



ROUGE FLAMANDE



- *Highly Fertile + easy calving breed with 1.33 straws to conception breed average*
- *Of interest to cheese makers*
- *Wide frames, 373 days calving interval*
- *Ideal for block calving herds*

August 2021

TRAITS & PERFORMANCES

The Rouge Flamande is one of the oldest dairy breeds described in France, whose origin is common with Dairy Shorthorns from Holland, Denmark, Angeln and Devon England.

It spread across Northern France to the Paris basin, reaching almost 1 million head in the mid 1850's before hitting a period of decline as a result of rinderpest in the late 19th century (250,000 lost) to the Great War and second World War (300,000) and a foot and mouth outbreak in the 1960s.

In contrast with many other breeds, the Rouge Flamande has always been a dairy specialised breed, even back when all cattle had to be multipurpose.

The Rouge Flamande logically left a lasting footprint on its original birthplace in the French Nord and Pas-de-Calais, where its milk has forged several regional cheeses (Bergues, Maroilles and Vieux-Lille, among others).

The breed is currently experiencing resurgence in popularity, due to its adaptability to its home-region conditions and its highly protein-rich milk. Producers have leagued together to earn a Protected Designation of Origin (Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée – AOC) for the Bergues cheese, which is produced from Rouge Flamande milk.

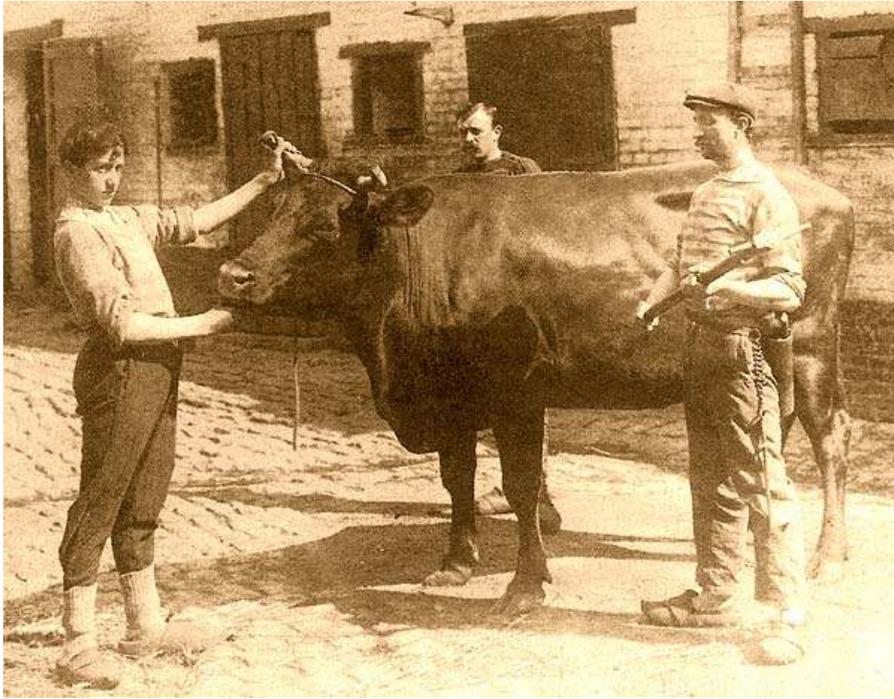
In addition to its dairy production, the Rouge Flamande also produces high marketable veal calves due to their good percentage yield at slaughter and a stand-out breed-specific dense beef that has high added-value for sector professionals.

SELECTION

Breed selection objectives for Rouge Flamande essentially hinge on two lead criteria: productivity, where the target is to improve both milk quantity and protein yields, and morphology, where the aim is to preserve the size of frame while improving udder quality.

The Danish Red, which had a long history of being crossed in to add genetic diversity to the bloodlines and improve dairy traits, is now used more sparingly.

All the bulls enrolled into the progeny-testing program are of French maternal parentage, the aim being to reduce the Danish blood ancestry currently carried down to about 25%. Today, the return to a breed adapted to its home region and that carries signs of quality plays to the advantage of French bloodlines that present the frame and hardiness that the market is looking for.



Key figures

- THE BREED IN FRANCE
- 3,500 cows
- 60 farms
- FRAME
- Height at withers (adult cow): 135 to 148 cm
- Adult cow weight: 550 to 750 kg when finished
- Adult bull weight: 950 to 1,250 kg
- Young-bull carcass weight: 300 to 350 kg
- TRAITS
- Milk yield 305 days: 6,637kg
- Fat content: 3.98 % (4.17% UK test)
- Crude protein content: 3.44 % (3.61% UK)
- **NOTE** Add 5% to fat & protein levels displayed to account for different testing methods in France/ UK equivalent is displayed also.

Official milk recording results 2018 -
Mature equivalent milk yield - Institut de
l'Elevage & France Conseil Elevage



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ROUGE FLAMANDE

Genetic diversity maintained

The Flemish breed has seed stocks of 120 bulls tested or young test bulls, stocks are held at CIA Genes Diffusion in Douai. This male population is divided into 20 well-defined genetic families, which indicates a long-term security for the users of the breed. This essential security to the genetic independence of the breed is dearly acquired. It necessarily involves the periodic re-use of older origins and sometimes therefore logically less efficient strains.

Each year, therefore, 3 to 5 new bulls are integrated into the Douai bull stud for the realisation of their 200 A.I. tested bulls. The seed stocks for each bull are usually 5,000. To add, since 2012, the race has its 1st testing bulls with sexed semen in order to produce more heifers.

It should also be noted that the program aims to gradually reduce the percentage of blood of the Danish Red Breed (RDM) which has been used fairly intensively from 1965 to 1995. The current impregnation in the breed is estimated between 20 and 25%

CURSUS

A2 / A2 MILK



Production 08 / 2021
Days 305
Milk 7,087 Kg
Fat 4,46% *
Protein 3,74% *
* Adjusted up 5% to UK test

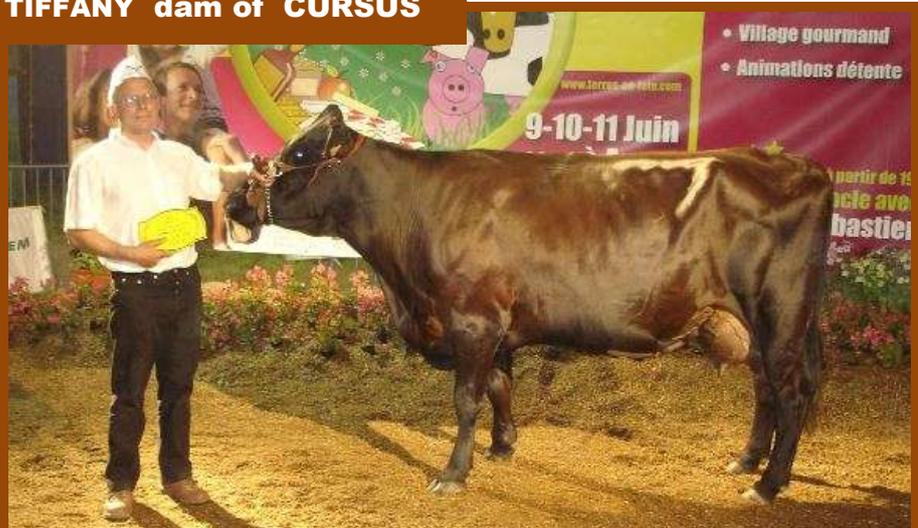
28% DK

Cursus transmits extra depth of body and a very correct rump structure for best locomotion. Daughters have good udder and teat placement with above breed average milk production combined with big pluses for protein and fat. CURSUS has 28% Danish Red blood in his pedigree, his dam Tiffany (pictured) is a very efficient dairy cow, she is the ideal grazing type animal. With Cursus you get easy care daughters.

Breeder : Gaec Hedon
59550 Prisches
D.O.B. : 29 / 11 / 2006
H.B.N. : FR 0201956632

A.I. Code UK
MS 0501

TIFFANY dam of CURSUS



Milk	Protein	B / Fat
450	+1.7% ~ 27Kg	+2.7% ~ 32Kg
Cell count	Index 08 / 2021	
0,1 Rel. 82%	100 Dtrs ~ 36 Herds Rel. 93% production	

INEL 35



HEMATIE daughter of CURSUS

CURSUS
FR0201956632

TSAR
FR5926009350

TIFFANY
FR620479349

JERICHO
FR6294021449

LINOTTE
FR5995017648

PEDRO
FR6204103580

NENETTE
FR6203056741

DOUMA

A2 / A2 MILK



Production 08 / 2021
Days 305
Milk 8,125 Kg
Fat 4,05% *
Protein 3,65% *
 * Adjusted up 5% to UK test

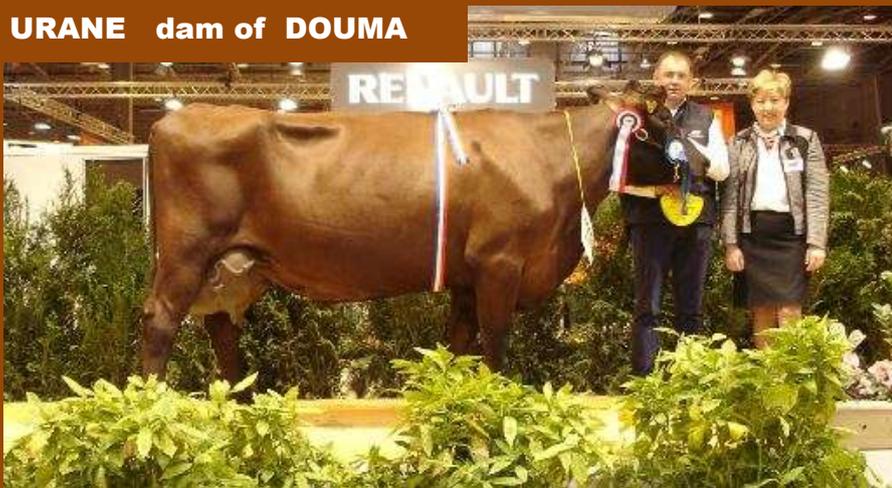
27% DK

Daughters of Douma are compact cows not being overly long or tall. Good udder and teat placement are qualities along with above breed average milk production with a big plus for protein and reduced cell counts. Douma has 27% Danish Red blood and is a son of the award winning dam Urane (pictured) who displays lots of width through her body with correct hip construction, good udder and teat length.

Breeder : Xavier CUVILLIER
 62690 Bethonsart
D.O.B. : 20 / 12 / 2008
H.B.N. : FR 6206827795

A.I. Code UK
MS 0500

URANE dam of DOUMA



Milk	Protein	B / Fat
1488	0,4% ~ 53Kg	-1,2% ~ 55Kg
Cell count		Index 08 / 2021
- 0,9 Rel. 80% cell		88 dtrs ~ 32 Herds Rel. 92% production

INEL 63



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DOUMA
 FR6205827795

FLAMBEA
 FR6290000102

COMIQUE
 FR5987006345

VIVANIE
 FR6284000167

URANE
 FR6204787553

IRAN
 FR6293000122

PAPONETTE
 FR6204057389

GRISBI

A2 / A2 MILK



Production 08 / 2021
Days 305
Milk 7,361 Kg
Fat 4,20% *
Protein 3,47% *

* Adjusted up 5% to UK test

14% DK

Vinfix the dam of Grisbi combines milk quantity and solids, over 5 lactations she has averaged 8,628 kg of milk at 4,43% fat and 3,19% protein. A good sized cow with good udder with a nice slope to her rump angle. Grisbi has a normal calving ease and has 14% Danish blood. The sire of Grisbi is Gaspard, a bull from the 1990's, now first daughters are milking of Grisbi we see a big lift in production, on UK milk test his heifers have achieved 4,20% fat, 3,52% Protein. (UK test)

Breeder : GAEC Dominique VAESKEN, 591114 Saint Sylvestre Cappel
D.O.B. : 30 / 11 / 2011
H.B.N. : FR 5943785336

A.I. Code UK
MS 0502

VINFIX dam of GRISBI



Milk	Protein	B / Fat
724	- 1.4% ~ 16Kg	0,2% ~ 28Kg
Cell count		Index 08 / 2021
0,3	58 dtrs ~ 25 Herds	
Rel. 74% cell	Rel. 88% production	
INEL 19		

PADIRAC
FR6279000146

GASPARD
FR5991016671

BALLERINE
FR5986009728

OBELIX
FR6098005787

VINFIX
FR5943785024

RIKA
FR5925588145

GRISBI
FR5943785336



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