BREED: BLONDE D'AQUITAINE

NAME OF THE VISIT: BLONDE D'AQUITAINE – Cow-calf and finishing system

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HERD DESCRIPTION AND BREEDING SYSTEM

Farm situation

1990: Purchase by Denis of the first Blonde d'Aquitaine to replace the Charolais breed. The choice to move to purebred Blonde d'Aquitaine was made for the ease of calving as well as their growth potential and optimum carcass quality.

2014: Installation of Maxime with the objective of achieving feed self-sufficiency for the herd.

Herd description

120 Blonde d'Aquitaine cows
40 heifers for herd replacement

Main Productions and Complementary Farming Activities

- Production of steers (36 months) and young bulls (under 2 years)
- Direct sales: cull cows + 25 animals per year

UAA: 200 ha located around the farm
20 ha of cereals
26 ha of maize
The remainder in grassland for hay, wrapped silage, and silage.

Technical data

Age at first calving: 35 months

Average calving interval: 371 days

Grouped calvings: January to April

Reproduction: all by natural service

6 qualified bulls purchased from the Breed Testing Station

Bull selection criteria: easy calving, growth potential, maternal traits

Farm Objectives:

Strengthen feed self-sufficiency and increase production of cereal grains.

Maintain growth performance in order to optimize animals more effectively and improve their market value.