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Annual harmonization of European Brown Swiss Classifiers and Judges

On Tuesday and Wednesday 13 and 14th of March, Italy welcome the annual European harmonization of classifiers and judges.

The harmonization took place in the area of Trento and people from Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia and Switzerland were attending.



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GAEC LES MIMOSAS (Vendée)
Added value thanks to high milk content

In the west of France, 10km from the sea, Armel Lebeau, his wife Béatrice and their son Aurélien managed a 222Ha farm and a 78 Brown Swiss herd since 1994.

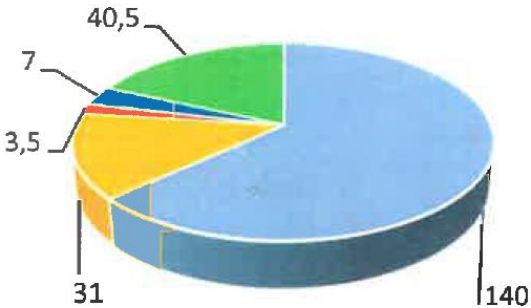
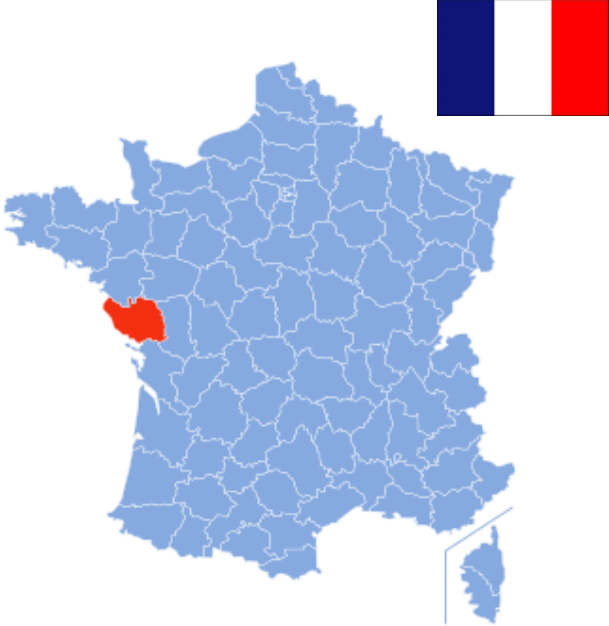
In spite of the actual difficulties in the dairy industry, Brown Swiss allowed them a thinning thanks to the high milk quality.

+ 69 € / 1000L this winter!

Milk quality is one of the only levers to increase the milk price. “Brown Swiss advantage is to associate a correct level of production with high percentage of fat and protein “explain Armel. Between November 2017 and February 2018, the average milk production was 25,2 kg / cow / day at 4.8 %F and 4,1 %P for an added value of + 69€/ 1000 L !

With an annual average production of 8300 kg 4.5 %F 3.8 %P, the standard production (7%) reach 9735 kg!

The average base price for 2017/2018 was 320 € / 1000L. With the high content of the Brown Swiss milk, the average price for the farm was 374 € / 1000L, an increase of + 54€/ 1000L.



- Cultures to be sold
- Corn silage
- Beets
- Peas
- Grass

	mars 17	Avril 17	Mai 17	Juin 17	Juil. 17	Aout .17	Sept. 17	Oct. 17	Nov. 17	Dec. 17	Janv. 18	Fev. 18	Total/ av.
Av prod (kg)	26.4	26.7	25.8	24.8	24.2	23.8	24.6	22.9	24.6	24.9	26	25.4	25
% F	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.5
% P													
SCC	210	207	152	151	167	188	175	191	316	279	260	246	212
Av. Base price (€)	305	305	305	315	330	330	330	330	330	325	320	320	320
Av. price (€)	350	339	339	348	367	376	394	400	409	398	382	382	374
Added value F+Pkgs (€)	1982	1552	1628	1386	1432	1852	2604	2545	3029	3526	3028	2697	27 261



Baden-Wuerttemberg State Show 2018

Bull dams successful at the show

With a very high quality of Fleckvieh and Holstein offspring as well as very high quality and often very interesting brood cows Fleckvieh, Holsteins and Brown Swiss, the cattle breeders of the Rinderunion Baden-Wuerttemberg were able to rekindle enthusiasm for cattle breeding and showing in front of more than 2.000 spectators on Sunday 11th in the Arena Hohenlohe in Ilshofen in the northern part of Baden-Wuerttemberg.

Brown Swiss

The Brown Swiss classes were very high-carat occupied and caused in exchange with the Holsteins for an interesting and professional show competition, which was supported by the very strong commitment of a young breeders team. In addition, judge Gerlinde Halbertschlager convinced with their quick decisions and precise comments in their straightening work. The young cow classes have been very special. Like all classes, these were also strongly influenced by domestic bulls, so Vassli, Payssli, Pisko, Erafax, Julau and Paray convinced with their shown daughters. The first class, however, was won by a very perfect Anibal daughter from the General Larry family, who was placed before Vintage Gaudi of Bernhard Stadelmann.

In the second class the Albinger GbR from Winterreute scored a double victory with Paray Ariane and Himalaya Aida. In the third class for young cows with Anibal Las Vegas and Glenn Ilena the two most famous cow families of the Friedrich Sauter herd, made the decision among themselves. Finally, Las Vegas sat in front of Ilena. She also made the competition for the champion title Young Cow with her stable companion Lasole, also from the Larry family. So with the young cow champion Lasole and Reserve Champion Las Vegas of the Sauter family succeeded here a double victory, especially Lasole - she also won the title of the Young Cow Champion.

The two classes of second calf cows were won by Peter Mueller, Leutkirch in front of the Hupro daughter Zara by Edwin Kling, Murrwangen, and by Vigor Kate from Friedrich Sauter, Krattenweiler, in front of the Anibal daughter Umberta of the Lang GbR in Biberach. It was Vigor Kate, quite fresh, strong and stylish. She could use her quality to become the winner young in front of the Hegall daughter Donau from Peter Mueller, Leutkirch.

The third calf cows also entered in two classes. The first class was won by the balanced and extremely strong Huxoy daughter Galaxy by Edwin Kling, Murrwangen before Vassli Bounty by Michael Zimmermann, Bad Waldsee. The second decision was made between the Grand Champion cow of the last show in 2016, Julau Alpengirl, by Markus and Kerstin Mock, Markdorf and the Hupat daughter Leonie of Bentele GbR Gruenkraut. The judge had to decide between size, high udder and fine foundation on the one hand and capacity, wide and high rear udders on the other. Finally, Hupat Leonie made the race.



In the section old cows of the Brown Swiss breed three classes competed against each other. The first class again achieved a double victory for the Albinger GbR, Winterreute with Juleng Tequila and Huray Peru. The second class was the competition of two very successful and well-known showcows. Thus, Easton Forteas, the mother of Bisto bred by Albinger GbR against the well-known Huxoy Indina by Friedrich Sauter against each other. The decision of these two cows was very close and the high level of these fresh older cows underlined the longevity of the Brown Swiss breed. Finally, there were nuances in the udder height and bone quality, which is why Forteas was placed in front of Indina. However, these two made then also the title of the winner old among themselves. The very correct old ladies of the last cow class played no role in the winning decision, even if the cow Silke of the Kramer family, Erolzheim with their incredible capacity won the last class in front of the Encore daughter Mondi of the family Schmaus, Rot an der Rot She still demonstrated a lot of freshness.

In a very nice final picture, judge Gerlinde Halbertschlager decided in favor of the medium framed Hegall Donau by Peter Mueller, Leutkirch as the udder champion, as her udder had extremely compact dimensions in the body and also showed perfect teat placement and a clear center ligament.

However, the title of the Brown Swiss Grand Champion 2018 cow was awarded to the fresh and perfect udder cow Easton Forteas of the Albinger GbR, Winterreute, underpinning the unique exterior quality of her son Bisto.



Economy star 2017 :

Fäh's Bajazzo VERONA, CH 120.0856.3999.4

9766 kg milk, 4.28 % fat, 3.84 % protein, 56 somatic cell counts, 92 % persistency, 83 days period.

Breeder and owner: Thomas Fäh, St. Gallen



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Economy Star 2017

The Swiss federation Braunvieh Schweiz distinguishes cows with high economic figures. Cows after 2nd lactation which fulfilled the following requirements concerning performance and fitness are published:

- Milk yield:
 - O 2. lact. min. 8'000 kg in midland (7'500 kg in mountains)
 - O 3. lact. min. 9'000 kg in midland (8'500 kg in mountains)
- Protein content: min. 3.6 % in midland (3.5 % in mountains)
- Somatic cell counts: max. 60'000
- Persistency: min. 90%
- Days open: max. 90 days

Included were all lactations terminated in 2017. Totally 284 of about 176'000 cows in Switzerland fulfilled the above mentioned criteria.

Supervision of milk recording in 2017

About 1660 milk recorders tested on about 8'700 farms totally 163'000 cows. Thereby farmers and milk recorders are obliged to follow the regulations of milk recording.

Last year on 161 farms (in 2016: 172) supervision of milk recording was performed.

Market place on www.braunvieh.ch

The market place on the homepage of Braunvieh Schweiz is online since 15 years. Currently new offers are published, searched, sold and bought.

Already since a longer term a face lifting for the market place of Braunvieh Schweiz was planned. Now not only the screen mask did change but the background of our internet market place got an update. Such as it should be much easier for everyone to use the market place now.

The most obvious change is the possibility to publish photos of the offered animals. Check it out under: https://www2.braunvieh.ch/ArgusB/farm/marketBVCH/market_naBV.xhtml





This year, on the list of the best herd managers you will find 257 farms. These are 13 farms more than in the year before. The farms which want to be placed on the list have achieve a minimum or maximum value in the characteristics of milk kg, protein yield, life performance service period and cell counts.

Requirements for the best herd management 2017		
Area	Mountain Area	Low Lands
Number of lactations	min. 10 lactations with min. 250 lactation days	
Milk performance (standard lactation)	min. 6700 kg	min. 7500 kg
Protein	min. 3.3%	min. 3.4%
Life performance	min. 24'000 kg	min. 26'000 kg
Days open	max. 110 days with 6700-8499 kg	max. 110 days with 7500-8499 kg
	max. 120 days with 8500-9499 kg	max. 120 days with 8500-9499 kg
	max. 130 days over 9500 kg	max. days over 9500 kg
Somatic Cell counts	max. 100'000/ml	max. 100'000/ml

Best individual value on herd management list 2017

Low lands

Highest milk yield	10'835 kg	Raimund Beerli, Bichelsee TG
Highest protein %	3.76 %	Hanspeter Kaufmann, Nottwil LU
Highest life performance	42'510 kg	Eugen Arnet-Koller, Buttisholz LU
Lowest days open	68 days	Bildungs- + Beratungszentrum, Salenstein TG
Lowest cell counts	29'000/ml	Werner von Euw, Brunnen SZ

Mountain Area

Highest milk yield	10'564 kg	Josef Fässler, Appenzell-Meistersrüte AI
Highest protein %	3.75 %	Ernst Frischknecht, Waldstatt AR
Highest life performance	42'634 kg	Josef Beeler, Sattel SZ
Lowest days open	73 days	Arnold Schatt-Lacher, Feusisberg SZ
Lowest cell counts	34'000/ml	Walti Röthlin, Kerns OW

