

What are the challenges and opportunities of organic pig production ?

Producer's experience of Organic pig producer in France

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Pradenn Organic Farm

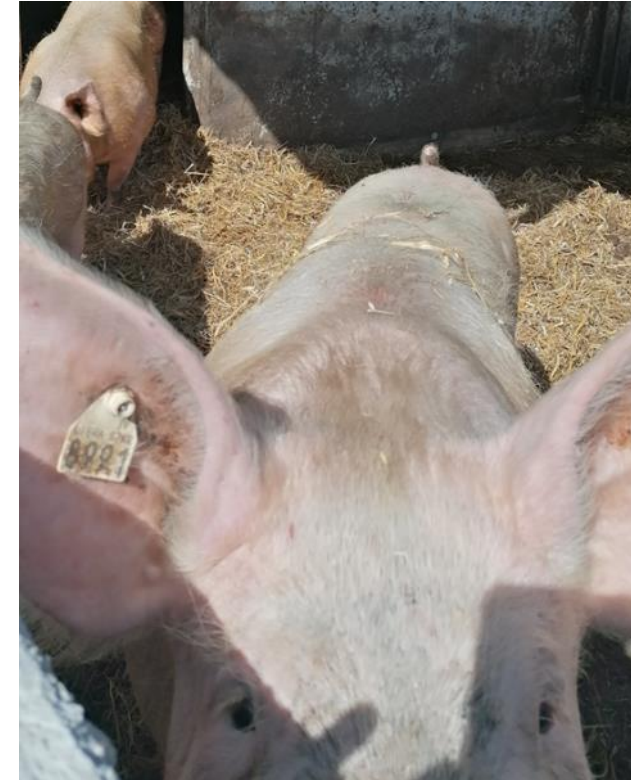


➤ Pigs - breeder-fattener system:

- 45 mother sows,
- 800 to 1000 fattening pigs/year.
- Need for feed : 350 t/year, including 50 t by-products from local canteens.

➤ Crops - 80 ha :

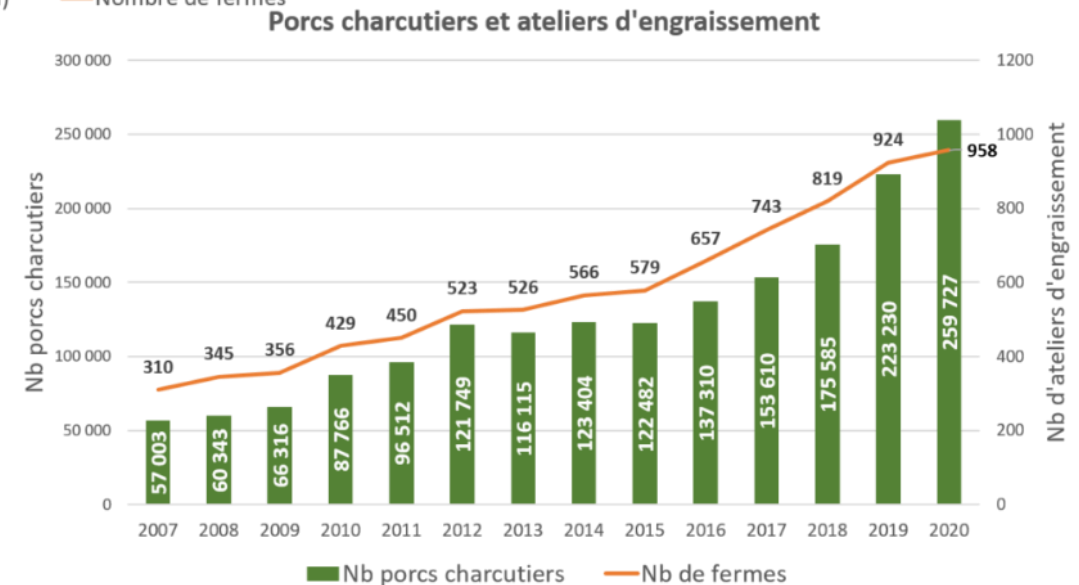
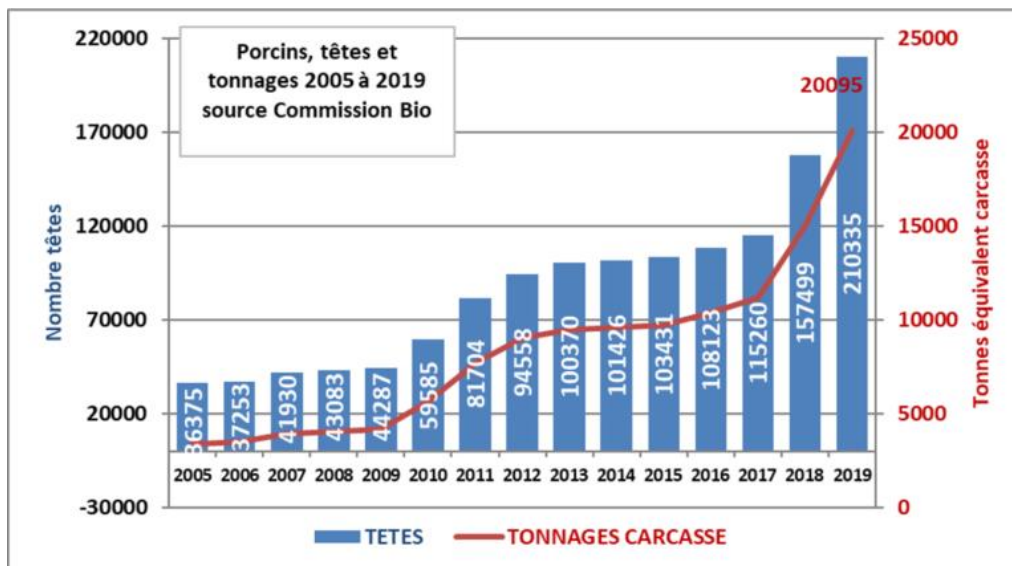
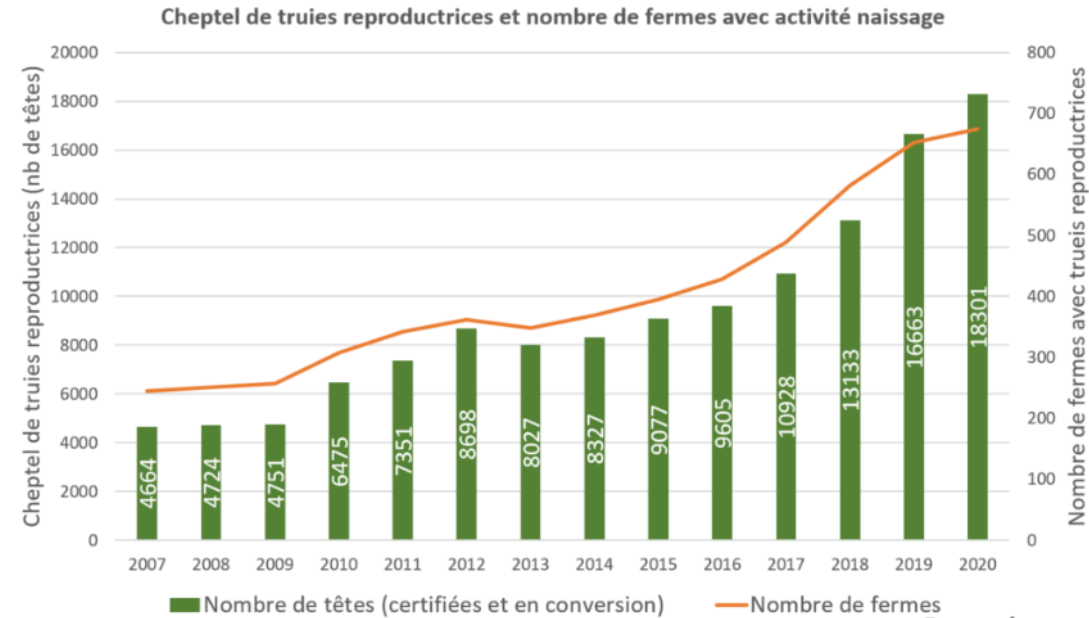
- 20 ha grassland (Pradenn means grassland in Breton language)
- 60 ha arable crops :
 - 35 to 40 ha as feed for the pigs,
 - 20 to 25 ha for human food.



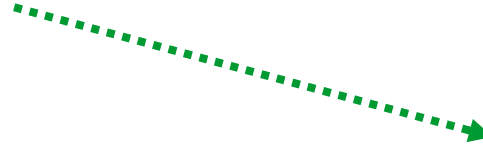
Organic Pig production in France

Key figures :

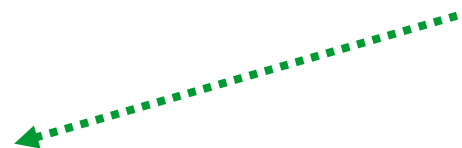
- Organic pigs : 1% of the French pig production
- Objective : 3% by 2022 (not achieved)
- Feed : 80% of actual cost price in organic pig production



Challenges – Soil bound production



Soil bound
principle in organic
farming

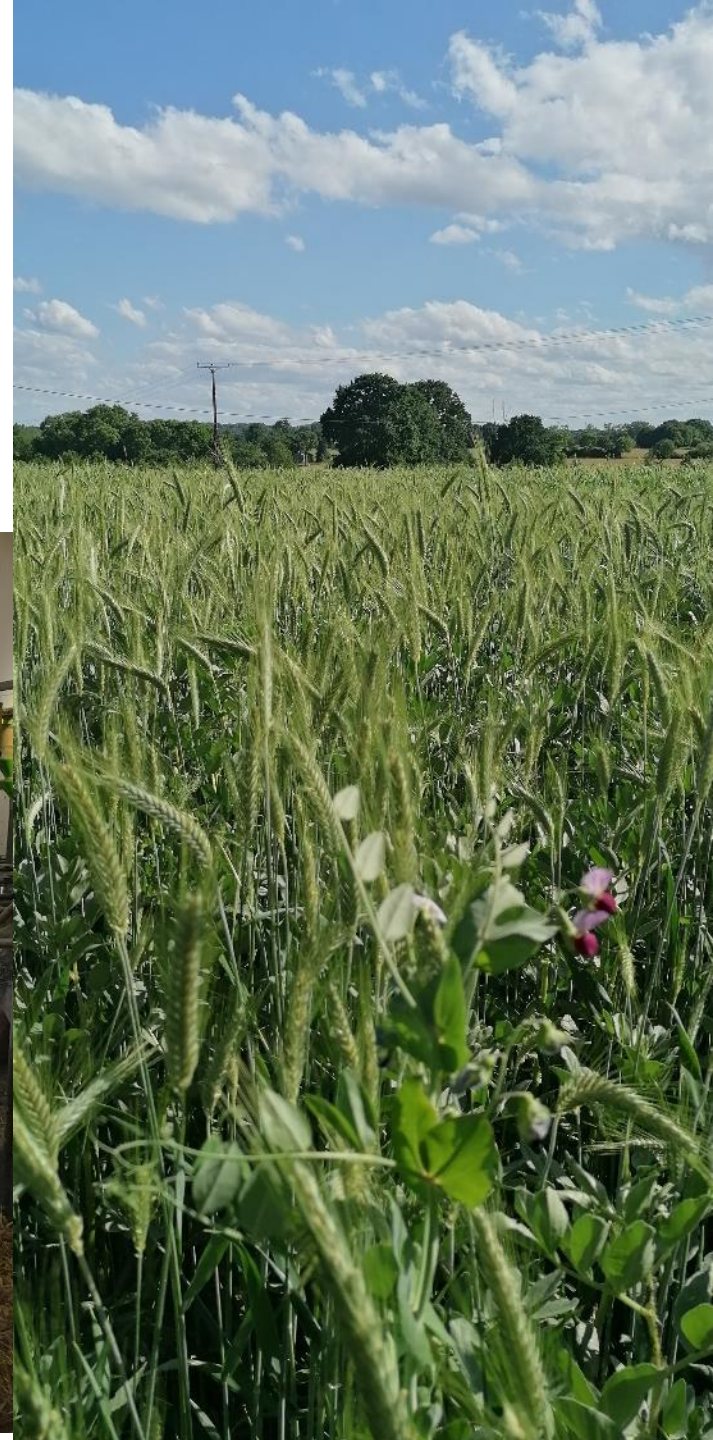


Challenges – Secure feed sourcing

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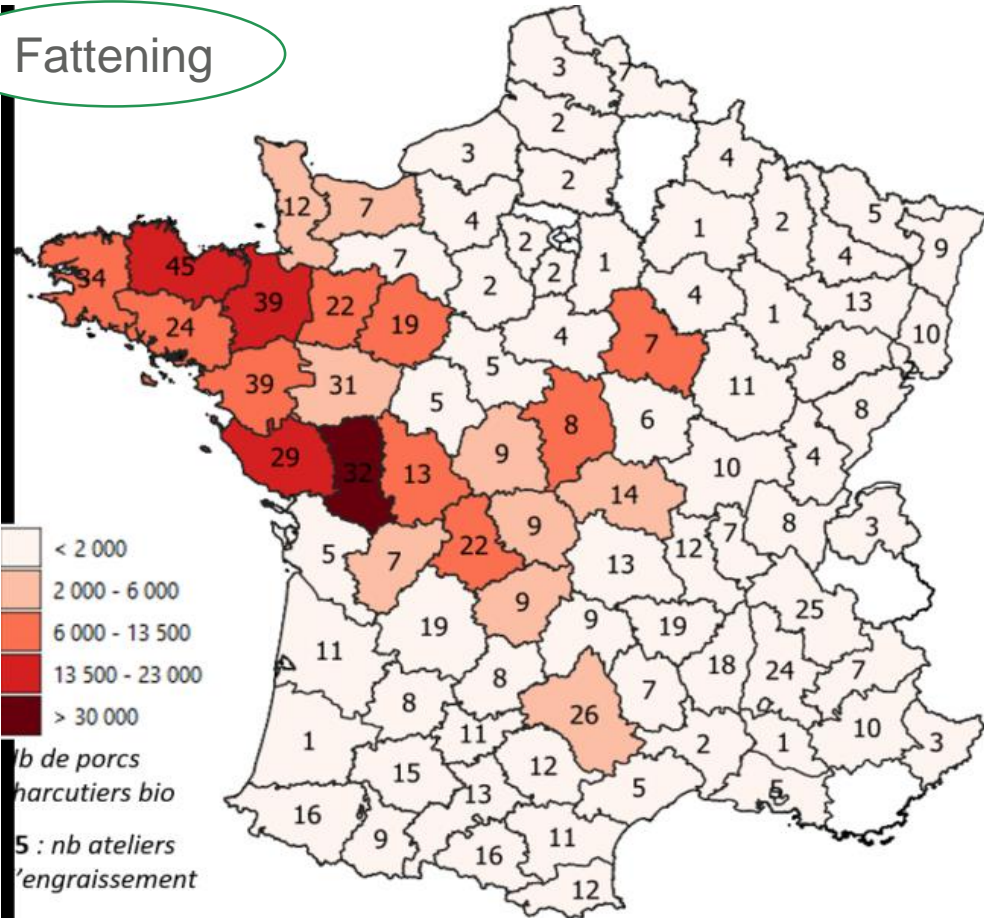
- **Ensure farm autonomy with crops grown at the farm.**
- **Secure contracts: volume, duration and prices.**
- **Prioritize organic feed for organic animals.**

Challenges : complementarity Food & feed production



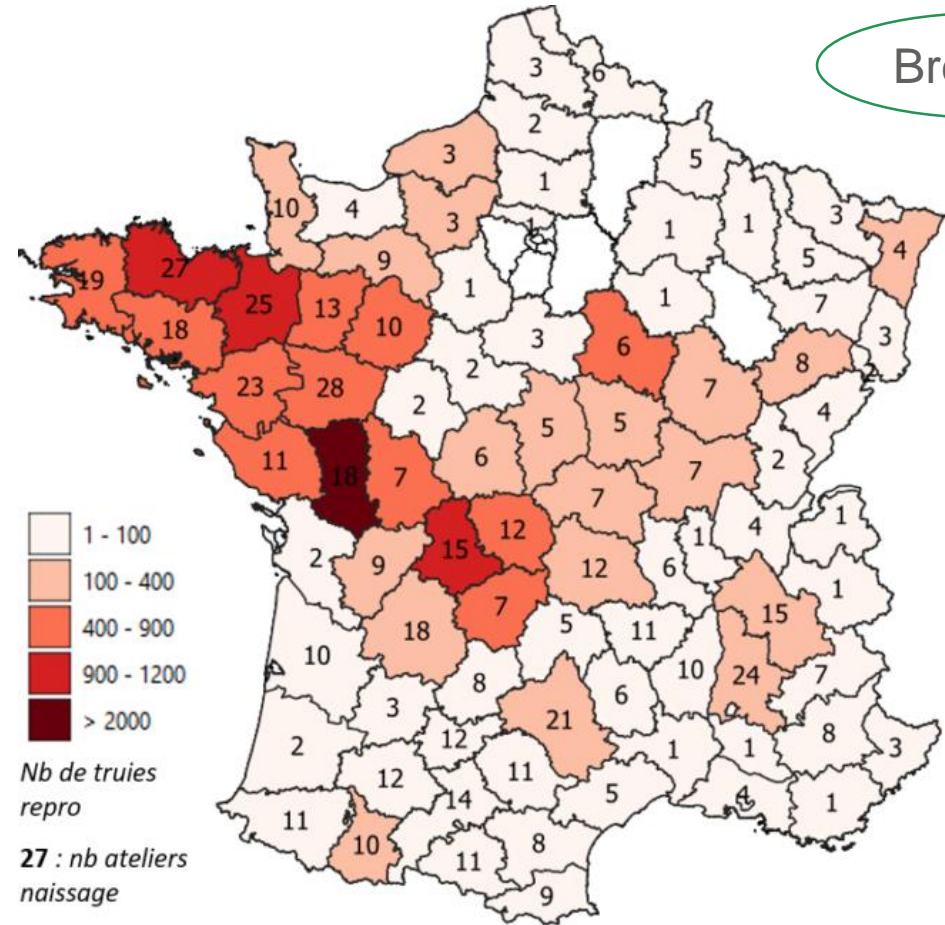
Challenges – Deconcentration & relocalisation of production

Fattening



Nb de porcs
charcutiers bio
5 : nb ateliers
d'engraissement

Breeding



Nb de truies
repro
27 : nb ateliers
naissance

Challenges – Markets and carcass balance

Irregularity of pork meat consumption : depends on the season of the year and on eating habits of consumers.

- **Diversify markets to limit the risks**

=> Public canteens represents an ninteresting market opportunity (in line with the objective or the EU Organic Action Plan).

- **Secure contacts, in volume, duration and price.**
- **Exchange between European regions.**

Others challenges for organic pigs producers

- **Adptation to the new EU organic regulation**
- **Biosecurity measures** (African Swine Fever)
- **Animal welfare**
- **Common Agricultural Policy** : French organic farmers will lose the most in the French National Strategic Plan.

Thanks for your attention !

