

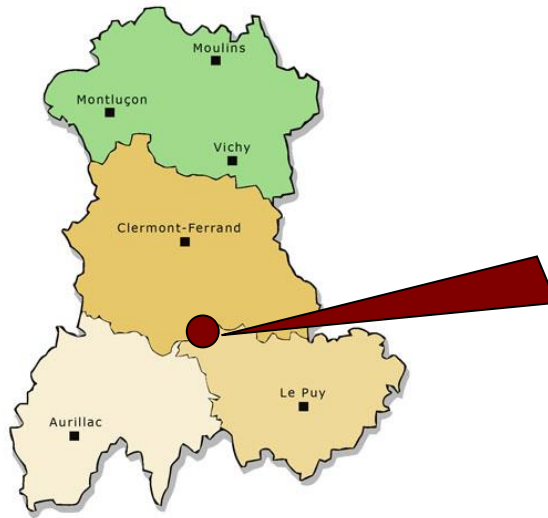


Sheep farm Visit - Noire du Velay

Member of the Livestock replacement breeders Organisation in the Massif Central



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BACKGROUND

- Gerard sets up in partnership (GAEC) with his father in 1982
- Forms a GAEC (non-family) 1990-2002
- Individual business (EARL) 2003-2013
- Forms partnership (EARL) with his wife in 2014

FARMLAND: 77 ha

- 25 ha of cereals (barley, wheat)
- 26 ha of permanent pasture
- 25 ha of temporary pasture (principally lucerne & cocksfoot)

GEOGRAPHIC/CLIMATE CONTEXT

- 500 m above sea-level
- Clay loam soil/light land
- Annual rainfall ~ 600 mm

LABOUR

- 2 partners
- 1 employee (employer group) 1 day per week

SHEEP FLOCK

- Flock: 450 ewes, 70 ewe lambs, 10 rams
- Pedigree Noire du Velay flock rearing replacement breeding stock
- Ewe management: 3 lambings every 2 years: March-April; August-September; November-December
- Rearing breeding stock since 1974 (Creation of breed Upra)
- Sale of butcher's lambs and male & female breeding stock
- Stocking rate: 1.35 UGB/Forage ha

PRODUCTION & FINANCIAL RESULTS

- Prolificacy: 1.9 lambs born/ewe/lambing
- Fertility: 88% of ewes
- Numerical productivity: 212%
- Lambing cycle: 30% of ewes lamb twice per year
- 30 day weights:
 - single male lambs: 13.4 kg
 - twin male lambs: 11.5 kg