



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

## D'Esclaye farm Henin family



### **Innovations**

Socio-economic
Resilience /
Environment /
technical efficience





2007

Taking over the family

farm







## **Farming milestones**

2021

**2015**Arrival of the sister and Brother on farm

Calves under

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2009

Organic farming



2015
Milk transformation : cheese

### The herd

- 85 Prim'Holstein (100 %)
- 51 dairy heifers
- Calving period : winter and spring
- Age at first calving: 25 months
- Calving interval: 365 days
- Terminal crossing (Montbeliard) except on primiparous cow

## **Agricultural Area**

### 110 ha AA

- 60 ha permanent grassland
- 28 ha temporary grassland
- 10 ha spelt
- 12 ha meslin (triticale/oats/peas)



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### **Workforces**

- 3,5 labor units: 3 children + 0,5 father
- Aims: Save time, be efficient, task repartition

### **Areas of interest**

- Milk transformation
- Seasonal calving: spring
- Mono milking
- Calves fattening and calves under mother

# Main buildings and Equipment

### **Dairy cows**

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### **Heifers and calves**

- Cheap building: straw bedding
- · Calves under mother
- Milking parlor: stanchion cows with pipeline

### **Production**



- 396 000 liters of milk produced
- 3,8% fat & 3,36% protein content
- 6600 I of milk /cow /year

500 kg of concentrate/cow/year





## Strenghts

- Calves management
- Family farm
- Mono milking
- Transfromation
- Open mind



### Weaknesses

- old building



## Opportunities

- Organic market
- Direct sales



### Threats

- Legislation
- Climate change

## **Strategy of the farmers**

Herd management is one of the main innovative aspects of the farm. In fact, group calving in spring to make the most of grass growth for mono milking.

The development of a family farm involving several members of the brotherhood has enabled a new vision and division of tasks, as well as freeing up time for everyone's family life to flourish.

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

On-farm processing and direct sales are being developed following the arrival of the sister on the farm. The breeding of calves under mother's milk with grass fattening is also being tested on the farm.

# Improvement project - objectives

Mono milking





- Milk transformation
- Spent time for family

Forage autonomy





- Calves under mother
- 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 More information system. www.resilience4dairy.eu