





BREED: Montbéliarde dairy cattle

NAME OF THE VISIT: Montbéliarde dairy cattle farm visit

DATE OF THE VISIT: 03/10/2024

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GAEC DE LAMBRES

Farm introduction

-Milk production in zone AOP ST NECTAIRE, (400,000 litres of milk/year of which 340,000 litres are processed on the farm into "Saint-Nectaire fermier" with the balance sold to the industrial cheese-maker Paul DISCHAMP for processing into "dairy Saint Nectaire".

-Two partners & seven employees.

-Forage – hay, wrapped hay bales and regrowth.

-Cropping: 60Ha of which 54 Ha are permanent pasture and 6 Ha of cereals.

Breeding & genetics

- Average age at 1st calving is 28 months.
- ⇒ Average calving interval is 416 days.
- ➡ The replacement rate is 29 %.
- 100 % of heifers are genotyped to optimise breeding

Calving blocked primarily between October and the

The principal selection criteria

-Udder,

-Body shape,

-Udder health.

Background

-1996 - Thierry MASSOULIER sets up as a farmer on his maternal grandmother's farm.

-2010 - Construction of dairy cow shed.

-2013 - Incorporation of the GAEC de Lambres with initially 3 partners.

-2014 - Begin on-farm processing of milk into" AOP Saintnectaire fermier" and start of direct farmgate sale to consumers.

-2016 - New sales channel supplying cheese to local farmer shops and private customers in Brittany and Aquitaine Midi-Pyrénées (SW France).

-2023 - Thierry SARLIEVRE joins the business replacing two retiring partners.

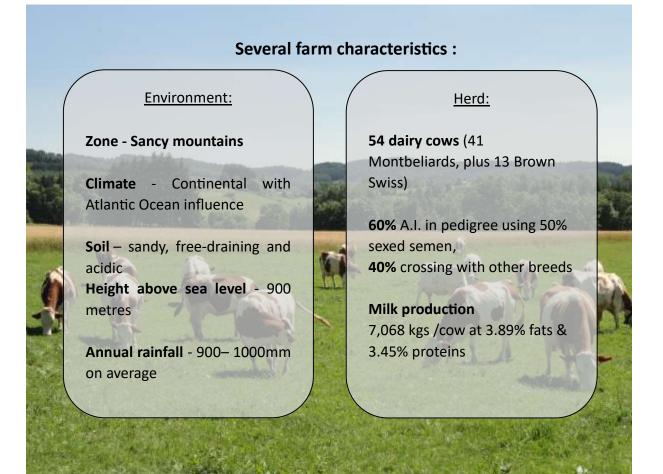












2023 – 2024 Breeding results:











Feeding & technical results:

Rations :

Winter 10 Kgs of wrapped hay 3 Kgs of lucerne 3 Kgs of regrowth 4 Kgs of 18% cow cake & minerals

Summer

Permanent pasture 6 Kgs of hay 3 Kgs of 18% cow cake



	Nombre	Lait 305j	TB 305j	TP 305j	Cellules	Durée de tarissement (j)	Durée de lactation
L1	14	6414	38,6	33,9	123	56	371
L2	5	6444	38,3	35,0	64	48	345
L3	12	7504	39,1	33,9	97	59	365
L4 et +	8	7050	36,3	33,3	182	52	337
Total / Moyenne	39	6883	38,2	33,9	119	55	359

