



#### NUMBERS

160,000 ewes, 5,032 in monitored performance recording

#### MATERNAL QUALITIES

Prolificacy : 1.628

Average weight at 30 days of male lamb, born a twin: 13 kg

#### MEAT QUALITIES

Ram weight: 120 to 140 Kg

Ewe weight : 70 to 90 Kg

ADG (Average Daily Gain) between 30 and 70 days of a male lamb, born single: 388g

# Suffolk

## ORIGINS AND NATURAL APTITUDES

Originally an English breed, the SUFFOLK is the result of crossbreeding between « Norfolk » ewes and « Southdown » rams. French sheep farmers have come to appreciate both its breeding and meat qualities, in particular :

- **Productive and maternal traits** : Prolificacy : 1.628 Good maternal milk value resulting in ADG (Average Daily Gain) of a male lamb born double : 276 g.

- **Early finishing** : Renowned internationally for its fast finishing lambs their rate of growth is indeed remarkable : 30.3 kg at 70 days.

- **Conformation** : Lambs graded « U » on the “EUROP” grid for carcasses of 18-20 kg between 90 and 120 days.

## BREEDING PROGRAMME

The breeding programme is directed towards both the male and female lines:

- **The male line** in order to increase muscular body mass, fast finishing and prolificacy.

- **The female line** in order to improve prolificacy, milk production, early maturing ewe lambs and maternal qualities.

This programme is based on :

- Monitored **performance recording** on farm.

- Individual Assessment in the **ram evaluation centre** of 150 rams annually from the best bloodlines.

- **Testing on progeny for meat qualities** of the best 10 males in the ram evaluation centre.

- The collective use of the best rams by AI in order to share **the best genetic progress**.

## MARKET STRENGTHS

The SUFFOLK is used either as a purebred for its breeding qualities or for crossbreeding on large scale farms for **its early finishing lambs and good carcass quality**.

French SUFFOLK breeders appreciate not only the impressive productivity but also their ability to adapt to different climates. For these reasons the SUFFOLK is **exported across the world**.



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