## **Cow Shed**

The cow shed is home to a total of 48 cows, predominantly of Indian origin, with a focus on two native breeds. Deoni and Lal Kandhari. The Deoni cow, renowned in the Deoni tehsil of Latur district, is widespread in regions such as Latur, Osmanabad, Parbhani, and Bidar in Karnataka. On the other hand, the Lal Kandhari cow breed originated from the Kandhar tehsil of Nanded district and is found in abundance across Maharashtra and

North-Karnataka. Because of their excellent milk production and suitability for agricultural work, these two breeds were specifically chosen, which reflects the dual purpose of their breeding at this cowshed.



Deoni Cow: Characteristics: Coat color varies from white to grey, sometimes with patches. Lactation period: 8 to 10 months per year. Milk production: 1000 to 1500 liters milk yield per lactation period.

**Temperature:** Well-adapted to hot and dry climates, withstanding temperatures commonly found in semi-arid regions.

**Food:** Generally graze on natural pasture and consume dry fodder.

**Use:** Dual-purpose breed used for both milk production and draught work in agriculture.

Lal Kandhari Cow: Characteristics: Coat color is typically deep red or brown, occasionally with shades of black

**Lactation period:** 8 to 10 months per year **Milk production:** 800 to 1200 liters milk yield per lactation period

**Temperature:** Well-suited to hot and dry climates, capable of withstanding high temperatures **Food:** Feed on natural pasture and dry fodder **Use:** Primarily used for milk production

