CAMEL BREEDS
1. BAGRI OR BOOJA CAMEL

Home Tract

Bagri Camel are originated in Cholistan and Thai areas of District Bhakkar, Layyah, Mianwali, Jhang, Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar and Rahim Yar Khan of Punjab Province. These animals are also seen in riverian tract.

Characteristics

The camels found in desert area possesses slim body but riverian camels are heavier due to availability of abundant feed and better management. The characteristic colour of this breed is fawn but tawny, brown, whitish or even white shades are also seen. The hump is moderately well developed. Small head, markedly convex forehead, blunt muzzle, bulging prominent eyes, short ears, long powerful neck, short tail and long well developed strong bony legs are distinctive points of Booja Camels. These are mainly raised for excellent riding, racing and luggage carrying in both sandy and irrigated areas.

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2. MARECHA, BIKAANARI OR MAHRA CAMEL

Home Tract

These Camels are found in desert of Cholistan and extensively reared in riverian tract of the Punjab province.

Characteristics

The large sized animal with chestnut, black, tawny and fawn body colour. The head is usually small sized, big prominent eyes, short erected and conical ears with pointed muzzle and flapy lips. The neck is long, thin and powerful. These camels have well developed hump and long energetic legs. Being slim body and powerful legs, they are very suitable to travel fast on sandy soil at a speed of 16-48 Km per hour. They are extensively used for pulling luggage, riding, running race, dancing on the occasions of Horse and Cattle Shows.

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Note:

- 16 - 48 Kg in Live Weight
- 900 Zu (Kilogram)
- 700 Ma (Kilogram)
3. MOUNTAIN, HILLY (PAHARI) CAMEL

Home Tract
The Hilly camel is found in Salt Range areas of District Rawalpindi, Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum and some parts of Balochistan.

Characteristics
These are short structured animals with compact body having light or dark brown tawny and cream colour. They have short head, long fine neck, powerful musculature, short legs and hard pad feet. Hence known as the best baggger and hardworking animal but of slow speed. The height and weight of these camels are less as compared to the camel found in irrigated tract. The neck, shoulders and face usually covered with thick layer of hair especially during winter. Being suitable baggger and riding animals they are raised as efficient means of transportation in remote areas. The camel breeds included in this type are Pashine, Povinda, Barohi, Kachhi, Makrani and Salt Range (Pahari) breeds.

Average Performance
Birth weight (kg) 40

Adult Weight
Male (kg) 565
Female (kg) 561

Age at first calving (days) 1600
Gestation Period (days) 375
Service Period (days) 423
Calving Interval (days) 724
Dry Period (days) 449
Milk Yield / lactation (l) 2463
Lactation Length (days) 300
BRELA

Home Tract

These camels are belong to riverian tract in Punjab.

Characteristics

This heavier sized, milk breed of camel having dark and light brown body colour but it is lighter in females with white creamy shade. Males are quite heavy and sluggish but more powerful and well built. Rough and big head with thick, powerful neck, roman nose, drooping lips, short upstanding ears, prominent medium sized eyes, alongside broad chest, long legs with strong bones are breed characteristics of Brela camel. The udder and milk veins are well developed and teats are squarely apart. These camel can carry load upto 1052 kg. on their back and can pull about 3700 kg. on carts. Daily milk yield of Brela is 10 - 14 litres.

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