

# Abondance Farm Visit SOMMET 2023

## GAEC de Pierre Blanche 63590 LA CHAPELLE AGNON



### THE FARM

*The GAEC de Pierre Blanche is made up of two partners, Nicolas and Anthony POUYADE. The two brothers are also supported by their father, Christian, who, though recently retired is still available to lend a hand as and when necessary. 2 full-time partners working on the farm.*

*The farm is located in the village of La Chapelle Agnon in the Livradois Forez national park and falls within the Fourme d'Ambert and Bleu d'Auvergne cheeses AOP catchment zone.*

*At 820 metres above sea level, the farm benefits from a high rainfall which, with its free-draining sandy soil, ensures a regular and consistent grass growth. We chose the Abondance breed for its rusticity, coupled with an innate passion for this breed.*

## CROPPING

FARMLAND 160 Ha

Cereals (triticale) 20 Ha

Maize silage 14 Ha

Temporary pasture 25 Ha

Permanent pasture 101 Ha

## THE HERD

The herd comprises 73 Abondance & Montbeliard cows (50% /50%) yielding on average 9,500 Kgs of milk/lactation, plus replacement stock. A smaller herd of 30 Charolais suckler cows, to complement the dairy herd, for the rearing of stores.

Ration Grass silage, maize silage, hay, haylage, grazing, farm-grown cereals, and a balancer.

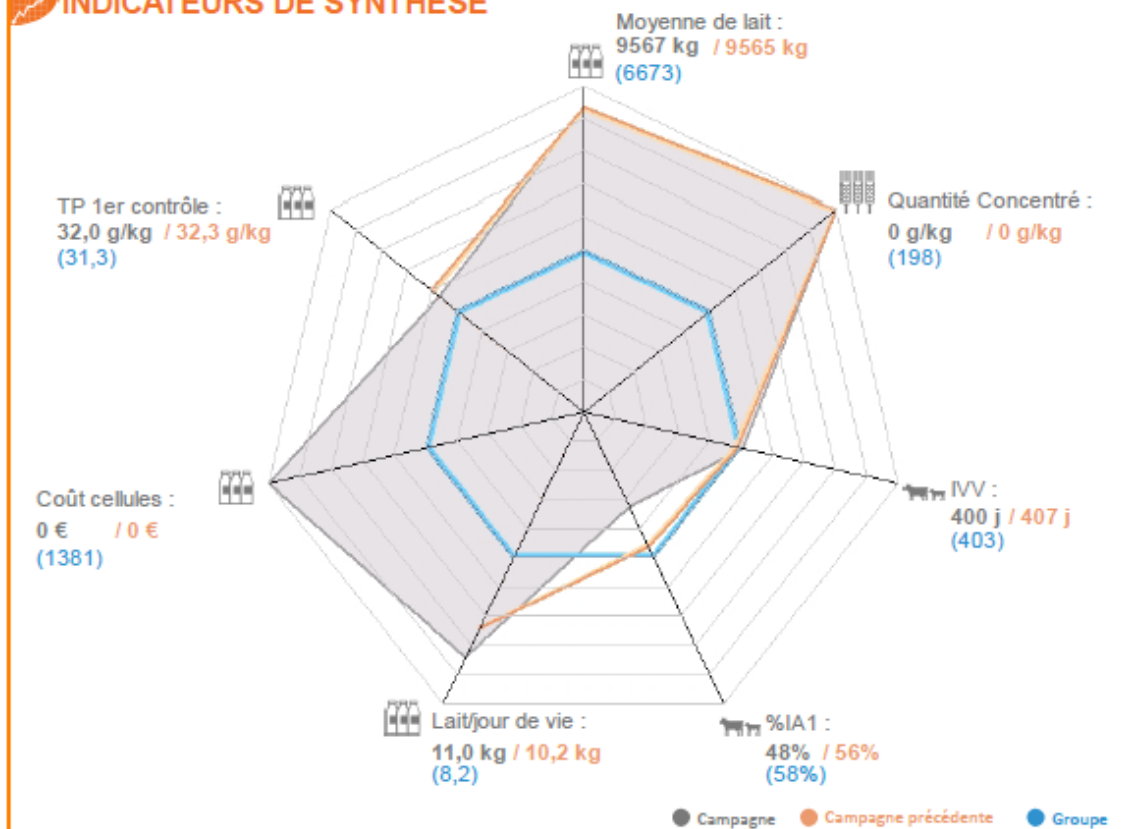
Breeding 100 % AI. Most heifers and 40% of cows are reared as purebreds. The average maiden cows age at 1<sup>st</sup> calving is 29 months, all heifers are genotyped. 25% replacement rate.

Milking parlour 2 X 6 Herringbone with quick exit

Building cubicle shed, with straw bedding and automatic scrapers and 3 AFD stations (Automatic Feed Dispensers). The building dates from 2014.





Milk production 631,000 litres per year sold to the cooperative Sodiaal. 35% of milk is used for processing into AOP Fourme d'Ambert and Bleu d'Auvergne cheeses.

### INDICATEURS DE SYNTHÈSE



PRODUCTION	CAMPAGNE	ÉVOLUTION	GRUPE PROD.	GRUPE PROD. 2
VL Présentes	73,6	-1,3	60,2	65
Lait / Vache Traite (kg) / j	26,7	+0,5	21,2	21,5
TB (g/kg)	38,1	-0,5	39,2	39,5
TP (g/kg)	33,6	+0,5	32,9	32,5
Lait 1er contrôle primipares (kg)	24,4	+1,0	21,6	22,1
Lait 1er contrôle multipares (kg)	34,6	+1,5	27,8	28,6
Moyenne Leucocytes	123	-12	240	243
MSU (kg)	686	+0	481	488

### Comparaison aux groupes

-  PRODUCTION : EH - Mo ; 37 élevages
-  PRODUCTION 2 : Département ; 648 élevages
-  REPRODUCTION : Mo logettes ; 151 élevages
-  ALIMENTATION : EH dominant ; 1 élevages