

Sheep breeds
from
French Mountainous Regions



Catalogue 2015

You are looking for a sheep breed ?

Able to value hard territories with harsh climates

Able to cross long periods with food deficiency without any problems

(flesh rebuilding breed)

With great maternal traits (high prolificacy, without assistance lambing, good milker)

Able to produce numerous heavy lambs all year long

Either efficient in pure-bred as in meat traits cross-breeding

With one of the best sheep selection scheme in France

Already present in several european countries as well as in Africa and Caribbean

This is the right place !!

French White and its cousins are made for you



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Sheep breeds from French Mountainous Regions

- ☐ Breeders association specialized in genetic improvements
- ☐ Since 1993
- ☐ 180 breeders in 30 french departments
- ☐ Distribution leader for sheep breeds from french mountainous regions



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Une offre complète

✕ **Sheep breeders**

Living animals(ewes and rams)

French White (BMC)

Others French Mountainous Regions breeds
and meat breeds

Semen

✕ **Sheep projects engineering**

✕ **breeding supplies and sheepfolds**

✕ **practical professionnall trainings**



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Six breeds from French Mountainous Regions

first of all hardy breeds

Territories adaptation (mostly cold winters and dry summers) from middle mountains : **flesh rebuilding breeds**

Walking abilities

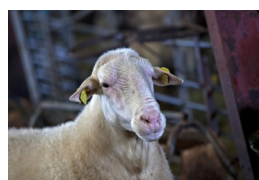
Huge maternal traits (easy of lambing, good milkers)

Excellent out-of-season breeding abilities



French White (BMC) 250 000 ewes

Extra : : pure-bred quality lambs production, harsh conditions breeding, performing selection scheme



LIMOUSINE 40 000 ewes, mostly in Corrèze, Creuse and Puy de dôme

Extra : roared on high altitude plateaus with harsh climate and high rainfall, great hardiness



RAVA 30 000 ewes mostly in Puy de dôme

Extra : : great out-of-season breeding abilities, flesh rebuilding breed
Maternal ewes with easy-of-lambing



NOIRE DU VELAY 20 000 ewes mostly in Haute Loire

Extra : high altitude plateaus breed with harsh climate, great maternal traits
Easy-of-lambing, superovulation gene management



GRIVETTE 12 000 ewes mostly in Loire and Rhône

Extra : prolific breed with great out-of-season breeding abilities, easy farming management, cross-breed used with great adaptation to different food systems



BIZET 7 500 ewes mostly in Haute Loire and Cantal

Extra : social breed, good walker, cross-breeding used
Adaptability to different breeding systems



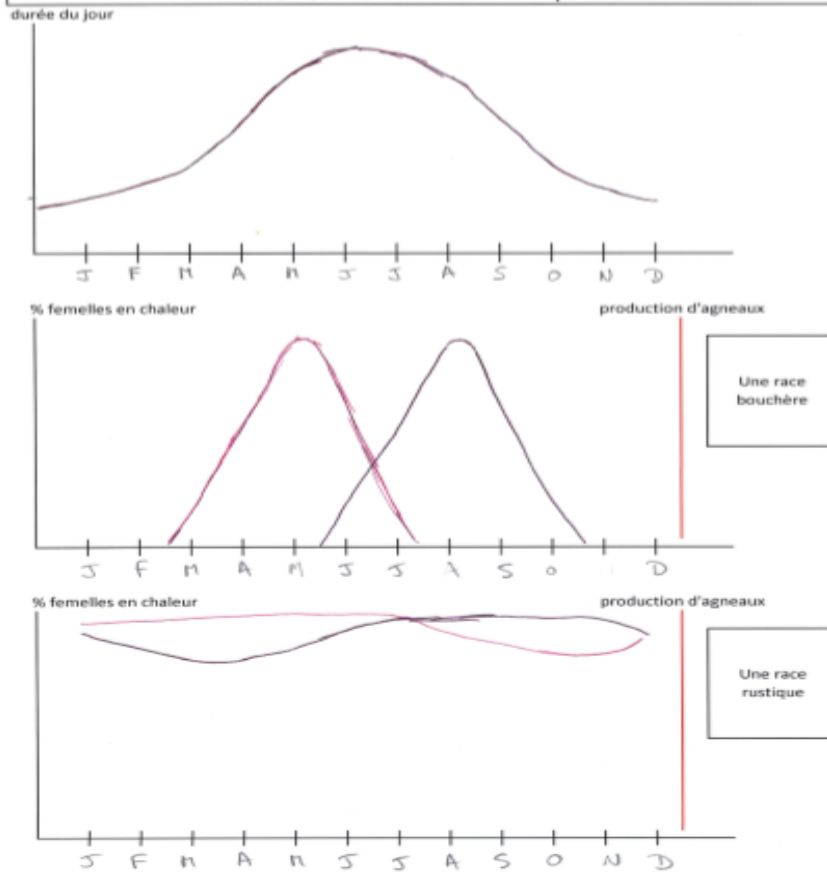
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Le désaisonnement : une réalité en races rustiques



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French White (BMC)

One of the best hardy breeds in the world

Origins : Southern edges of the Massif central

(called « Causses »)

Dry regions with stony ground, harsh climate with cold and snowy winters and hot and dry summers)



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Breed standard : white fine and rather long head, white wool

Adult ewes : 55 to 80 kg,

Adult rams : 90 à 140 kg



Early breeds : lambing ability before 15 months

Out-of-season breeding : 3 main lambing periods

August/september, november/january, march/april

But ewes can mate all year long

Prolificity : 150 % average in selection pool and 165 % for the 15 best breeders
(number of lambs by lambing)

Performing selection scheme : among the 3 best in France following the Institut de l'Élevage (French livestock Institute).



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Profitable breed

Possible lambing since 15 months

Meat vocation

Lamb meat



Easily out-of-season breeding ewes

Lambs all year long—lambings 3 times in 2 years



Quality lambs (13 kg at 30 days) with a rapid growth : 408 g/d between 30 and 70 days (*)



(*) Sourcing : France Génétique Elevage 2013

Exceptionnal productivity :

Many heavy lambs all year long



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French White can be managed in pure-bred



Or in cross-breed



For the production of breeding sheeps

Or lambs for slaughter



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Innovative breed

2 individual controls stations



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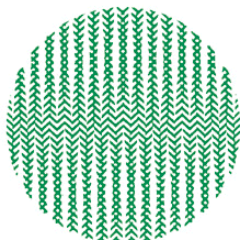
experimental and progeny test station

Artificial insemination



Embryo transfer

French Genetic model



Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique **partners for breeders**

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Harsh territories suitable breed

Maintenance of the countryside



Rough lands valorisation



Middle mountains territories

(between 0 and 1200 meters)



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Because breeders believe in their future

Collective Organization



Modern sheepfolds

250 000 ewes by 1 000 breeders

Of which 25 000 controlled ewes by 60 selection breeders



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French White (BMC)

Headquartered in the

Middle mountains in France



And in Europe

(countries where the breed is present or in projects)

And practical projects

In Africa,

the Carribean and
South America



Races Ovines des Massifs



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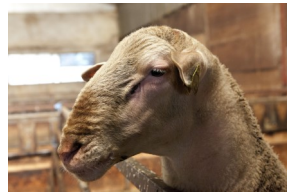
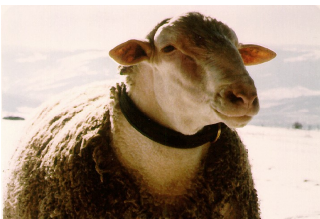
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Breeding sheeps

Rams and ewes French White selected *on maternal and meat traits*

Progeny tests

RAMS



⌘ aged from 8 to 12 months, control on-station coming out

⌘ 700 rams yearly controlled in 2 stations

⌘ All rams have a pedigree with their individual performan as well as those of their ancestry

Gimmers (young ewes)

⌘ aged at least of 100 days, coming out from performances control farms

⌘ 22 500 ewes controlled yearly

⌘ 100 % scrapie resistant certified



GENETIC TOP LEVEL



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Frozen Semen and embryo transfer

Artificial Insémination

12 000 AI yearly

7th french meat breeds

And 2nd for pure-bred'AI

100 different rams, the bests in the breed

1 AI center

Export : only frozen semen

(datas : Institut de l'élevage 2014)



In development

Embryo transfer

ROM Sélection began in 2014 an embryo transfer program.



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LIMOUSINE

40 000 brebis

Origins : Wet plateaus between Auvergne and Limousin, called « plateau de Millevaches »
Cold and wet in winters, wet summers (some years very dry)



Breed standard de la race : white head and body, arched muzzle, horizontal ears. Ewes between 60 and 80 kg, rams between 80 et 120 kg

Great hardiness : upgrading harsh grounds, including moors



Adaptability to different breeding systems

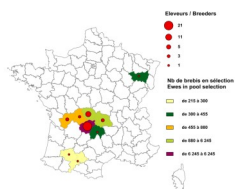
Out-of-season breeding (lamb production over the year)

Cross-breed efficiency

Sexual earliness (65 % of the gimmer lambs before 18 months)

Lambing 4 times in 3 years

Selection scheme : 10 000 ewes by 35 breeders et 100 rams on-station each year



Sales : breeding sheep (rams and/or gimmers)



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RAVA

30 000 ewes

Origins : Volcanic plateaus of Auvergne region (1000 m altitude) with poor acid soils
Cold and wet winters and wet summers (some years very dry)



Breed standard : black-spotted unwooled head
Ewes between 60 and 75 kg, rams between 80 and 100 kg.



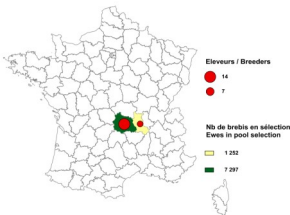
Out-of-season breeding ability (quality lambs over the year)

Maternal qualities (easy-of-lambing)



Digging into body reserves ability (flesh rebuilding breed)

Selection Scheme : 9 000 ewes by 20 breeders et 55 rams tested each year



Sales : breeding sheeps (rams and/or gimmers)



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GRIVETTE

12 000 brebis

Origins : Isere department

Cold and snowy winters and warm and dry summers



Breed standard : brown-spotted unwooled head,
Well-developed body and strong limbs, ewes 65 kg, rams 100 kg.

Cross-breed upgrading ability

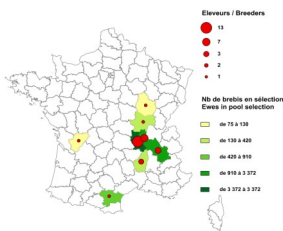
High prolificity (2 lambs/ewe/lambing)



Out-of-season breeding (ability) (quality lambs production over the year)

Maternal traits (good milkers, calm,..)

Selection scheme : 7 000 ewes by 30 breeders et 70 rams tested each year



Sales : breeding sheep (rams and/or gimmers)

Productive breed with adaptability to different livestock conditions



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Noire du Velay

20 000 ewes

Origins : High altitude plateaus of Haute-Loire
(altitude 1000 meters)
Cold and snowy winters, warm and dry summers.



Breed standard : head, body and wool black,
Frame thinness
Ewes between 50 and 70 kg, rams between 80 and 110 kg.



Very easy sheep farming management
(calm, high maternal traits, easy of lambing)

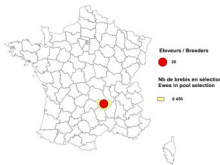


Out-of-season breeding ability (superovulation gene breed management)

Good walker

Lambing rhythmn increase

Schéma de sélection : 7 000 ewes by 22 breeders and 70 rams tested each year



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BIZET

7 500 ewes

Origins : Haute Loire and Cantal Mountains
Cold and snowy winters, Warm and dry summers



Breed standard : black-headed breed with a white large stripe,
Ewes between 50 and 60 kg, rams between 80 and 95 kg

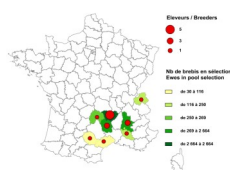


Out-of-season breeding ability (quality lambs production
all year long)

Meat rams cross-breeding aptitude

Digging into body reserves ability (flesh rebuilding breed)

Selection scheme : 4200 ewes by 14 breeders and 40 rams tested each year



Sales : breeding sheeps (rams and/or gimmers)



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AGNELLES F1 GRIVETTE X ILE DE FRANCE

Une adaptation à la filière
pour la production d'agneaux de qualité

BREBIS GRIVETTE



QUALITES MATERNELLES:

- Désaisonnement, valeur laitière, prolificité.
- Facilité de mise bas, instinct maternel.
- Rusticité.

BELIER ILE DE FRANCE



- Qualité d'élevage.
- Conformation.
- Vitesse de croissance.

AGNELLE F1



- Association des qualités maternelles de la Grivette et des qualités bouchères de l'Ile-de-France

BELIER VIANDE



- Conformation.
- Vitesse de croissance.

AGNEAUX F2



- Très bonne conformation et bon rendement des carcasses.
- Production à contre-saison.

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Meat breeds suitable for export

Only as a complement when buying ROM Selection breeding sheep



BERRICHON DU CHER (BCF)

30 000 ewes in France,

Mostly in the Limousin best grassland area

ILE DE France (OIF)

210 000 ewes in France,

In all best grassland areas



VENDEEN

80 000 ewes in France,

Mostly in western France

HAMPSHIRE

5 000 ewes in France,

Northern Massif central



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Sheep projects engineering

Genetic and production systems

Assistance for reflection and implementation



All projects types : from simple to complex



Flash analysis—genetic hotline

You have an urgent project ?

You're looking for a qualified expert only for 2-3 days ?

CONTACT US !

Qualified staff :

20 agricultural engineers and technicians

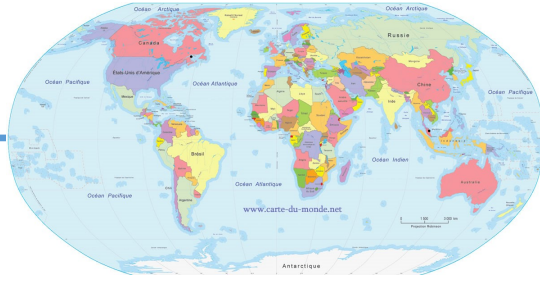


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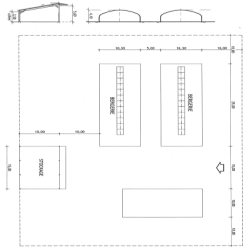
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For any public:

Breeders, cooperatives, investors, formal development structures



Site de production - 275 brebis Ech: 1/7 400

Different projects :

Breeding sheeps

Livestock materials, sheepfold

Professional training

Theory and practise



Turnkey solutions

For example :

Genetic improvement for a breeder (Hungary)

Sheepfold for an investor (Russia)

Pilot farm for a formal development structure



Unique in France



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Professional trainings and livestock equipments

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Professional trainings

Public : farmers or shepherd

Contents : theory and practise to learn basis methods

Duration : some days to some weeks

Coach : with our fieldworkers and formal teachers

Place : in an educational center and in our farm centers



Livestock materials and sheepfolds



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