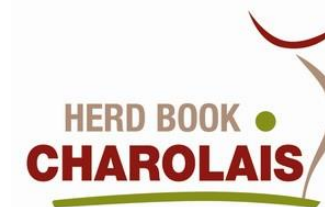


## THE FARM

The GAEC DUFOUR farms at LES CHAMPS 03500 MEILLARD. It was constituted in 1998 by Franck and Nicolas, two brothers assisted by a part-time employee. Members of the HBC since 2018.



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The Charolais is the local and historic breed on our farm. It does well here, and the carcass yields well. It makes good use of the available fodder and is docile.

The selection criteria are,

- ◆ Easy calving
- ◆ Suitability for calving
- ◆ Maternal qualities
- ◆ Fine bones

## FARM MANAGEMENT

- ◆ 140 calving/year over 2 month period
- ◆ Rearer – finisher system

290 ha of farmland

- ◆ 46 ha of cereals
- ◆ 12 ha of maize silage
- ◆ 70 ha of temporary pasture
- ◆ 108 ha of permanent pasture

## MARKETING

- ◆ Males  
25 - 30 sold as breeding stock per year & Heavy stores
- ◆ Females  
35 retained as herd replacements  
15 sold as yearling heifers  
20 finished until 3 years old  
Cull cows finished on farm

↪ Sale of boxed meat (4 culls)per year

## NEW SELECTION CRITERIA

Naturally polled gene

- ◆ ↪ Calves are no longer dehorned  
Less stress
- ◆ ↪ Saves time
- ◆ Replies to clients' demands

