

Breeder - Finisher

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1990: Purchase of the first Blonde d'Aquitaine cows by Denis replacing the Charolais herd with a pedigree herd Blondes because of their easy calving and carcass quality.

2014: Maxime sets up as a farmer with an objective for the herd to be completely self-sufficient in feed.

Herd: 120 Blonde d'Aquitaine pedigree suckler cows + followers

Age at 1st calving: 35 months

Calving interval: 371 days

Breeding policy: 100% natural service using 6 bulls that have qualified and been bought from the breed testing station. Calving pattern from January to April.

Sales:

- Production of 36 month old bullocks and young bulls (under 2 years)
- Sale of cull cows, 25 of which are slaughtered for direct sale to the consumer



Region: Auvergne Rhône Alpes

Département: Puy de Dôme

The farm: 200 ha ring-fenced.

- 20 ha of arable
- 26 ha of maize silage
- the remainder cropped as grassland for hay, wrapped and silage

Objective: consolidate food self-sufficiency and grow more straw-based cereals.