

BREED: Mixed Limousin cattle/Comtois horse breed farm

FARM VISIT: Mixed cattle & horse farm **ELEVAGE DE BONANT** (ROMAGNAT)

VISIT DATE: Thursday 8 October 2026 at 09.30 on site (the farm is only 10 mins from the Sommet showground)

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HERD DESCRIPTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Farm background

Farm taken on in 2009, then converted to **Organic**. Farm located at 650 m. above sea level in urban fringe areas. 180 ha of farmland of which 175 ha are permanent pasture (95% natural grassland) grazed by a **mix of cattle and horses**. 2 Full-time farm staff of which 0.3 is a contractor



1-, 2- and 3-year-old filly category winners at the 2025 Departmental Championships

The BONANT Comtois horse herd

The Comtois horse herd is a family passion! Registered with the Comtois stud Book, Frédéric & Marjorie own the 2025 Sommet Champion Comtois brood mare, Hortensia de Bonant. Frédéric is also vice-president Puy de Dôme Draught horse Society.

Herd and production

Rearing of Comtois breed horses: 1 stallion, 18 brood mares and 12 fillies of 1 to 3 years old, reared in association with a herd of 75 Limousin suckler cows. Sale of cows through local organic structures, whereas stores and young colts are sold conventionally, (not organic).

Three workshops on offer during the visit

- 1- Mixed farm: The + impact of rearing cattle/horses on the quality of grassland and the farm's carbon footprint
- 2- Draught horse selection criteria: presentation of patterns & paces
- 3- Meat from natural pastures: tasting of some exceptional farm product

(See programme & contents below)

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Workshop 1: Restoration and maintenance of natural grasslands through mixed grazing

- Management of a mixed grazing field
- Impact on the carbon footprint and biodiversity
- Sustainability and pastureland productivity
- + Impact on the farm's carbon footprint



Workshop 2: Selection criteria of draught horses

- French draught horse genetic improvement choices
- Demonstration of judging of patterns & paces.
- Explanation of the breed standard and the qualities sought after in draught horses: butchery, breeding, working.



Workshop 3: The grassland impact on the meat's nutritional and taste qualities.

- Taste of quality meat from natural pastures
- Comparison horse meat vs. cattle meat from grazing.
- Blind tasting of the two meat types
- Snack with locally made products