



NUMBERS

6,000 ewes, 1,119 in monitored performance recording

MATERNAL QUALITIES

Prolificacy : 1.504
Average weight at 30 days of a male lamb born single: 15.5kg

MEAT QUALITIES

Ram weight : 100 to 130 Kg
Ewe weight : 60 to 80 Kg
ADG (Average Daily Gain) between 30 and 70 days of a male lamb born single : 248 g

Hampshire

ORIGINS AND NATURAL APTITUDES

Of **English origins**, the HAMPSHIRE is a part of the 'DOWNS' sheep population, the result of crossbreeding between the 'SOUTHDOWN' and 'Old HAMPSHIRE' breeds and introduced into France from the 19th century onwards for its numerous strengths :

- **Early finishing** of lambs : 23 kg at 70 days on a low input system.
- **Good conformation** : producing very good meat carcasses combined with an excellent meat yield.
- **Adaptability to different management systems, from outdoor production** (eg in challenging farming areas at medium altitude) **to indoor production**. The HAMPSHIRE consistently makes the best use of its natural strengths in the conditions available.
- **Hardiness**, it can withstand all weathers : cold, wet or warm climates.

BREEDING PROGRAMME

The breeding programme is directed towards enhancing early finishing, good conformation and in particular **the development of muscular body mass**. The schema of the breeding programme begins by a recording of weight gain on farm, and is completed by an assessment at the ram **evaluation centre** of the best young males. Farmers in the breeding programme use top rams graded as « Recommended » in the Breeding Centre.

MARKET STRENGTHS

Passing down its excellent meat qualities to its progeny, the HAMPSHIRE ram is mainly used as a **terminal cross breeding sire** where it undoubtedly improves the meat conformation of the lambs produced.

Well known throughout the world for its great strengths, the HAMPSHIRE ram is **exported from France to various European countries**.



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