

BREEDS: Limousin Cattle / Comtoise Horse Breed

NAME OF VISIT: Limousin Comtois Farm Tour

DATE OF VISIT: 03/10/2024

ADDRESS: 13 rue du Puy Giroud, 63540 ROMAGNAT

CONTACT NUMBER : +33 (0)6 87 33 43 49

LIMOUSIN CATTLE FARMERS

WITH 2nd ACTIVITY OF COMTOIS

DRAUGHT HORSES



ELEVAGE DE BONANT

Farm presentation

Farm located at 650 m above sea-level in the urban fringe area



Frédéric & Marjorie BUSARELLO: have a Comtois Stud-Book registered farm regularly selected to compete within the Massif Central interregional judging at the Sommet de l'Élevage.

Frédéric is vice-president of Puy de Dôme Draught Horse Breeders' Union.



Herd description

A Comtois horse breed farm with 1 stallion, 16 mares and 12 fillies aged 1 to 3 years. Coupled with a herd of 75 Limousin suckler cows in a mixed organic farm system of crops & livestock.

Main production and complementary activities

Sale of organic cull cows to local butchers, stores & young colts sold as non-organic.

During this visit, there will discover 3 workshops to check out:

- 1- The financial and farming benefits of running cows with horses
- 2- Demonstration of performance checking on the Comtois horse
- 3- The benefits in meat consumption and beef/horse comparison in the form of a blind taste test (see programme below)

Workshop 1: Farming cattle & horses

- Financial results of running cattle with horses
- Impact of mixed grazing on the quality of natural grassland



Workshop 2: Performance checking

- Demonstration of judgement in patterns and paces
- Explanation of the Comtois breed standard & desired qualities



Workshop 3: Benefits of the meat

- Comparison of taste and texture of horsemeat and beef.
- Blind tasting of horse & beef meat



With the support of the Puy-de-Dôme Draught Horse Breeders' Association