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Local Breeds of Horse

Bhirum pony (Nigerian Pony) Characteristics

- Average height of 14-14.2 hands
- Small and alert ears
- Deep chest
- Short neck with sloping shoulder
- Quite and tough.
- Tail is set low
- They are considered handsome pony
- Legs are strong but sometimes hindquarters are poorly developed
- They are used for light draft, pack horse and riding horse

a. Exotic Breeds of Horse

Appaloosa

- Has distinct spotted coat
- 14-16 hands high
- Good saddle horse and used special show and stock work

Morgan

- Perform many horse tasks like haul heavy items, do farm works, race and can perform in a show ring
- 15.2 hands high

Breed Distribution of Horse

Distribution of local breeds of horse

- West African Barb: Western most Region of West Africa
- Hausa: found in Nigeria
- Bhirum pony: indigenous to northern Nigeria
- Sulebawa: found in Nigeria

Distribution of Exotic breeds of horse

- Morgan: found in North America
- Appaloosa: North America and South America

Economic importance

- Used for racing and polo
- Used for royalty and festivals (during durbar)
- Used for pleasure and as gifts
- Used as meat in some part of the countries
- Could be rented out in industrialized places
- Used for companionship/pet
- As a source of income when sold; as it is very expensive
- Used for ploughing farms

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- Also used for warfare

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