

BREED: LACAUNE DAIRY SHEEP

NAME OF THE VISIT: VISIT TO THE GAEC DES PRES – LACAUNE DAIRY SHEEP FARM

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DESCRIPTION OF THE LIVESTOCK AND BREEDING SYSTEM

History of operation

Individual family farm for three generations

(father and mother) with dairy cows.

1991: Creation of a dairy sheep unit.

2001: GAEC with the **installation of the 3 sons**: expansion of the dairy cow unit (40 to 150) and the dairy sheep unit (200 to 350 ewes).

Today: 4 partners (since 2025), dairy cattle and dairy sheep herds, 330 hectares on 2 production sites.

Technical data

240 L/ewe milked from January to July–September

1 lamb/ewe/year

Lambing rate: 75%

Prolificacy rate: 1.6 for ewes; 1.3 for ewe lambs

Artificial insemination of Lacaune dairy ewes (August 15) to produce replacements

Artificial insemination of ewe lambs with Suffolk (September 20)

Presence of Charollais rams for returns

Herd description

360 Lacaune dairy ewes present, with 300 milked.

Main productions and activities complementary to livestock farming

Dairy cattle unit

Dairy sheep unit: Delivery to the private dairy Terre-Dieu (70,000 L/year).

Fattening of lambs (37–42 kg live weight):

Marketing through the Copagno cooperative.

330 ha, including 140 ha of permanent grassland, 70 ha of temporary grassland, and 120 ha of cereals or maize (silage and grain).

