

BREED: Blonde d'Aquitaine

NAME OF THE VISIT: Blonde d'Aquitaine beef cattle farm visit

DATE OF THE VISIT: 02/10/2024

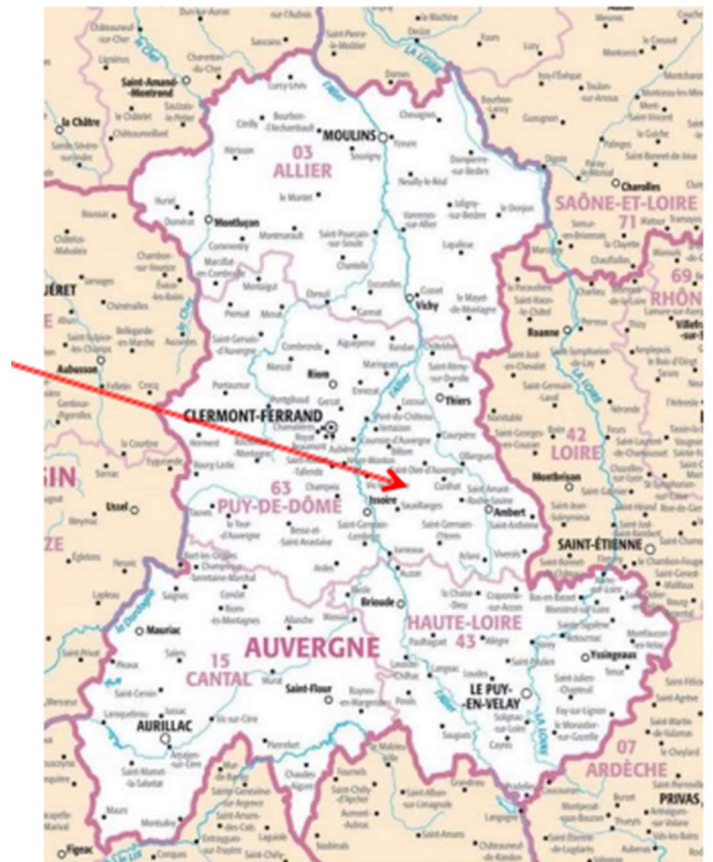
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GAEC de Sauxillanges

Breeder - Finisher

- **1990:** Purchase of the first Blonde d'Aquitaine cows by Denis replacing the Charolais herd with a pedigree herd Blondes because of their easy calving and carcass quality.
- **2014:** Maxime sets up as a farmer with an objective for the herd to be completely self-sufficient in feed.
- **Herd:** 120 Blonde d'Aquitaine pedigree suckler cows + followers
- **Age at 1st calving:** 35 months Calving interval: 371 days
- **Breeding policy:** 100% natural service using 6 bulls that have qualified and been bought from the breed testing station. Calving patten from January to April.
- **Sales:**
 - Production of 36-month-old bullocks and young bulls (under 2 years)
 - Sale of cull cows, 25 of which are slaughtered for direct sale to the consumer



Region: Auvergne Rhône Alpes

Department: Puy de Dôme

The farm: 200 ha ring-fenced.

- 20 ha of arable
- 26 ha of maize silage
- the remainder cropped as grassland for hay, wrapped and silage

Goal: consolidate food self-sufficiency and grow more straw based cereals

