



# Walloon Breeders Association



## Who we are?

- **The Association of Breeders in Walloon Region**
  - About 5000 members
- **The unique walloon association grouping all breeding activities in the region**
- **Two domain of activities**
  - Services to breeders for cattle, sheep, goat, pigs, poultry
  - Commercial activities mostly for cattle (AI, semen production, ET)

- **Propose to our breeders the best genetic worldwide, and advanced management and genetic advices**
- **Collaborate with other belgian or international societies / associations**
- **Centralized and accessible database**
- **Promote walloon breeding and agriculture towards breeders and consumers**

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  - AI bulls used : 2009 from about 40 breeds.
  - IA 1 : 83 000
  - IA : 140 000
  - Produced semen : 3 300 000 mostly Belgian Blue

- **Management & economic advices**
- **Selection Program in Walloon Region**
  - Pedigree registration, performance recording, genetic evaluation and mating advices
  - 12 dairy & beef cattle breeds
  - 22 sheep & 8 goat breeds
  - 3 pig breeds



- The Holstein is the most represented dairy breed in Walloon Region : about 90 % of the 185000 dairy cows in Walloon Region
- 58000 Holstein dairy cows registered in Herd-Book and officially milk recorded
- 13000 cows classified each year
- Organization of 3-4 Holstein show per year
- Organization of the European Young Breeders School in Battice

- **Creation of a young breeders club: Groing motivation to participate to shows**
- **Older breeders wanted to organize the European show as it was the case in Brussels**
- **Herd-Book Holstein has started in december 2013 to look for partners to organize it, and then the story starts...**
  - **Partnership with Libramont Exhibition & Congress**
  - **Presentation of candidature in EHRC 2014 GA in Gijon**
  - **Partnership for the European master sales**
  - ...

- **We are proud to host the 2019 edition of the European Championship**
- **We hope you already discovered our region & farms, and that you will appreciate the organization & show**
- **Have a good HB secretaries meeting & a nice stay in Libramont & Belgium !**