



Transition from continuous grazing to rotational grazing on the whole herd in 1 year



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1 Description of the innovation



The farmers wished to increase his livestock by remaining autonomous in fodder. With the help of a counselor, they passed all his livestock from continuous grazing to a rotational grazing in 1 year. Such a radical change in such a short time is rare and deserves to be highlighted!



Quantity produced (meadow)
Quality of meadow
Animal welfare

FARMER'S STRATEGY

The desire to remain autonomous in fodder has been stronger than the fear of change.

Nevertheless, the farmers knew how to well surround themselves to help them in setting up their new pasture management:

- Cutting of the new paddocks
- Water management (setting up corridors)
- Learning new grazing management techniques: herbometer, sum of temperatures



2 Description of the farm

ENVIRONMENT

Soil : loamy-sands, silt, sandy

Climate : Oceanic climate

Altitude : 180m

Grassland management

Pasture : Yes

Rotating grazing

Manure : between 25 and 60 kg organic and inorganic N/ year

STRUCTURE

Annual Work Unit: 2

Agricultural area: 255 ha UAA

Main forage area: 105 ha

Permanent grassland : 90 ha

Temporary grasslands: 15 ha

Breeds : Charolais

Stocking rate : 1,2 UGB / ha of forage area

ANIMAL PERFORMANCES

Average carcass weight: 430 kg (Heifer)

Average age when slaughtered: 3 years (Heifer)

Average European classification of the carcass (EUROP): U (Heifer)

WHY IT IS WORKING

Intensification of grasslands in globality : more fertilisation and use of digestate of methanation

Possibility to have farm's seeds to limit the cost.