradesh

Type : Draught purpose & run very fast

Colour : White coated

Ears : Small & horizontal

Forehead : Flat & broad

Horns : Medium in size, upstanding, curving upward & outward

Eyes : Large, bulging & bright

Hump : Small in female & medium in male

Neck : Short

Muzzle : Black

Sheath : Small

Legs : Light & straight

Hoofs : Small & black

Tail : Long, almost touches the ground & switch is black

Udder : Small & tightly attached to legs

Teats : Small & cylindrical