

BREED: ABONDANCE

FARM: GAEC DE ROCHE ROUGE

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HERD DESCRIPTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Farm background

The GAEC de Roche Rouge is made up of 2 partners, Guillaume BARBET & Marie-Pierre MERCIER. Also, a full-time employee, making 3 full-time staff.

The farm is located in Chapelle Marcousse in the Cézallier region of the Massif central and in the AOP Saint-Nectaire area.

The farm is at 1,100m above sea level. The soil is an easy draining clay-sandy loam. High rainfall for good grassland production. The rustic nature of, and the farmers' passion for, the Abondance justifies the choice of this breed.

Technical data

Farmland: 175 ha of which 157ha are permanent pasture, 8 ha of cereals and 10 ha of temporary pasture.

409-day ave. calving interval. 18.4 litres ave. daily yield (5690l. per lactation) at 3.7% fats and 3.49% proteins.

Herd description

68 Abondance cows & replacement heifers

65+ Abondance cows yielding over 5,000l /year. The milk is immediately processed into St Nectaire curds after each milking and then sold to a cheese maturer.

Feed: Barn-dried hay, grazing, on-farm produced cereals and a balancer.

Reproduction: 100 % A.I. using purebred Abondance semen on most of the heifers and 80% of the cows. Ave. age at first calving is 36 months. All heifers are genotyped. 34% replacement rate.

Milking parlour: 2 X 6 herringbone

Building: Cubicle shed fitted with mattresses, and 3 AFD units. Commissioned in 2012.

Production: 78,000L Sold to the Dischamps dairy, for processing into Saint Nectaire cheese & 26 tonnes of curd-processed cheese sold to the Charrade cheese-maturing firm in the Cantal.



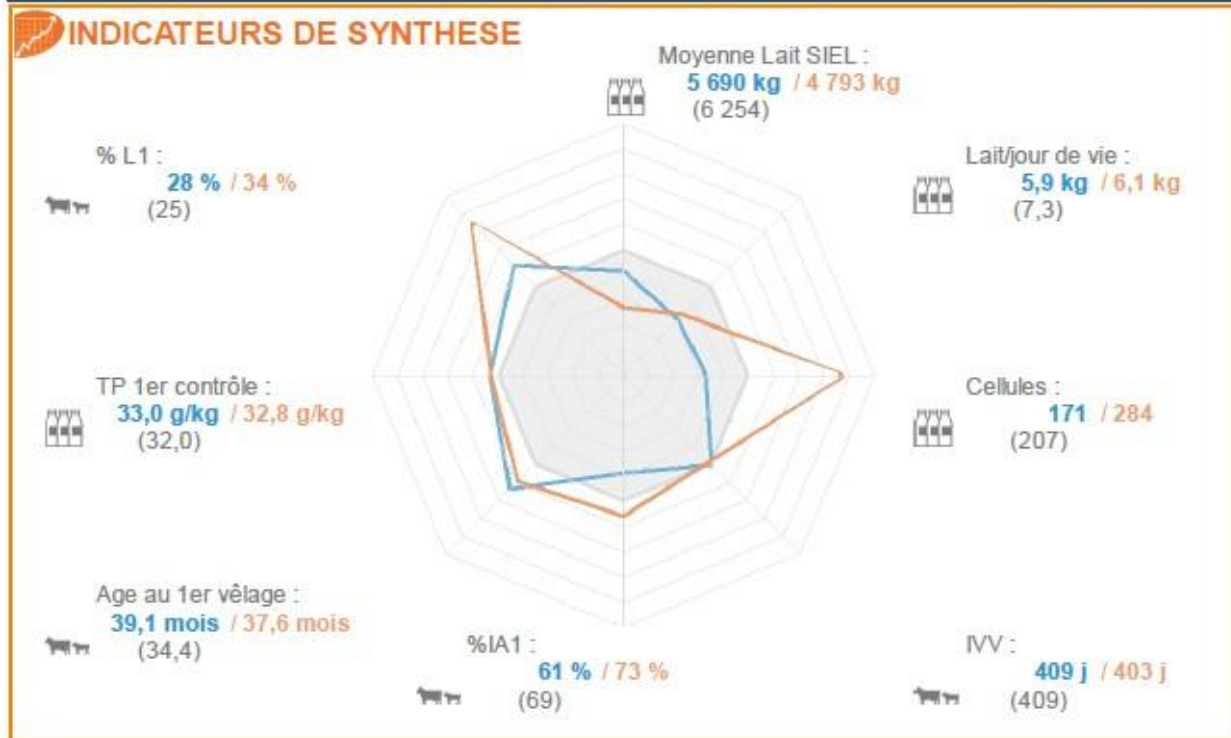
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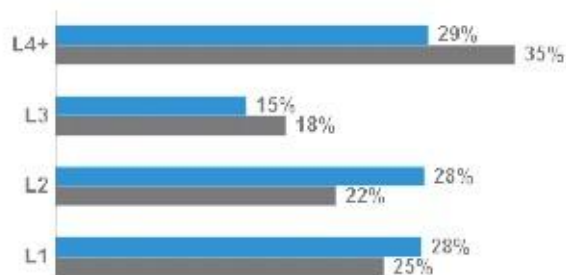
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PRODUCTION & COMPOSITION DU TROUPEAU

	CAMPAGNE	EVOLUTION	Autres races	Puy de Dôme
Moyenne Lait SIEL (kg)	5 690	+897	6 254	7 102
VL Présentes	68	+2	66	67
Lait / Vache Traite (kg)	18,4	+2,7	20,2	22,7
TB (g/kg)	37,0	-0,7	40,1	39,7
TP (g/kg)	34,9	-0,2	33,9	33,0
Lait 1er contrôle primipares (kg)	16,9	+1,5	20,9	23,1
Lait 1er contrôle multipares (kg)	25,1	+2,6	26,5	29,5
MSU (kg)	395	+51	444	496



	CAMP.	EVOL.	Autres races
Age au 1er vêlage (mois)	39,1	+1,5	34,4
% 1er vêlage	30	+4	27
Rang moyen de lactation	2,8	-0,1	3,1
Age du troupeau	5,7 ans	-0,1	5,7 ans
Lait/jour de vie	5,9	-0,2	7,3
% jours improductifs	18	+2	18

