



Decoster-Paris Farm



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Innovations

Socio-economic Resilience / **Environment /** technical efficience











Farming milestones

1982

Installation in the family

1995 New tunnel silo 2007 Son

arrival

1989 Milking parlor increasing

2000 New stable and new milking parlor

2016 Windmill compensation

The herd

- 360 Livestock Units (LU)
- 200 Prim'Holstein (100 %)
- 260 dairy heifers
- Calving period : all year round
- Age at first calving: 26 months
- Calving interval: 400 days

Agricultural Area

197 ha AA

25 ha permanent grassland

30 ha temporary grassland

22 ha maize

8 ha sugar root

33 ha wheat

31 ha potatoes

23 ha peas

20 ha windmill compensation

3 ha vegetable and flowers

Workforces

- labor units: 5 LU (3 family LU-2 employs)
 - Aims: Transmission of the farm, biodiversity, transmission of knowledge

Areas of interest

- Calves management
- Farm transmission
- Biodiversity: Windmill compensation

Main buildings and Equipment

Dairy cows

- Cheap building: sleeping area on slurry
- Milking parlor: 2*8 herringbone MP
- Automatic Feed Station: 2 station

Heifers and calves

- Individual boxes for young calves
- Young heifers together

Production / Technical results



- 2186000 liters of milk produced
- 4,4% fat & 3,5 % protein content
- 8400 I of milk /cow /year & I /ha forage area
- Stocking rate: 4,2 LU / ha forage
- 1893 kg of concentrate/cow/year





- Calves management
- Son transmission
- Tasks repartition
- Forage autonomy



Lack of workforce



Opportunity

- School knowledge
- External certification



Threat

- Legislation (loss of decision-making autonomy)
- advising independance

Strategy of the farmers / Resilience

Calves management is an important part of the farm. Indeed, a good control of the growth of the calves and the young animals conditions the productive life of the cows. The presence of the son on the farm, with a view to his takeover, provides additional manpower in addition to a long-term vision. Biodiversity is also very present on the farm through the implementation of bushes and a wind compensation area (20ha).

Areas of interest / Aspirations / Needs for the future

A serene transmission of the farm remains a point of attention of the farm. Biodiversity, how to preserve it and how to improve it?

Improvement project - objectives

Workforce management



- Farm transmission
- Tasks repartition

- Waste management
- **Energy prodcution**



RESSOURCE **Efficiency**



- Calve management
- Windmill compensation

ENVIRONMENT ANIMAL Wellbeing



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 More information resilient system. www.resilience4dairy.eu