



## Gangatiri Cattle

The *Gangatiri* Cattle are mainly found around river Ganga in eastern Uttar Pradesh (UP) in *Chandauli*, *Ghazipur* and *Ballia* districts and adjacent *Bhabhua (Kaimoor)*, *Buxar*, *Arrah* and *Chhapra* area of Bihar State. The breeding tract of this breed includes mainly *Ballia* and *Ghazipur* districts of Uttar Pradesh and *Rohtas* and *Shahbad* districts of Bihar.

The general practice is to house the animals during night and allow them to graze during day.

These animals are kept in open or *Kutchha* (thatched) houses. The animals are sent for grazing for a period of 6-8 hours a day. The herd size varies from 2-150 animals. Large herds are maintained in the *diyara*, the area adjacent to the river *Ganga* and kept only on grazing *i.e.* zero input system.



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Coat colour of *Gangatiri* cow is white with two variants, totally white and greyish. Muzzle is black with some spots. Hump and dewlap are medium.

Animals of this breed are reared for milk production as well as agricultural operation. They are fit for ploughing, thrashing and power works.

Average daily milk yield of *Gangatiri* cows ranged between 4-6 liters per day. The lactation length is of 150 to 250 days. The inter-calving period varied between 14 months to 24 months.

The breed is significantly contributing to the livelihood of the people due to its good draught ability and average milk production.

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