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Innovations

Technical efficiency & **Economic** resilience





Farming milestones

1945

2004-2006 cheese factories

Foundation

2014-2015: AFS, milking robots, automatic milk dispenser for calves

From 2021: new cooling system



From 2000: mountain pasture in summer

2010: photovoltaic system

FIRE

From 2018: e-commerce

The herd

- 280 Livestock Units (LU)
- 120 dairy cows
- Breeds: Bruna Alpina (90%), Italian Frisian and Jersey (10%)
- 90 dairy heifers
- Calving period: autumn, winter, spring
- Age at first calving: 26 months

Workforces

- Family-run business
- 3 labour units: farm/fields
- 2 labour units: cheese factory
- 20 labour units: at "malga" (summer)

- 2 labour units: shop

Main buildings and equipments

- Free walk housing
- Straw cubicles
- 2 milking robots
- Unifeed (TMR): Automatic Feeding System (Lely Vector)
- Individual + collective boxes for young calves
- Collective boxes on straw litter cubicles for heifers



- 10 ha maize + sorghum
- 20 ha grassland
- 150: alpine pasture





Production / Technical results

- 50000 liters of milk produced
- 3,8 % protein content 4,1 % fat &
- 36 liters /cow/day (Oct-May) + 30 liters/cow/day (June-Sept)
- Products: milk, cheese, yogourt, butter ...
- Other products/activities: meat, agritourism at malga

Areas of interest

- Management
- Marketing
- Market strategies



Strengths -Very good management and economic

skills

Weaknesses

- -Prosecco area few surface for other productions
- -Few opportunities of discussion
- -High diversification and high need of diversified skills



Threats Lack of land for future expansion





"The innovation of yesterday is the tradition of today "

- Farmer's strategy for a "resilient" system
 - Technical efficiency: milking robot, AFS, sexed semen
- Social/environmental sustainability: summer alpine pasture, automatic milk dispenser for calves
 - Economic resilience: generation continuity, multi-purpose farm, management
 - Aspirations / Needs for the future:
 - **Grow in marginality**

Partners



"Resilience 4 Dairy" is a European project involving 15 European countries and 18 partners. R4D is a thematic network on innovations and aims to support EU dairy farming in these regions where dairy farming is a main economic activity.



R4D pilot farmers are involved in a National Dairy Akis group where needs, solutions and knowledge are exchanged with other farmers, advisors and scientists on their way to build a resilient system. More information https://resilience4dairy.eu/