

BREED: LACAUNE MILK SHEEP

FARM NAME: VISITE DU GAEC DES PRES – ELEVAGE LACAUNE LAIT

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FLOCK DESCRIPTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Farm background

Initially, a family milk cow farm (father & mother) for three generations.

1991: start of **milk sheep unit**.

2001: GAEC¹ with **3 sons setting up as farmers**: increases in milk cow herd from 40 to 150 head and the milk sheep flock from 200 to 350 ewes.

Today: 4 partners (since 2025), a milk cow herd + milk sheep flock, 330 ha of farmland across 2 separate sites.

Flock description

360 Lacaune milk breed ewes, 100% of ewe flock is milked.

Principal farm production and secondary livestock activities

Milk cow unit

Milk sheep unit: Milk (70,000 litres/year) delivered to Terre-Dieu private dairy.

Lambs finished to 37-42 kgs liveweight and sold via the co-operative Copagno.

330 ha of which 140 ha of permanent pasture, 70 ha of temporary pasture and 120 ha of cereals and maize (both silage and grain maize).

Technical results & data

240 litres / milked ewe (January to July/September)

1 parturition / ewe / year

Lambing rate: 75%

Prolificity: 1.6 lambs per ewe / 1.3 lambs per ewe lamb

Pedigree Lacaune AI used on ewes (Around the 15th of August) for replacement stock

Pedigree Suffolk AI used on ewe lambs (around 20th of September)

Charollais rams used to sweep up any AI returns.



¹ GAEC = Groupement Agricole d'Exploitation en Commun = Farm business with minimum 2 partners