

BREED: CHAROLAIS cattle

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HERD DESCRIPTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Farm background

"I set up as a farmer in 2003 forming a GAEC¹ with my dad, when he retired in 2009 the GAEC became an EARL², then we restarted the GAEC with my wife in 2018."

Farmland: 255 ha

35 hectares of cereals

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

² EARL = Exploitation Agricole à Responsabilité Limitée = Limited liability farm business (usually 1 person)

Description of herd

145 cows calving every year

Principal farm production and secondary livestock activities

30 to 35 males are sold as breeding stock every year, the remainder as stores. All females are finished and all livestock are sold through FEDER.

Ave. Cow carcass weight is 550 kgs.

The farm also operates an on-farm direct sale business to the consumer.

Technical data

Number of pedigree cows: 50

Number of pedigree males: 33

Ave. calving interval: 374 days

Herd ave. Index based on maternal pedigrees:

Overall weaning Index: 94.9

Calving Index: 93.6

Suckling (milk) Index: 96.2

Overall maternal Index: 93.3

Overall merit Index: 101.7

The farmer's opinion of the Charolais cow:

"Docile, rustic, excellent growth potential, optimises rough grazing, adaptability to all climates and countries."

"The use of genetics allows us to improve yields, carcass weights and growth potential."

CERVOISE, a cow that has left her mark on the farm, due to the number of prizes won at shows:

