

Breed: Romane sheep (also known as the INRA 401)

NAME: An introduction to the Romane, and the INRAe facility in Theix

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FLOCK DESCRIPTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Description du cheptel

400 pedigree-registered Romane ewes

8 pedigree-registered rams, ex-testing station

One lambing period in November using AI

2nd lambing period in January

3rd lambing period in April

Principal farm production and secondary livestock activities

The ewes are primarily used as a nucleus flock helping INRAe with its various experiments on feed efficiency, feed intake, ecology and new production systems linked to climate change...

Ewe lambs can also be sold as breeding stock through the Romane Breed Society.

Technical data

RESULTS (Year 2026)

- Prolificity: 2.49 lambs/ewe/parturition
- Average ewe age at 1st lambing: 17 months
- Fertility: 84 %
- Productivity: 191 %
- 30-day-weights: Twin male lambs: 12.8 kg

Average weight: 12.1 kg

