

BREED: Bazadaise

NAME OF VISIT: Bazadaise Breed Cattle Farm Visit

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DESCRIPTION OF LIVESTOCK AND BREEDING SYSTEM

Presentation of the farm

Town : Cremeaux in the department of Loire
Altitude: 560 m
1 labour unit and 45 ha of UAA: 10 ha of meslin cereals (rye, triticale, wheat), 20 ha of temporary grassland and 15 ha of permanent grassland
Production of Bazadaise breed suckler cattle, poultry and oil

History of the farm

- **1st February 1993:** Thierry takes over his parents-in-law's farm (22 Prim'Holstein dairy cows and 28 ha of UAA).
- **1995:** Increase in the farm's UAA
- **2000:** Launch of poultry production
- **2009:** Conversion of the farm to Organic Farming and launch of oil production with external purchase of seeds
- **2012:** Purchase of the first Bazadaise heifers
- **2013:** Purchase of Bazadaise heifers and cows and a Bazadais bull, membership of the Bazadaise Herd-Book and Performance monitoring
- **2014:** Cessation of milk production



Herd composition

Males:

1 Bazadais bull to be kept for 3 campaigns
4 steers from 2021
3 steers from 2022

Females:

13 cows
3 heifers from 2021
4 heifers from 2022

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Main production and complementary activities

Reproduction: 16 calvings planned for 2024

Building: one free stall with straw floor

Feed: silage + 1kg of cereals in Winter, pasture in Summer

Goal: Increase from 15 to 20 dams

	Campagne 2023	Race
Effectif	9	2548
IFNAIS	98,2	100,6
CRsev	100,7	98,5
DMsev	97,1	98,8
DSsev	99,1	99
FOSsev	98,9	99,8
ISEVR	96,9	98,2
AVel	97,2	100,8
ALait	98,7	100,3
IVMAT	94,5	99

Calf performance

**Calf performance taken into account for
indexation** (source: BGTA 2023)

Performances	Troupeau		Race
	Nombre	Moyenne	
Poids naissance	9	41,7 kg	41,7 kg
PAT 120 jours	9	133,4 kg	161,5 kg
PAT 210 jours	9	196,5 kg	241,9 kg
DM	7	58,1 pt	59,4 pt
DS	7	63,7 pt	56,8 pt

Enhancement and commercialization

- Some young males and heifers sold as breeding stock
- Fattening of 2 to 4 steers per year, slaughtered at 3 years of age (470-480 kg carcass on average)
- Breeding of 4 to 6 cull cows per year (400 - 420 kg carcass on average)
- Slaughtered in Charlieu (42) and sold direct to butchers, mainly in Lyon and Clermont-Ferrand (between €6.50 and €7.20 per kg carcass).
- Other production: oils are sold in 75 cL bottles or 5 L cans to AMAPs, organic producers' shops or directly to private individuals. Poultry (chicken, guinea fowl, goose, turkey, duck and old-breed poultry) are sold in the same way, but also directly to butchers and restaurants.
- All other males are castrated to produce beef.

« I discovered the Bazadaise while working as a crop manager near Bazas between 1989 and 1991. For me, it's the only breed adapted to climate change that can withstand hot, dry summers. My selection choices are based on the dairy aptitudes of the dams, meat morphology and bone fineness. » Thierry GARDON

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