

DEMO DAYS IN INOSYS SHEEP FARM



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INOSYS is a network of 1500 livestock farms, each year some of the farms open their doors to regional farmers, in order to demonstrate innovative or interesting farming practices, systems and performances. The case study focuses on two demo days in the sheep sector. The Demo activities are co-organised between farmers, and advisers. Each farm is very well documented with precise and up to date information regarding all the sustainability issues.

Demo-activity in Auvergne: This demo day has been organized, in Thomas Farm close to Clermont-Ferrand (Romagnat). The targeted visitors are agricultural students and potential new entrants. The main objectives are **to show that sheep sector is innovative and creates employment**. It's an opportunity to present all the stakeholders involved in the meat sheep sectors. The demo activity took place in March 2018, during a whole day.

Demo-activity in Burgundy: This demo day has been organized in Samuel Farm close to Nevers. The objective of the demonstration is primarily to **share ideas and knowledge** on specific practices or equipment introduced on the farm, and to share experiences regarding the specific problems faced on farms. The farmer who opens his farm also presents very precise figures and information about the farm performances and organization. Practices can be connected to economic, social and environmental performances. In that case, the demonstration activity is untitled **"Work serenely with ewes"**. The targeted visitors are sheep farmers and advisers. The demo activity took place in September 2018 on a Thursday afternoon. The afternoon was composed of 7 workshops led by various actors from meat sheep sector.

ABOUT PLAID

The project has been designed to encourage farmers and farm employees to embrace innovations in agriculture by accessing high quality demonstration activities on commercial farms. Demonstration activities may also contribute to network building in agriculture communities, leading to longer term sustainability and economic development in rural areas. However little has been documented on agriculture demonstration activities in European countries and the lack of an inventory or on-line resources have been identified.

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