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Cow-calf producer and beef finisher

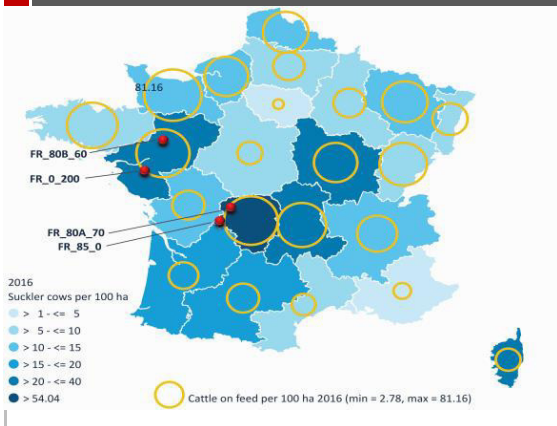
Farm overview

Legal status	Individual
No. of breeding cows	79
Breed	Limousin
No.&type finished cattle sold p.a.	35 bulls, 20 heifers, 14 cows
Production system finishing*	Silage
No. weaners produced p.a.	27
Stocking rate (cows per ha)	1,11
Family labour (hours)	1 283
Hired labour (hours)	
Other activities	Beef finishing

* only if finishing on the same farm



Location



Natural conditions

Country	France
Region	Limousin
Relief	Hills
Elevation (above sea level)	300–600 m
Soil	Sandy loam
Climate	Df – wet all seasons
Main growing season	April – June
Average annual temperature	11 °C
Average annual precipitation	1000 mm
Precipitation	Regular with peak in September – November



Particularities

That farming system represents 1/5 of the farms in the limousine region. Those semi-intensive family farms (1.5 labour unit) are large (95 ha, doubled the size during the last 15 years) with 85% of good grasslands and crops areas. They are well equipped in housing (stables with straw), hay storage and mechanics, except for cereals and maize harvesting. Males weaners are fattened with maize and cereals while females weaners are fattened with hay or maize silage, cereals and soya, rest is fed with grass (silage) and hay.