

2 Description of the farm

ENVIRONMENT

Soil: loamy

Climate: temperate oceanic

Altitude: 30m

Grassland management

Grazing: Yes

Grazing Management type: Rotational, strip-grazing

Length: 8 months/year

48% of grasslands grazed and mowed

Fertilization: organic only (compost 10 t/ha every 2 years)

Intercrop composition: Fodder Colza, Perennial Rye-Grass, Diploïde Oat, Oat and Fodder radish.

Fodder conservation types:

- hay (dried in barn)
- haylage

STRUCTURE

3 Annual Work Unit

Agricultural area: 200 ha UAA

Main forage area: 175 ha

Permanent grassland: 165 ha

Temporary grasslands: 10 ha

Organic production

Breeds: Prim'Holstein, Montbéliarde and Cross-breeding (Jersiaise x PH)

Stocking rate: 1.08 LU / ha main forage area

137 Dairy cows—190 LU

ANIMAL PERFORMANCES

Milk production per head: 5,000 L/year

WHY IT IS WORKING

The farmers wanted to start a renovation program of permanent grasslands (following a trip to another French area) to improve production.

Great care is given to renovation with intercrop sowing before grassland sowing to clean up the soil keeping good productivity.

Spring sowing of grassland because autumn is too wet

Optimum valorization of multispecies grasslands thanks to the dryer in barn.