

BREED: SALERS

NAME OF THE VISIT: GAEC FAMILLE CHAMPEIX

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HERD DESCRIPTION AND BREEDING SYSTEM

Farm situation

Salers cattle breeders for 4 generations, processing and direct sales on the farm

Herd description

250 cows, bred in pure race

8 bulls

60 replacement heifers kept each year

70 young bulls in fattening

Main Productions and Complementary

Farming Activities

Sale of meat and charcuterie on the farm, to school canteens, and to restaurants

Veal calves, at 6 months: 100 to 130 kg carcass weight

Young bulls, at 20 months: 400 to 430 kg carcass weight

Cows: average carcass weight of 430 kg

Slaughtered in Brioude

Sale of females for breeding (20 one-year-old heifers, 10 eighteen-month-old heifers, and 10 pregnant cows)

Technical data

Organization: GAEC with 5 partners: Didier, Christiane, Sophie, Sébastien, and Charlène

2 full-time butchers

1 employee for mechanics

Area:

420 hectares: 30 ha of maize, 20 ha of triticale, 370 ha of natural grassland

Data:

Calving interval (IVV): 390 days

Replacement rate: 16.4%

Average daily gain (ADG): 159.4 kg at 120 days and 243.3 kg at 210 days

Breeder's objectives – selection:

Animals are selected for docility, milk aptitude, breed qualities, and body size.

The most refractory animals, those with weaker morphology, and twins are directed into the processing chain.