

A dairy and vegetable farm in Western France

Ferme de la Paverie

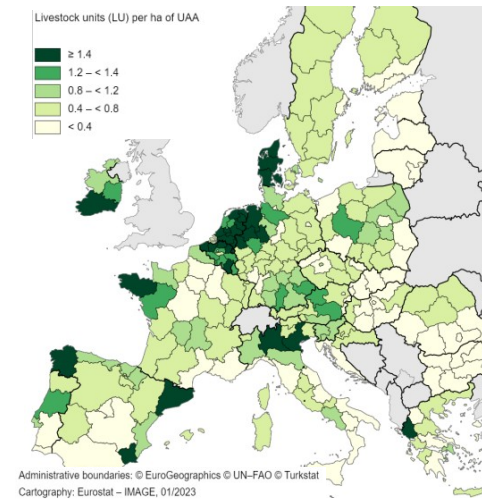
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- **Farming in Western France**
 - Mild oceanic climate
 - Good average soil quality
 - Intensive livestock productions
 - Dense agrifood system



- **Our farm : La Paverie**
 - Three people « not from a farming background »
 - Took over a dairy farm in 2021
 - 54 ha, high quality soil, 50 cows, all organic
 - Add 1 ha of market gardening for local sale

- **Our objectives**
 - Make a living
 - Care for our environment
 - Have free time



Livestock management : grazing, diversity, simplification

- Grazing : cheap high quality fodder
- Low management costs for mechanisation and buildings
- Work-efficient
- Rotational grazing
- 350 days / 300 nights per year



- Improving resilience through diversity
- Eclectic dairy cross-breeding
Holstein, Montbeliarde, Swiss Brown, Nordic Red, Jersey, Normande, ...
- Long-term multispecies grasslands

- Autumn calving
- Once-a-day milking in summer
- Suckling cows to rear calves



Cooperation

- Agricultural equipment cooperative (40 farms, 5 employees)
- Group training with other farmers
- Collective dynamics toward new sustainable practices



One keyword : **autonomy**

- Independant **decision-making**
- Chose which tasks we **delegate**



Make a living

- Stable income
- No cash-flow tensions
- Low investment, low risk



Freeing up time

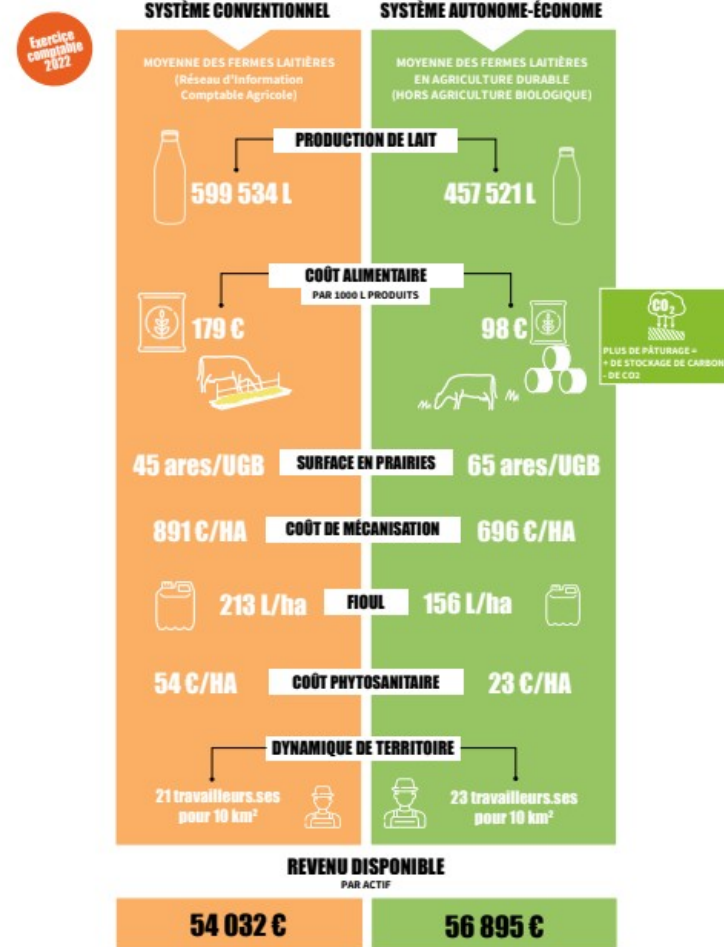
- Start at 9:00 or finish at 17:00
- One in two week-ends off
- Seven weeks of holidays per year



Care for our environment

- Zero pesticide, local and organic inputs
- Over 90 % of multispecies long-term grassland
- 1650 trees planted since five years

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Challenges



Unstability of market prices

- Will future public policies stabilize or worsen price fluctuations ?
- Dairy and beef : improve our **commercial resilience**
- Vegetables : improve our **technical and economical performance**
- Public policies : will our practices get **long-term support** ?

Fiercly fought **access to land** ...

- How to secure grazing accessibility ?

Farmer neighbours retire, few young farmers, farms get larger ...

- How to maintain and **enhance collective dynamics** ?



Thanks for your attention !

