



Resilience for Dairy (R4D) has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program under grant agreement No 101000770

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### **Innovations**

Technical efficiency





1960

Foundation

2016

Automatic feed pusher

## **Farming milestones**

**2014** Milking robot

**2020** Automatic Feed System

#### The herd

- 460 Livestock Units (LU)
- 400 dairy cows

**Breeds**: Italian Frisian

- No heifers The farm by directly milking cows
- Calving period : all year round
- Age at first calving: NA (the farm buys pregnant first calving cows)

#### **Agricultural Area**

#### 150 ha AA

- 100 ha maize
- 150 ha wheat (rotation)

#### **Workforces**

- Family-run business + employees
- 6 labour units (Full Time Equivalent)

#### **Areas of interest**

- Saving energy
- · Renewable energy production

### Main buildings and equipments

- Free walk housing
- · Cubicles with mats + deep litter
- 1 milking robots for 60 cows + 8+8 parlor system for 340 cows
- AFS: Automatic Feed System + Feed pusher
- Individual boxes for calves

### **Production / Technical results**

- 4,500,000 liters of milk produced
- 4.3 % fat & 3.7 % protein content
- 35 liters of milk /cow / day (average)
- Grana Padano PDO







Good management skills





**Opportunities** 



### Farmer's strategy for a "resilient" system

Technical efficiency: milking robot, Automatic Feed System (preparation + distribution) and TMR pusher robot

### Aspirations / Needs for the future

Saving energy and production of renewable energy





**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://resilience4dairv.eu/