



Sheep farm visit – Sommet de l'Elevage 2023

INRA DE THEIX

Theix

63122 St Gènes de Champanelles

Member of the Romane breed society since 2010



FARMLAND

- 135 ha in total of which
 - 40 ha of permanent pasture
 - 9 ha of temporary pasture is for the sheep flock



GEO-CLIMATIC CONTEXT

- Height above sea level 800 - 900 m
- Sector Dôme - Sancy
- Annual rainfall - 900 mm

SHEEP FLOCK

- 350 ewes 12 rams (natural service)
- 100% pure-bred Romane breed
- 3 lambings/ewe every 2 years
- Lambing periods - September/October, November/December & April
- Marketing – ewe lambs sold as breeding stock, ram lambs sold for slaughter
- Specific features INRA research station (diverse programmes - grazing, tannoids)



TECHNICAL RESULTS 2022

- Prolificity – 2.44 lambs/ewe/lambing
- Average age at 1st lambing - 17 months
- Fertility - 86 %
- Productivity - 211%
- % triplets - 63 %
- % bottle-fed lambs - 27%
- 30-day weights – Twin males – 12.0 kg
- Average 30-day weights - 11.8 kg