

BREED: Romane

NAME OF THE VISIT: Visit to a Romane breeding farm, presentation of the breed's selection program

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HERD DESCRIPTION AND BREEDING SYSTEM

Farm situation

- ◆ 1976: Creation of the farm, with 50 ha of crops and a young bull fattening unit
- ◆ 1990 – 1996: End of bull fattening, creation of a flock of 450 ewes (Rava × Ile de France)
- ◆ 2010: Transition of the flock to the Romane breed
- ◆ 2020: Departure of one GAEC partner, reduction of the flock

Herd description

- 550 Romane ewes
- Registered with CPO and OS
- Lambing in September and March, under natural mating
- Use of registered Romane rams, and Suffolk rams for the less suitable ewes
- Sale of slaughter lambs to the Sicarev cooperative (Label Adret) and sale of females to the Romane Breeding Organization (OS Romane) for reproduction

Main Productions and Complementary

Farming Activities

Today, the farm consists of:

- 550 Romane ewes in selection
- 40–50 heifers in fattening
- 275 ha, including:
 - 30 ha of rangeland
 - 40 ha of natural grassland
 - 100 ha of cereal crops
 - 50 ha of maize
 - 40 ha of other crops (sunflower, peas, rapeseed, etc.)
 - 15 ha of alfalfa

Technical data

- Fertility: 89%
- Prolificacy: 2.44
- Productivity: 1.89 lambs sold or kept per ewe lambing
- PAT30 (twin males): 12.9 kg

