

Fattening value of lambs from the crossing Ile de France rams and milk-prolific crossbred ewes with a high share of the East Friesian breed

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The study was carried out to determine the fattening value of lambs from the commercial crossing Ile de France meat rams and 4 types of crossbreds ewes created from Polish Merino with a high share (50-87.5%) of the East Friesian milk breed. Growth rate, intake of the complete diet, and live slaughter value of the Merino and crossbred lambs (ewes and rams), fattened intensively to 30-35 kg body weight, were compared. It was provisionally concluded that under intensive fattening conditions to high weight standards, the analysed crossbreds obtained in comparison with pure Merino, similar levels of fattening traits (daily gains 360 g, 3.6 kg all-mash consumption per 1 kg gain), with poorer scores for conformation and muscling (by 4.1%) and markedly lower body fatness (by 26.7%).
