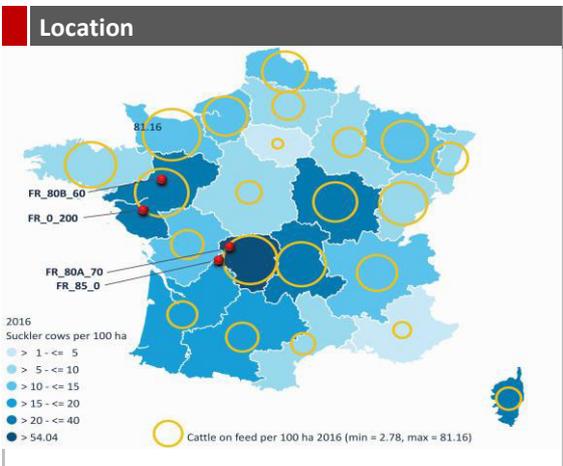


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Cow-calf producer

Farm overview	
Legal status	Individual
No. of breeding cows	84
Breed	Limousin
No.&type finished cattle sold p.a.*	
Production system finishing*	0
No. weaners produced p.a.	59
Stocking rate (cows per ha)	1,20
Family labour (hours)	2 011
Hired labour (hours)	
Other activities	Beef finishing

* only if finishing on the same farm



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, peak September – November



Particularities

This typical farm represents 1/3 of the farms in the Limousine region (grasslands areas). Those family farms (1.5 labour unit) are large (95 ha) with more than 95 % of grass and few crops for animal feeding. Weaners receive 200 kg of supplements (crops and soja) and are sold to the Italien market. Cull cows are fattened with hay and crops, rest is fed with grass and hay. Calving is in winter time. Those farms are well equipped in housing (stables with straw), hay storage and machines, except for cereals harvesting.