



## **Divoy Farm**



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### **Innovations**

Socio-economic Resilience / technical efficience









### **Farming milestones**

1982

Family farm takeover

2003 Son arrival

2017 New stable for calves



1997

**New milking** 

2004

**New milking** parlor

2022

Vegetable production

### The herd

- 55 Normande
- 150 suckling cows (Crossing with Normande+BB; Piedmontaise)

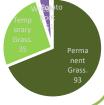
parlor

- Calving period : sep-june
- Age at first calving: 34 months
- Calving interval: 370 days

## **Agricultural Area**

#### 135 ha AA

- 93ha permanent grassland
- 35 ha temporary grassland (alfalfa, meslin ...)
- 1 ha wheat
- 1 ha potatoes (direct selling)
- 5 ha forage root



#### **Workforces**

- labor units: 3 family LU
- Aims: terminal crossing with calves fattening, diversification, farm transmission

#### **Areas of interest**

- Diversification: vegetable production
- Farm transmission

# Main buildings and Equipment

#### Dairy cows

- Cheap building: straw bedding

#### Heifers and calves

- Individual boxes for calves
- Milking parlor: 1\*8 rear-mounted milking Males fattening with suckling herd

## **Production / Technical results**



- 220 000 liters of milk produced
- 4,6% fat & 4,2 % protein content
- 4000 I of milk /cow /year

- Stocking rate: LU / ha forage
- kg of concentrate/cow/year





- Son transmission
- Diversification
- Forage autonomy



### **Weakness**

- Diversification: multiplication of knowledge, materials and tasks
- Workforce



# **Opportunity**

Adaptability according the market



**Threat** 

Legislation

# **Strategy of the farmers**

Diversification of production is an essential point of the farm. In addition to dairy and meat production, the farmer has started in 2022 to vegetable production by offering potatoes and vegetables on direct sale. The animals obtained by terminal crossing of his Normandes with Piedmontese are fattened with suckling herd (calf under mother)

## Areas of interest / Aspirations / Needs for the future

The farmer take careful about diversification of his production: milk and beef production with terminal crossing and fattening the calves. They started to production vegetable, potato's and flowers with selling directly or on local markets.

# **Improvement project - objectives**

 Diversification : vegetable and flowers production



Farm transmission

Forage autonomy





- Calves under mother
- Terminal crossing with calves fattening

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 resilient system. More information: www.resilience4dairy.eu