

BREED: Salers

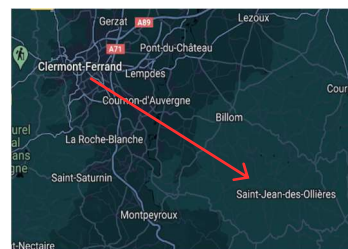
NAME OF VISIT: Salers beef farm tour

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GAEC FAMILLE CHAMPEIX



Salers pedigree cattle breeders for 4 generations, on farm processing and farmgate sales

Organisation

- 5-partner GAEC: Didier, Christiane, Sophie, Sébastien & Charlène
- 2 full-time butchers
- 1 tractor driver

Farmland

420 hectares :

- 30 ha of maize
- 20 ha of triticales
- 370 ha of permanent pasture

Selection criteria

Cattle are selected for their docility, milking aptitude, and size. The less good are those with the poorest morphology and twins. They are slaughtered and on-farm processed.

Technical stats

- Calving interval: 387d
- Replacement rate: 16,4%
- Cal weight: 159,4 at 120d & 243,3kg at 210d

Herd

- 250 pure-bred dams
- 60 bulls
- 60 replacement heifers kept each year
- 70 bulls for finishing

Weight at sale

- Veal calves, at 6 months: 100 to 130 kg deadweight
- Young bulls, at 20 months: from 400 to 430 kg deadweight
- Cull cows: 430 kg average deadweight

Sales

- Slaughtered in Brioude
- Farmgate sale of meat and processed meat, also to canteens and restaurants
- Sale of heifers as breeding stock (20 females/ 12 months, 10 females/ 18 months & 10 in-calf cows)