

BREED: Alpine Goat

NAME OF THE VISIT: Goat farm tour

DATE OF VISIT: 03/10/2024

ADDRESS: Les Douets, 03000 COULANDON

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GOAT FARM VISIT

BACKGROUND

- March 2015 – Purchase of farm with established goat and horse activities
- September 2015: Converted to goat-only farm

Geographic & climate context

- 250 m Height above sea level
- 650 mm annual rainfall
- Soil clay-sandy loam

Farmland

40 ha in total, all down to permanent and temporary pasture (rye grass & clover)

Staff

The farmer

Economic data

- Farmer-paid milk price 805 €/1000 litres all sold to an independent dairy.
- 2015 – Conversion of building as goat housing
- 2x24 milking parlour with ACR's.
- Sales at the Traiballat dairy (brand rians)

Goat herd

250 Alpine goats. Member of Cagènes (goat repro organisation)

Ration

Rye grass and clover wrapped silage, Lucerne hay and meadow hay
Concentrates: Maize, bran, soya pulp, sainfoin and extruded linseed

Herd

10 Alpine bucks used for natural service and straws for the 50-70 A.I.'s per year

Kidding in September.

Production

189,000 litres of milk/year
Ave 860 litres/goat milked from September to June
4.17% fats; 3.54% proteins on average

