



NAME OF VISIT: Slaughterhouse and beef cattle & sheep farm visit

DATE OF VISIT: 03/10/2024

ADDRESS: Route De Cosne, 03430 VILLEFRANCHE-D'ALLIER















WELCOME TO THE SOCOPA VILLEFRANCHE SITE 2024

The Bigard Group is above all a family history guided by one passion, the Art of Meat.













GROUP OVERVIEW























Europe's N°3 MEAT PROCESSOR

6 Bn € in sales.

14,000 employees in France.

60 sites industrial and sales sites in France.

With a variety of products:



CURRENTLY, THE BIGARD GROUP COMPRISES:

3 main brands:

















GEOGRAPHICAL OVERVIEW OF THE BIGARD GROUP











FARM TOUR



























BACKGROUND



First establishment of the abattoir "Éleveurs du bourbonnais SA" slaughtering 20 animals/week



Installation of a mechanised slaughter chain with throughput of 35 cattle per hour and opening of frozen beefburger facility.

1980

Merger with SOCOPA to become FRANVIL SOCOPA.

1987

FRANVIL becomes SOCOPA VILLEFRANCHE D'ALLIER.

2009

SOCOPA VILLEFRANCHE D'ALLIER joins the BIGARD GROUP.

MAJOR PROJECT 2022-2026

Lairage / Abattoir / hot water and compressed air production facility.

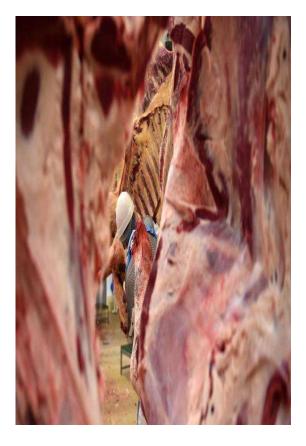








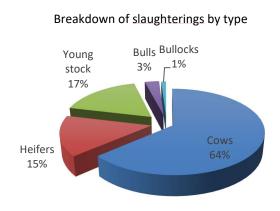




SOCOPA VILLEFRANCHE

- **37,000 T** sold in 2023
- Staff: 520 employees & 70 sub-contractors (boning & cleaning)
- Slaughter volume: 25 185 T 63,277 adult cattle (1220/week)

SOCOPA VILLEFRANCHE D'ALLIER SITE SLAUGHTERINGS



63277 adult cattle slaughtered in 2023



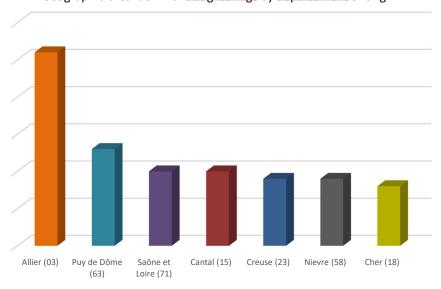




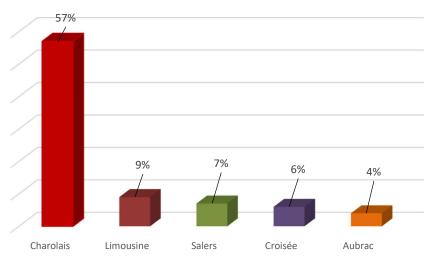




Geographic breakdown of slaughterings by département of origin



Breakdown of cow slaughtering by breed



Thank you for your attention













BREEDS: Charolais cattle / Ile-de-France ewes

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THE EPLEFPA DU BOURBONNAIS FARM

The farm in Moulins, amounts to:

- 254 ha of farmland of which 70% is permanent pasture, 15% of forage crops, 15% of cereals fed to farm's livestock)
- 100 Charolais suckler cows HBCregistered – Rearing of 18-monthold young bulls
- 310 Ile-de-France ewes pedigree registered
- 3 poultry units (800 m² in total) with production of Label Rouge quality scheme chicken
- Label Rouge quality schemes (cattle, sheep, poultry)
- HVE Level 3 Certification
- Label Haie Level 1
- 17.6 ha classed as organic

Farm staff:

- 1 director of the centre
- 3 multitask employees, 1 apprentice

Farm current projects:

- Looking to be self-sufficient in protein feed requirements
- Improve hedgerows & agroecology
- Reinforce teaching tools and aids by offering practical examples and resources
- Develop an agrivoltaics experiment
- Continue working with our partners
- New innovations (digital and use of robotics)
- Develop a direct sale (to consumer) business

Farm tasks & missions:

- Produce
- Train & educate (students)
- Innovate and experiment
- Promote the region
- Create a resource centre



