

BREED: Bazadais

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HERD DESCRIPTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Farm background

- **1 February 1993:** Thierry takes on his in-laws' farm of 22 Holstein cows & 28 ha of farmland.
- **1995:** Increase in farmland
- **2000:** Start of poultry unit
- **2009:** Conversion to organic farming system & start of oil-processing unit with purchase of seeds from neighbouring farms.
- **2012:** Purchase of first Bazadais heifers
- **2013:** Purchase of Bazadais cows & heifers and a bull. Joins the Bazadais Herdbook and performance monitoring.
- **2014:** End to milk production unit

Herd description

Males:

1 adult bull and 2 young Bazadais bulls, plus 4 Bazadais bullocks from 2023 and 1 from 2024.

PUREBRED

Females:

ONLY

22 cows

3 heifers from 2023

4 heifers from 2024

7 heifers from 2025

Technical data

Ave. maternal indexes for the herd – 2025 year.

(source: BGTA 2025)

Year 2025	
Numbers	19
Easy-calving Index	102.6
Growth potential	100.2
Muscle develop't	97.2
Bone develop't	97.8
Bone fineness	99.2
Weaning Index	100.3
Cow's calving cap.	98
Cow's milk prod.	100.1
Maternal index at calf weaning	99.6

Principal farm production and secondary livestock activities

Farm-processed oils are sold in 75cl bottles or 5l cans via the AMAP, organic-producers' shops or directly to the consumer.

Poultry (Chicken, guineafowl, turkey, duckling and old breeds of poultry) are also reared on the farm and sold as for the oils above, plus direct sale to butchers and restaurateurs.

