

BREED: SALERS

NAME OF THE VISIT: GAEC DE LA SAGNOLE

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HERD DESCRIPTION AND BREEDING SYSTEM

Farm situation

Romain's installation in 2009

Creation of the GAEC with Sonia in 2018

Herd description

Dual activity: 50 cows and 500 does (female rabbits)

Management: 60% purebred, 40% crossbreeding in the cattle herd

All through AI – use of UALC bulls

Makes use of the Evaluation Station: both buyer and contributor

Main Productions and Complementary

Farming Activities

Direct sales: boxes or processed products: Bolognese sauce, beef rillettes, dry sausages, and rabbit terrine.

Fattening of cows for the Label, member of ELVEA.

In 2024: 7 fattened cows: 375 kg carcass weight + 3 sold directly / 7 heifers.

20% replacement rate

Technical data

Buildings:

- 2 for cattle: one loose housing + storage
- 1 tie-stall barn for heifers

Area:

110 ha across 2 sites: 85 ha at the main farm in St Quentin (700 m altitude), and 25 ha at 1,100 m altitude.

All grassland.

Calving:

- Calving period between September and October. Calves leave at 9–10 months with a target weight of 400 kg, achieving 1,300 g daily gain. Males are not released.
- 20% replacement rate

Farmer's objectives:

Focus on growth with well-performing calves and cows that make the most of the feed rations. Aim to produce very high-quality forage. Intention to use as little concentrate feed as possible.

In 2024 : 400 kg of concentrate per LU

Veterinary costs: €32 per LU

Reproduction data:

Calving interval (CI): 368 days

Mortality rate: 1.9%