

**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 Saint-nectaire 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.



## Several farm characteristics :

### Environment:

**Zone - Sancy mountains**

**Climate** - Continental with Atlantic Ocean influence

**Soil** – sandy, free-draining and acidic

**Height above sea level** - 900 metres

**Annual rainfall** - 900– 1000mm on average

### Herd:

**54 dairy cows** (41 Montbeliards, plus 13 Brown Swiss)

**60%** A.I. in pedigree using 50% sexed semen,

**40%** crossing with other breeds

**Milk production**

7,068 kgs /cow at 3.89% fats & 3.45% proteins

## 2023 – 2024 Breeding results:

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## 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



### LACTATIONS TERMINEES (Cumuls 305 jours)

	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