

**NAME OF THE VISIT:** Romane sheep farm visit

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## Sheep farm pre-tour visit – Sommet de l'Elevage 2024



### 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, 9 rams (natural service)
- 100% pure-bred Romane breed
- 3 lambings/ewe every 2 years
- Lambing periods – November, March & May
- Marketing – ewe lambs sold as breeding stock, ram lambs sold for slaughter
- Specific features INRA research station (diverse programmes - grazing, tannoids)

### TECHNICAL RESULTS 2023 :

- Prolificity – 2.45 lambs/ewe/lambing
- Average age at 1st lambing - 17 months
- Fertility - 84 %
- Productivity - 202%
- % bottle-fed lambs - 15%
- 30-day weights – Twin males – 12.0 kg
- Average 30-day weights - 11.7 kg