

BREED: MONTBELIARD

FARM NAME: GAEC SAINTE BONNETTE 63390 AZERAT

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HERD DESCRIPTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Farm background

Background to the GAEC¹

- **2005:** GAEC established by Sébastien, Laurent & Maurice, operating on 2 sites 35 km apart.
Productions:
 - 220,000 litres of milk;
 - 60 suckler cows;
 - 70 young bulls in feedlot;
 - 183 hectares of farmland.
- **2007:** More land at Mazerat taken on prior to Corinne joining the GAEC.
- **2009:** Corinne joins the GAEC.
- **2014:** Beef unit closed down & increase in milk quota.
- **2017:** Maurice retires & quits the GAEC.
- **2018:** 2 new partners (neighbours) join the GAEC.
Increase in farmland with a further 120 hectares at Azerat & additional 255,000 litres of quota.
- **2019:** New farm buildings project and purchase of further 186,000 litres of quota.
- **2022:** A partner dies and another quits the GAEC due to ill health.
- **2025:** The GAEC today comprises 3 partners.

¹ GAEC = Groupement Agricole d'Exploitation en Commun = Farm business with minimum 2 partners

Principal farm production and secondary livestock activities:

The GAEC today is

- **180 Montbeliard milk cows**
- **2,011,000 litres of milk quota** sold to Sodiaal
- **394 hectares** of farmland split over 2 sites:
 - **Azerat:** at 450 m above sea level
 - **Mazerat-Aurouze:** 650 m above sea level – volcanic soil.

Cropping:

- 124 ha of cereals (barley, wheat, triticale);
- 72 ha of maize;
- 14 ha of lucerne;
- 12.83 ha of temporary pasture (TP);
- 170 ha of permanent pasture (PP).

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- 180 Montbeliard milk cows
- 80 % of artificial insemination (AI) using sexed Montbeliard semen
- 20 % of AI for crossing using Charolais semen

Milk production yield:

- Average yield: **10,400 litres/cow/lactation**
- Fats: **3.93 %**
- Proteins: **3.20 %**

Technical ration data

Winter ration (per cow/day)

- 22 kg of (grass) silage
- 12 kg of maize silage
- 4 kg of cob maize
- 5 kg of brewer's grain
- 0.6 kg of straw
- 0.92 kg of lucerne
- 2 kg of wheat
- 3.4 kg of cake
- 2.5 kg of protein supplement
- 0.05 kg of salt

Summer ration (per cow/day)

- 32 kg of (grass) silage
- 9 kg of cob maize
- 7 kg of brewer's drains
- 0.5 kg of straw
- 1.7 kg of crushed cereals
- 2.5 kg of cake (OSR/soya)
- 0.4 kg of bicarbonate (balancer)
- 0.25 kg of minerals
- 0.08 kg of salt
- 2 kg of protein supplement