



SHEEP FARM VISIT



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(25 km from Moulins)

Installed as a pedigree breeder as well as their job as the farm employee.



Background

2017: Creation of a sheep flock and membership of the OS Mouton Charollais breed society, in parallel with his job as an agricultural employee on a farm near Charolles in the Saône-et-Loire.

2021 : Etienne returns to the family farm at Couzon in the as a farm employee and brings with him his flock of sheep and continues his activity as a pedigree Charollais sheep breeder alongside his work on the farm.

🐑 Geo-climatic context

Farm located in the bocage bourbonnais (pastures surrounded by hedgerows) mixed livestock/crop farming area 230 metres above sea-level. Clay soil

🐑 Farmland

Ewes graze roughly 10 ha of permanent pasture of the family farm.

🐑 Farm staff

1 full-time



🐑 Sheep flock

50 Charollais sheep, with plans to expand 4 rams (2 of which is co-owned)
Principal traits sought in the selection of rams are conformation and breed qualities
Pedigree-registered flock since 2017
Sale of male and female breeding stock
Mating by natural service
Lambing period from January to April
Ewe lambs first put to the ram at 9 months or a year later for the smallest ones

🐑 Technical results

Prolificity: 188%
Fertility: 74%
Productivity: 150%
30-day male lamb weights
→ Singles: 17,8 kg
→ Twins: 13,5 kg
Flock average prolificity index: 95
Flock average milk index: 98