



Charmoise

ORIGINS AND NATURAL APTITUDES

Charmoise is a **french breed created by Edouard Malingié** around 1850, by using Kent rams imported from England and crossed with Merinos and with local breeds from central France (Berry, Touraine and Sologne).

With a reputation for **needing little care and the ability to make use of all forages types** with a minimum of outside intervention, the Charmoise is particularly well-adapted to **difficult environments**.

Most often bred in free-range systems, the ewe generally lamb in spring, although a natural **capacity for out-of-season lambing** procedures a significant percentage of autumn lambings.

The **moderate growth rate of the Charmoise is an asset: lambs born in spring are suckled, and then turned out to pasture after weaning to be finished**; this takes place after summer dry period on autumn regrowth and without complementary feed.

Their **ability to fatten on grass**, or with little need for supplementary food, enables production of carcasses of a decent weight, with the coloration characteristics of young meat despite its age, and at low production costs.

Charmoise rams are regularly crossbred with hardy breeds for their exceptional conformation, and with primiparous ewes for their fine bone structure which ensures easy lambing.

NUMBERS

23000 ewes, 3866 ewes under on-farm official performance recording system. 20 registered flocks under official performance recording system

MATERNAL QUALITIES

Prolificacy after natural estrus : 1.1
30-day weight (singleton male): 10.6 kg
70-day weight (singleton male) : 19.3 kg

MEAT QUALITIES

Adult ram weight : 80 to 100 kg
Adult ewe weight : 50 to 80 kg
Average daily gain 30-70 days (singleton male) : 220 g

BREEDING PROGRAMME

The main breeding objectives are to **improve the breed's carcass value** (animal conformation) while preserving the **hardiness and capacity for grass-feed** management that characterize the Charmoise. Scarpie and internal parasites resistance are also part of the program criteria.

To ensure the success of the breeding program, the Charmoise breed section of the **Geode selection** organization makes use of performance recording carried out in the selection flocks. The individual on-station testing center then gathers the best young rams from each registered flock. .



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