

BREEDS: primarily suckler cow breeds (Aubrac, Salers, Charolais, Limousin) et milk cow breeds (Holstein, Montbéliard)

NAME: Auvergne Summer Mountain Pasture Cooperative, Site name "La Liste", villages of Besse, Saint Anastaise (Puy-de-Dôme), member of the Auvergne Summer Mountain Pastures

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DESCRIPTION OF THE SUMMER MOUNTAIN PASTURES



Background

The cooperative was founded in 1971. The current chairman is Michel RAYNOIRD, farmer in the Combrailles (Puy-De-Dôme).

A buron¹ has been preserved for its heritage value, a 2nd building for unloading and sorting cattle has been put up.

¹ Simple stone building in the summer pastures used for shelter and making cheese.

Principal farm production and secondary livestock activities

The mountain pastures are used for grazing only. They are split into 7 fenced blocks, each with access to one of 3 corrals and sufficient supply of water, mainly from Lake Pavin and more recently a bore.

To help him oversee the various batches of cattle, the guardian Stéphane BERNARD, uses a quad.

Herd description

500 head of cattle from 17 farmer member farms in the Puy-de-Dôme & Cantal *départements* are put out on the 350 ha of summer pastures from 20 May to 20 October. Proximity to Lake Pavin.



Technical data

The entire mountain pasture lies at 1,200 metres above sea level, so grass growth is uniform.

Cows suckling their calves graze on a rotational basis.

To allow for people trekking and avoid disturbing the cattle, suitable signage and cattle grids have been installed on the long-distance footpath (GR) which crosses part of the summer pasture.