

BREED: Charolais cattle + Ile de FRANCE sheep

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DESCRIPTION OF THE HERD AND THE FARMING SYSTEM

Farm history

Created in 1968 at the same time as the high school
254 ha of UAA (Utilized Agricultural Area), including 174 ha of permanent grassland, 40 ha of forage crops, and 40 ha of cereals
3 employees + 1 farm manager
Significant educational activities
HVE 3 certification + “Label Haies” (Hedgerow Label)

Herd description

100 registered Charolais suckler cows with sales of breeding stock, 18-month-old young bulls, and finished cows and heifers
300 Ile de France ewes with production of lambs raised indoors
800 m² of *Label Rouge* poultry houses (30,000 chickens/year)

Main productions and activities complementary to livestock farming

Cattle 70%
Sheep 20%
Poultry 10%

Technical data

Cattle: HBC registered

- Easy calving
- Polled gene
- CI (calving interval) 370 days
- 90% AI
- 95% self-sufficiency
- No maize

Sheep: OSON registered

- Out-of-season lambing
- 3 batches/year
- Prolificacy 180%
- Lamb survival rate 120%
- 35% AI

Poultry

- *Label Rouge* in integration
- 2.2–2.3 kg
- Minimum 81 days
- Outdoor access

Direct sales

- 1–2 cattle/year
- 10–15 sheep/year
- 200 capons
- 400 chickens
- Honey