

Goya Pig Variety

Background:

Large White Yorkshire (LWY) was an exotic breed of pig well known for its high body weights among farmers of coastal India. But the adaptability to the hot and humid climate was a major problem to rear this pure breed. On the other hand, the locally available black coloured indigenous Agonda Goan pig was a small sized animal preferred by the consumers for its lean quality meat. Hence, keeping both the problems in view, a crossbred pig (75% LWY and 25% Agonda Goan inheritance) was developed by selective *interse breeding*.

Description:

The crossbred pig variety Goya released on 19th September 2024. It has white colour body and some cases have faint patches of black hairs, strait and small snout, straight body top line, well-placed teats with average of 14 numbers, strong maternal instinct and docile in nature. The average birth weight is 1 kg and the average weaning weight is 8.25 kg. The weight at marketing (8 months of age) is 75 kg. Litter size at birth is 9.



Potential Beneficiaries:

Target area include coastal districts of Goa, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Kerala. Pig farmers, commercial pig production enterprises, agri-entrepreneurs and state animal husbandry departments are the target groups.

Impact of Technology:

Better growth and reproductive potential, good meat quality, docile nature and strong maternal instincts are main features for which this variety is highly preferred in farmers' field. There is a wider scope of scientific pig rearing and this developed variety can thrive well in prevailing hot humid coastal climate. Thus, it can be suitable both in small and marginal farming as well as in commercial piggery enterprises with the potential for high economic return.