

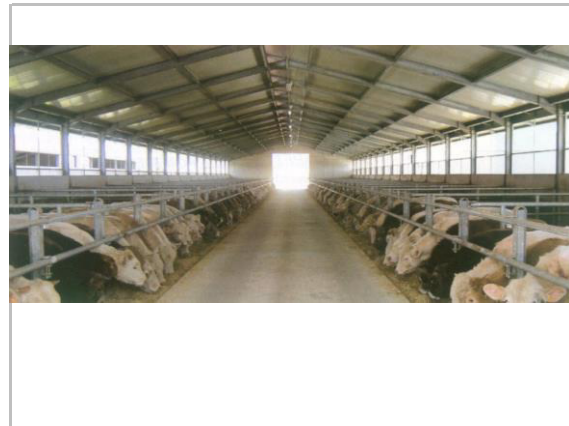
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Beef finisher

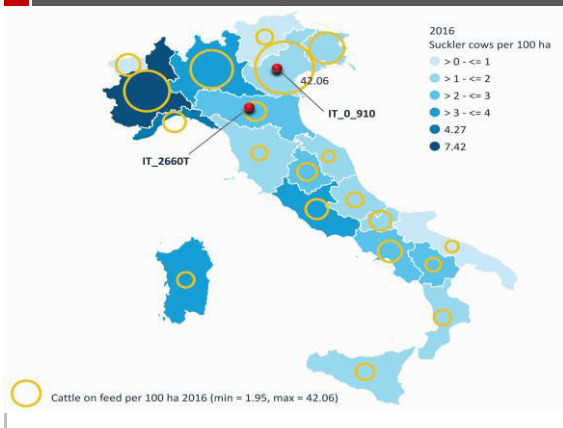
#### Farm overview

Legal status	Ltd.
Production system	Silage
Breeds	Charolais
No. finished cattle sold per year	2 660
Barn/pen/grazing capacity	1 352
No. of breeding cows*	
Family labour (hours)	2 184
Hired labour (hours)	10 140
Other activities	—

\* only if cow-calf enterprise on the same farm



#### Location



#### Natural conditions

Country	Italy
Region	Emilia-Romagna
Relief	Plains
Elevation (above sea level)	115 m
Soil	Sandy
Climate	Df – wet all seasons
Main growing season	March – June
Average annual temperature	13 °C
Average annual precipitation	740 mm
Precipitation days per year (mainly in autumn and springtime)	90 days



#### Particularities

The farm is a specialised, intensive bull finisher located in the North East of Italy. It has 5 hired labour units and 1 family labour (owner). Due to the low availability of land, about half of the maize silage consumed is purchased from outside the farm. Agricultural land is scarce due to the high concentration of livestock farms, in particular dairy and pig farms. Contract labour is used for maize harvesting and for storing it in silage pits. Bulls are kept in covered feedlots with a maximum capacity of 550 heads.