

BREED: Blanche sheep

NAME OF THE VISIT: Blanche du Massif Central sheep farm + Sheep genetic station visits (FEDATEST)

DATE OF THE VISIT: 01/10/2024

ADDRESS: Paysat-Bas, 43300 MAZEYRAT D'ALLIER

FEDATEST

Union de coopératives
Pôle Génétique
du Grand Sud

ROM Selection

Breed society for 6 rustic breeds

FEDATEST Testing Station Visit



Ram (butchery qualities) testing station (FEDATEST)

- Establishment of scientific procedures in partnership with INRA, Idele, ENV...
- Participate in the network of test farms managed by CIIRPO

Testing station for young rams

900 rams tested every year- six different breeds: Bizet, Blanche du Massif Central, Grivette, Limousin, Noire du Velay & Rava.

Sales

13,500 ewe lambs and 800 rams sold for breeding per year.
10,000 AI BMC & Limousin per year
Sale of hybrid rams
Solar panels generate 467 KWc per year

GEOGRAPHIC/CLIMATE CONTEXT

- 2 sites 600-800 m above sea level
- Volcanic and granite soil

LABOUR

7 Full-time employees

SHEEP FLOCK

Total flock: 1,000 ewes, 200 ewe lambs, 26 rams
Flock comprising 2 breeds: Blanche du Massif Central – Noire du Velay
System: 4 lambings/ewe every 3 years (Jan, April, July, Oct)
Support flock used for testing the butchery qualities of the following breeds using AI: Berrichon du Cher - Ile de France – Suffolk - Rouge de l'Ouest
Stocking rate: 1.20 LU/forage ha
1988m² lambing shed for 720 ewes (4 zones)
1275m² finishing shed for 800 lambs & 120 ewes

PRODUCTION & ECONOMIC RESULTS

Prolificacy: 1.91 lambs/ewe/lambing
Fertility: 90%
Productivity at birth: 1.98 lambs/ewe/year
30-day weights:
Single male lambs: 13.8kg
Twin male lambs: 11.5kg
1,800 lambs sold within Red Label "Agneau Fermier des Pays d'Oc" quality scheme
10,000 artificial inseminations/year
10000 Inséminations Animales par an