



#### NUMBERS

30,000 ewes, 2,900 in monitored performance recording

#### MATERNAL QUALITIES

Prolificacy: 1.606

Average weight at 30 days of a male lamb, born a twin : 11.7 kg

#### MEAT AND WOOL QUALITIES

Ram weight : 120 to 130 kg

Ewe weight : 70 to 85 kg

Average weight of fleece : ewe – 4.5 kg; ram – 6.6 kg

Prime Merino fineness: 100-105 with good length of locks: 10cms

# Est à laine Mérinos

## ORIGINS AND NATURAL APTITUDES

The EST A LAINE MERINOS breed, in its present form, combines the most improved qualities of the hardy breeds and meat breeds : **the resistance and adaptability of the first and the growth performance of the second.**

The ewes, because of their **excellent fertility**, their aptitude for **all year round production**, their milk value and their maternal qualities, are suitable for use in **very different livestock systems**, all the more so because they make remarkable use of **rough forage**. Furthermore, **their lambs**, which are **very resistant**, are **fast finishers**.

Thus the EST A LAINE MERINOS is a remarkable female ewe; their progeny in large scale **cross breeding** with rams from meat breeds of good conformation and early sexual maturity are highly prized.

## BREEDING PROGRAMME

The breeding programme aims at improving the following points : **adaptability, wool quality and maternal qualities** (prolificacy, milk value, aptitude for all year round breeding). A **ram evaluation centre** is contributing to the further enhancement of the genetics of the breed. The top males are used collectively through AI.

## MARKET STRENGTHS

EST A LAINE MERINOS ewes are **crossed with French meat breeds in order to produce F1 ewe lambs** which will be used to **produce lambs with better conformation for the meat trade**. Purebred or crossbred, this breed remains largely in the Lorraine close to its origins.



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