

BREED: Normande

NAME OF THE VISIT: Normande dairy cattle farm visit

DATE OF THE VISIT: 03/10/2024

ADDRESS: Les Barlauds, 23100 ST MERD LA BREUILLE



GAEC DETOUR

Farm history

A family farm

1990: Laurent DETOUR set up as a farmer in a GAEC with his father.

1991: Construction of a milk cattle building.

1995: Laurent's brother joins the GAEC.

1998: Laurent's father retires and is replaced by Laurent's wife.

2006: Construction of a suckler beef building.

2015: Laurent's sister-in-law joins the GAEC

Laurent is planning to retire soon.



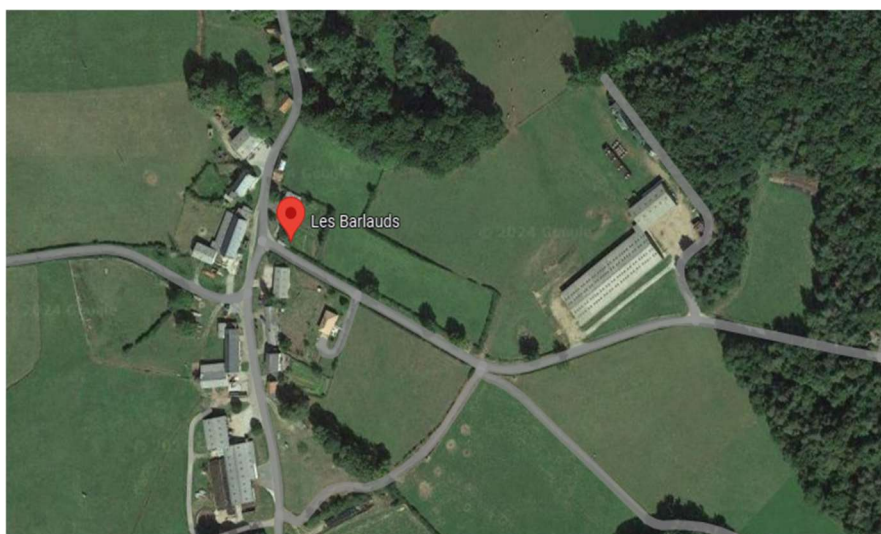
Farm description

An extensively managed farm

- 4 partners + 1 employee ½ time (Laurent's nephew)
- Milk activity - 45 cows of which 35 are Normande + 10 Holsteins
- Suckler beef activity - 150 Charolais & Limousin cows
- Sheep activity - 60 Suffolk & Charollais sheep
- 230 hectares, of which
 - 200 ha of grassland
 - 8 ha of maize
 - 22 ha of cereals

Sale of bull calves at 3 weeks of age

Age at first calving - 32 months



The Normande herd



Cows

- Grazing in paddocks from the end of March to early November.
- Maize silage, grass silage, plus cake as from September and throughout winter.

All heifers reared on the farm

Average yield/cow 6000 kg, 4.35% fats & 3.50% proteins

Bull selection criteria

- Milk, Fats & Proteins, Legs, Low mastitis rate

Bulls currently used for breeding

- SESAME, TUPACAMARU, TOUTATIS, THEIX, TALENSAC, etc.

