

**BREED :** Charollais Sheep

**NAME OF THE VISIT :** Charollais Sheep Farm Tour

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## SHEEP FARM VISIT



### 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.

End 2024: Takes on family farm as father retires



### Geo-climatic context

- Farm located in the bocage bourbonnais (pastures surrounded by hedgerows)
- Mixed farm with 50 Charollais ewes & 40 Limousin cows
- 230 metres above sea-level
- Clay soil



### Farmland

- 220 ha, of which 60 are down to crops
- 1 full-time staff



### Sheep flock

- 50 Charollais ewes, principal traits sought in the selection of rams are conformation and breed qualities & heavier rams
- 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: 189%
- Fertility: 90%
- Productivity: 161%
- 30 & 70-day male lamb weights
- Singles: 15.8 kg at 30 days, 32.8 at 70 days
- Twins: 15.3 kg at 30 days, 30.3 at 70 days
- Flock average prolificity index: 95
- Flock average milk index: 99