

BREED: Charollais sheep

NAME OF THE VISIT: Charollais Sheep Farm Visit

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HERD DESCRIPTION AND BREEDING SYSTEM

Farm situation

2017: Formation of the sheep flock and Étienne's membership in the Charollais Sheep Breeders' Organization, alongside his job as a farm worker on a holding near Charolles in Saône-et-Loire.

2025: Establishment of Étienne in Couzon, in the Allier department (25 km from Moulins), on 220 hectares of utilized agricultural area (UAA).

Herd description

Registered sheep flock

80 Charollais ewes

5 rams (including 2 in joint ownership)

Main criteria when purchasing a ram: conformation and breed qualities

Registered flock since 2017

Sale of male and female breeding stock

Natural mating for reproduction

One lambing season per year, from January to April

Ewe lambs bred at 9 months old and/or as yearlings for the smaller ones

Technical data

Prolificacy rate: 162%

Fertility rate: 92%

Numerical productivity: 142%

30-day live weight (males):

→ Singles: 14.6 kg

→ Twins: 13.1 kg

Average prolificacy index: 97

Average milk value index: 102

Main Productions and Activities Complementary to Livestock Farming

Étienne also manages a flock of 220 crossbred ewes in parallel for lamb meat production.

In addition, he keeps around sixty Limousin cows for the production of veaux gras (fattened calves).

