

BREED: Limousin cattle/Comtoise horses

NAME OF THE VISIT: Visit to mixed cattle/horse breeding **BONANT BREEDING (ROMAGNAT)**

DATE OF VISIT: Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. on site

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DESCRIPTION OF THE LIVESTOCK AND BREEDING SYSTEM

History of the exploitation

Taken over in 2009, this farm has been converted to **organic farming**. It is located 650 m away from the urban periphery. SAU of 180 ha including 175 of SFP with 95% natural meadows and enhanced by the **Cattle/Equine association**. 2 UTH including 0.3 of work undertaken



BONANT breeding

Breeding Comtois horses: a family passion!
Registered in the Stud-book Comtois, Frédéric and Marjorie own the 2024 Comtois Champion from the Breeding Summit: Hortensia de Bonant. Frédéric is Vice-President of the Puy de Dôme Draft Horse Breeders Association.

Livestock and production

Comtoise breed breeding: 1 stallion, 18 mares and 12 fillies aged 1 to 3 years old in association with a herd of 75 Limousin mothers in a breeding system. Promoting cows in short organic supply chains, young cattle and foals in conventional farming.

During this visit, three workshops to discover

- 1- Impact of the Cattle/Equine association on the quality of natural meadows and on the carbon footprint
 - 2- Selection criteria for Draft Horses: presentation of models and paces
 - 3 - Meats from natural meadows: exceptional products with tasting test
- (See program and contents below)**

The three workshops to discover



Workshop 1: Restoration and maintenance of natural meadows through mixed grazing

- Management of a mixed pasture plot
- Impact on the botanical and entomological biodiversity of natural meadows
- Meadows's productivity
- Impact on the carbon footprint of the exploitation



Workshop 2: Selection of draft horse breeds

- The French genetic improvement system for draft horses
- Demonstration of judgment in models and paces.
- Explanation of the standard and the qualities sought in draft breeds: butchery, breeding, use.



Workshop 3: exceptional meats

- Organoleptic qualities of meat from natural meadows
- Comparison of horse meat qualities versus grass-fed beef.
- Blind tasting of the 2 types of meat
- Snack with local products