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the challenges in the Mediterranean area”

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How local breeds are distinguished in meat marketing chains

Lessons drawn from trade practices in France, Egypt, Algeria

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Objectives of the presentation

1- Understanding constraints and available opportunities of sheep and goat marketing in the regions.

2- Assessing the capacity of the marketing chain to give value to the sheep products, in order to help farmers to adapt to (social, economical, climatic) changes.

Design of data collection

- 1- Interviews with all the sheep traders and wholesalers in the studied areas
- 2- Interviews with key actors or resource persons (Abattoirs, Technical advisors, ...).

A set of 4 locations, 4 field works

Breeds

- France : Southern Alps,
 - ELVULMED (ANR) projectMourerous, Mérinos
Préalpes-Du-Sud
- Egypt : North-Western Coastal Zone,
 - ELVULMED (ANR) projectNo specified breed
- Algeria : South Western Steppe,
 - DIVECO (EU) projectHamra
- France : Central Pyrenees,
 - Student field workBarégeoise
AOP Barèges-Gavarnie

ELVULMED

Role of livestock activities in the process of adaptation and reducing vulnerability of Mediterranean societies facing global changes

Analysis of sheep meat commodity chain in

- PACA region (France)
- North-Western Coastal Zone (Egypt)

1 – Results from France, Southern Alps

Stage de fin d'études ingénieur sous la direction de J.-P. Boutonnet et M.-O. Nozières
en collaboration avec la Maison Régionale de l'Élevage.

Timothée Petit : Mémoire de fin d'étude d'ingénieur en agriculture, ESA Angers, septembre 2012 : « La filière de la viande ovine en PACA, état des lieux et perspectives »

Sheep Slaughter in Southern Alps

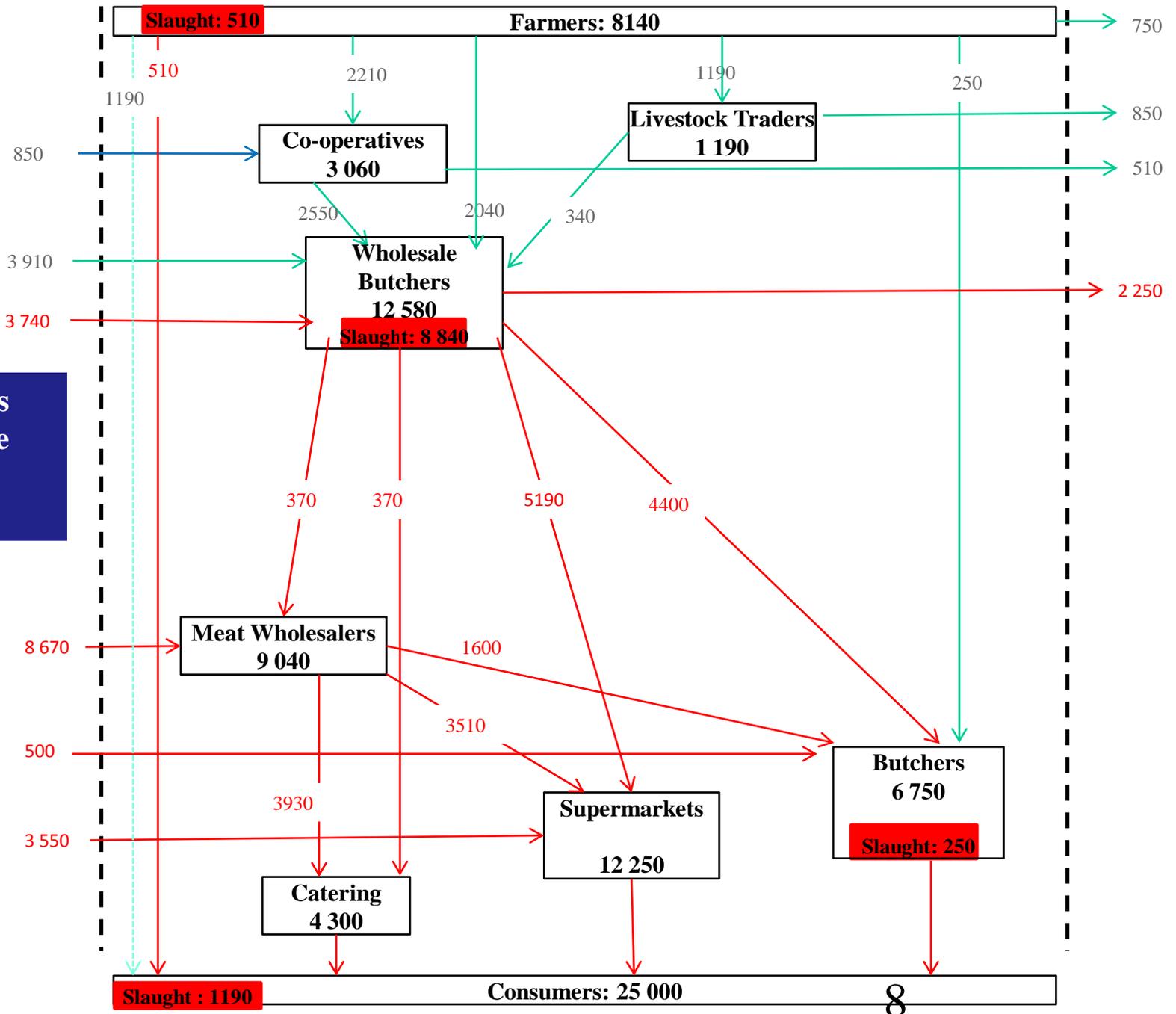


Permanent Slaughterhouse

Slaughtering points just agreed for Aid

Sheep flows in Provence (France) 2011

Live animals flows (tonne carcass equivalent = tce)
 Meat flows (tonne carcass equivalent = tce)



Conclusions in Southern Alps

High concentration of local long circuits : 1 Big wholesaler and 6 middle size

→ low competition, low prices for farmers

High dependency of external delivery (carcass >> live)

Local slaughtering decrease

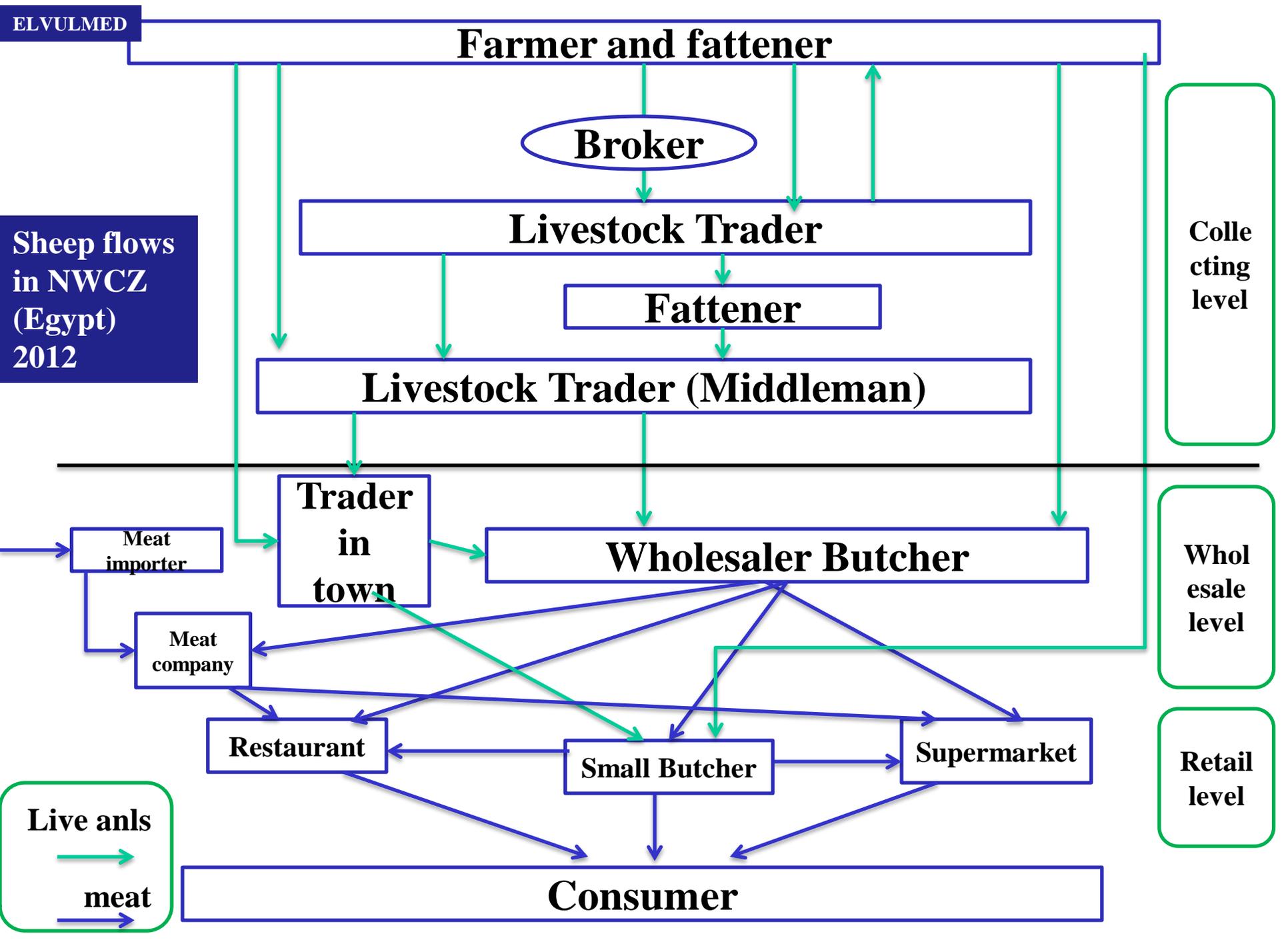
→ Less power to upstream part of the regional chain

New local small size initiatives : butchers associations, collective direct sales

A PGI “agneau de Sisteron” is marketed in the long circuits. It valorises only the 3 local breeds for mother-ewes (Mourerous, Merinos, Préalpes du Sud). Its requirements are difficult to implement for the most pastoral farmers (seasonal premium, age/weight).

2 – Results from Egypt, NWCZ

Stage de Master de Taha Hosni
sous la direction de J.-P. Boutonnet et Véronique Alary
en collaboration avec la Maison Régionale de l'Élevage.



Conclusions in NWCZ

Low concentration of local and distant long circuits : numerous and small scale traders

→ high competition, good market efficiency

Guarantee of good faith by brokers and middlemen, social networks instead of State regulation

Low transparency of transactions in feedstuffs chains :

→ on going study on “feedstuffs national and regional commodity chains”

**No importance given to breed, only the external aspect :
horns, colour, size**

3 – Results from Algeria

Valorisation of Hamra Breed

- A project of the ovine meat team of ITEL V (Technical institute for animal production)
- Training program, DIVECO project

Motivations

- Menace : race à faible effectifs, en danger de disparition
- Objectif général : préserver cette race, augmenter ses effectifs. Sauvegarde et/ ou promotion de la race
 - Organisation des éleveurs :
 - Valorisation par la certification (LAQ ou IG) du (des) produits pour rendre cette race attractive pour les éleveurs
- Un produit : viande réputée (El Watan, 27/5/2014)

État des lieux

- Volonté publique (MADR) de sauvegarder cette race, mais peu d'animaux disponibles
- Début d'une association d'éleveurs de la race ovine Hamra (w. Saida et Naama) : dossier déposé aux deux wilayate
- Ferme pilote (Ain Ben Khelil, w Naama), suivi technique par l'ITELV
- Ferme de démonstration de l'ITELV à Saida : centre de géniteurs Hamra

Produit et Enjeux de valorisation

Race Hamra (hamra = rouge en Arabe)

- Antenais de petite taille
- Cornu
- Couleur fauve
- **Agneau vivant : ces caractéristiques (poids, couleur, cornes) se voient directement : est-il besoin de label? sachant que la plupart des antenais sont achetés vivants par le consommateur pour les fêtes (Aid El Adha, mariages, ...).**
- **Race Hamra similaire de la race Beni Guil de l'Oriental marocain voisin = les animaux sont souvent saisis lors de leur transport en camion, soupçonnés de provenir illégalement du Maroc.**

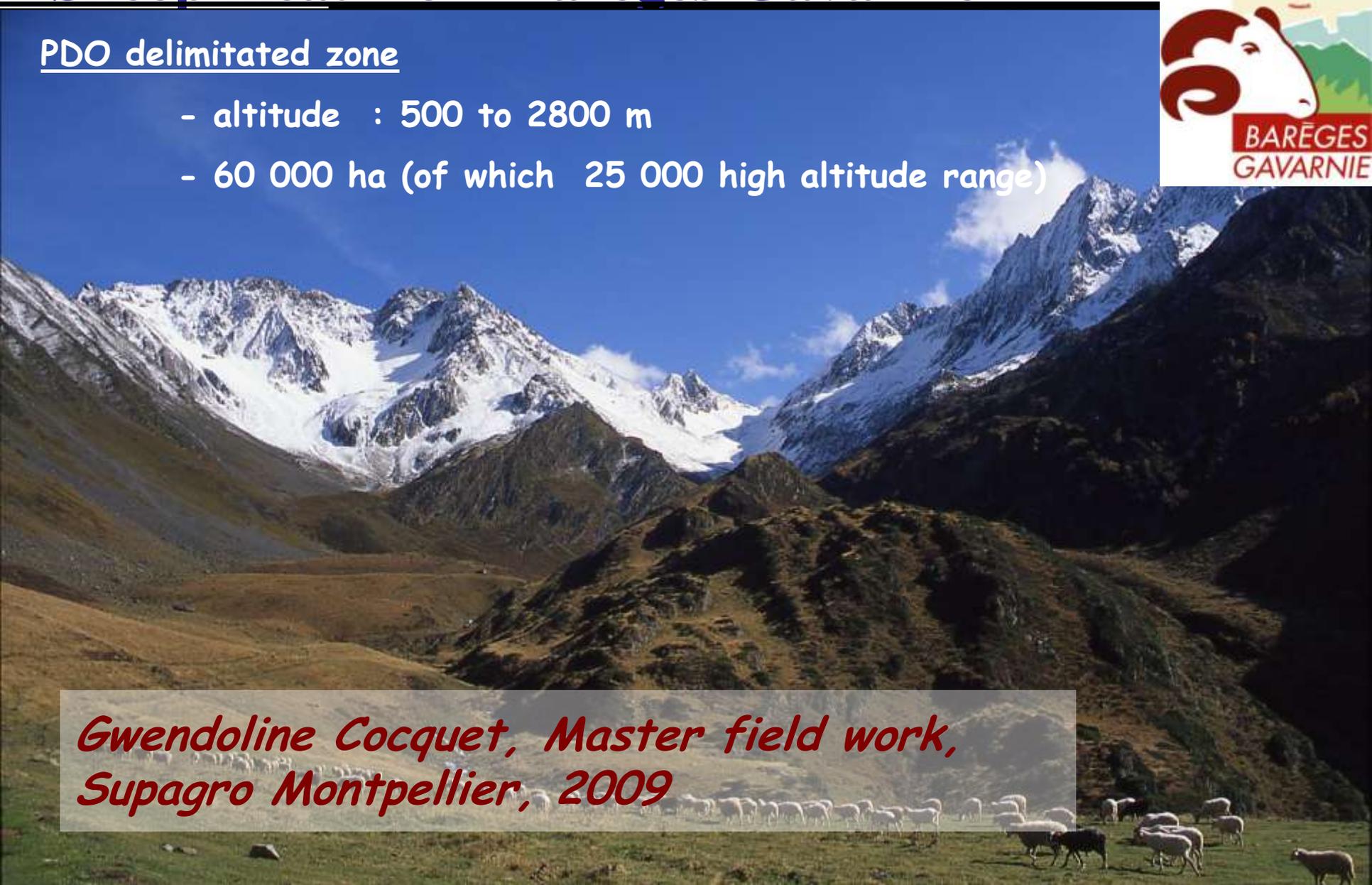
4 – Results from Sheep meat from Bareges-Gavarnie

PDO delimited zone

- altitude : 500 to 2800 m
- 60 000 ha (of which 25 000 high altitude range)



*Gwendoline Cocquet, Master field work,
Supagro Montpellier, 2009*



Main characteristics of the PDO

- **One sheep breed : « Barégeoise »**

- **Specific, seasonal products**

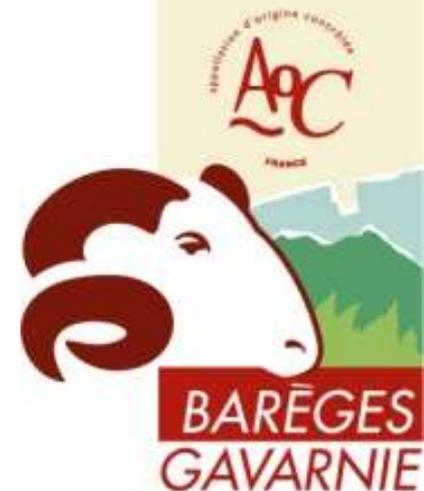
June-November

Young female (2-5 years) or young male (>18 months)

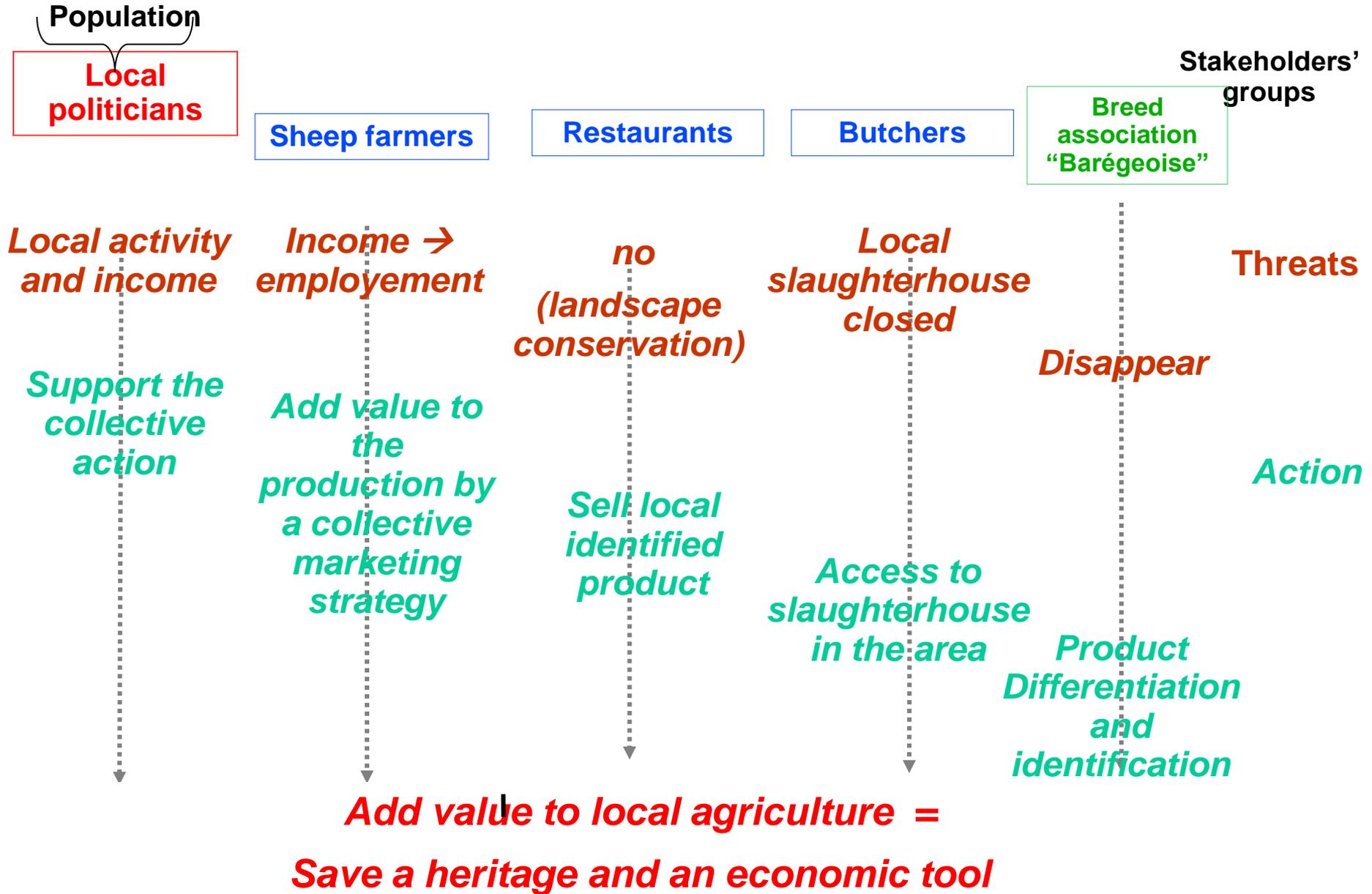
- **20 producers / 700 heads/year**

- **Strict husbandry rules :**

>4 months range, hay in winter, ...



Barèges-Gavarnie Sheep Local process





Thank you!