

This year, the Montbeliarde genetic day, named Jura Parc, has been replaced by farm visits and the tour ended by the departmental show. A first time that will remain in memories!

Over a 3-days program, about 20 foreigners coming from England, Kosovo, Montenegro and Czech Republic, has discovered or rediscovered the Montbeliarde breed qualities. Questions have been numerous on different and large topics such as selection, genotyping, health, feeding, management,... The occasion for some of our visitors to get information to launch their projects and for other ones to study the best mating for their own herds.



On the heights of Jura, we have visited various herds to illustrate the qualities of the Montbeliarde where cows are all managed under the Comté system.

At the *GAEC Boudet* we have seen young cows and among them IRCOS JB' daughters, a future genomic sire (Guisseny x Vigor jb).



In a new stall that house 120 milking cows, the *GAEC du Martelet* use all the latest new pedigrees from Jura-Bétail such as Flipex jb, Ghana jb, Fablio jb...

In here, we have seen *Fatou* who was highlighted Saturday on the show winning the prize for the best adult udder.

At the *GAEC La Couronne*, breeders and users of the Montbeliarde breed had a view of one of Jura-Bétail commitment: the diversity. In addition to the outstanding performances of this herd, we have discussed about female genotyping as it is very much used among heifers on this farm.



At the *GAEC Chambelland*, our visitors have discovered a totally different system with a farm housing 40 cows in a tie-stall barn. Tied up 6 months over the year, the strength of feet and legs is a key issue in this system where cows have to stand during winter and walk over 1 km to get their ration during summer.



At the *GAEC des 4 Tilleuls*, breeders have appreciated a lot of VALFIN JB daughters from whom the semen is still very demanded abroad. Among those daughters, we have seen the dam of JEKIL JB (Hanover jb x Valfin jb) a genomic sire that will be soon available. On this farm, with a herd of 120 milking cows, our visitors have discussed about genetic but also housing as the building is quite brand new and shows lots of new technologies. Moreover, heifers stand already in cubicles to make them used to their future environment.

← Graniti, VALFIN JB's daughter  
She produced 8 985kg of milk in her 2<sup>nd</sup> lactation

The last herd, belonging to Eric Menetrier showed the longevity of the breed as well as its performance: 3 cows among the 40 milking showing more than 80 000 kg of milk with an average, in a Comté system (hay, second-cut, and max of 6kg of concentrate per cow per day) of 8700 kg of milk per cow per year.

Energie, CROCK JB's daughter →  
Currently in her 4th lactation, she has already produced 31 011kg of milk



Seizing the opportunity of receiving foreigners at Crançot, we organized a bull presentation showing animals from 12 months to 12 years old ! It was also the occasion to discuss about the genetic selection work of the cooperative.



← JEKIL JB

HARPON JB →



This Montbeliard Tour ended on Saturday with the departmental show. The chance to see again the animals met on farms and to see the most beautiful cows from Jura.

Among the 240 cows, the young winners are daughters of GEDEON JB (IDEE, best young udder and IXINA, *Espoir* champion), VIGOR JB (young champion), FLIPEX JB and VALFIN JB (Graniti, reserve prize for best adult udder and seen at the *GAEC des 4 Tilleuls* the day before).

