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PRELIMINARY RESULTS SURVEY on ORGANIC LIVESTOCK in France

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INTRODUCTION

The organic livestock sector in the European Union has been experiencing rapid growth in recent years and it is legislated by the Regulation (EU)2018/848 The use of synthetic vitamins, anti-infective and immune-stimulators, and conventional bedding is restricted. However, there are no official reports published about the use of allopathic treatments and conventional bedding materials in organic livestock in Europe.

The aim of this survey was to gather information about the use of allopathic treatments and conventional bedding materials in organic livestock in Europe. The aim of this work was to present the preliminary results obtained in France.

METHODOLOGY

Self-administered online questionnaire available from October 2018 to February 2019. A total of 135 responses were used for the analysis.

RESULTS

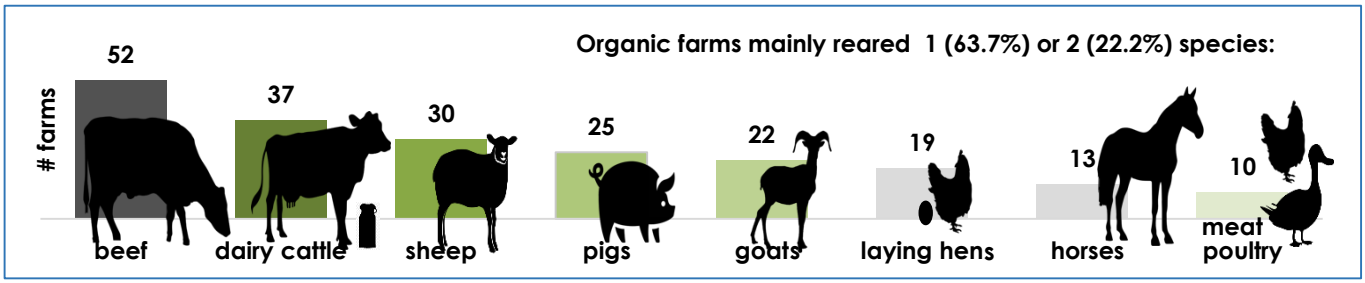
General description of the sample

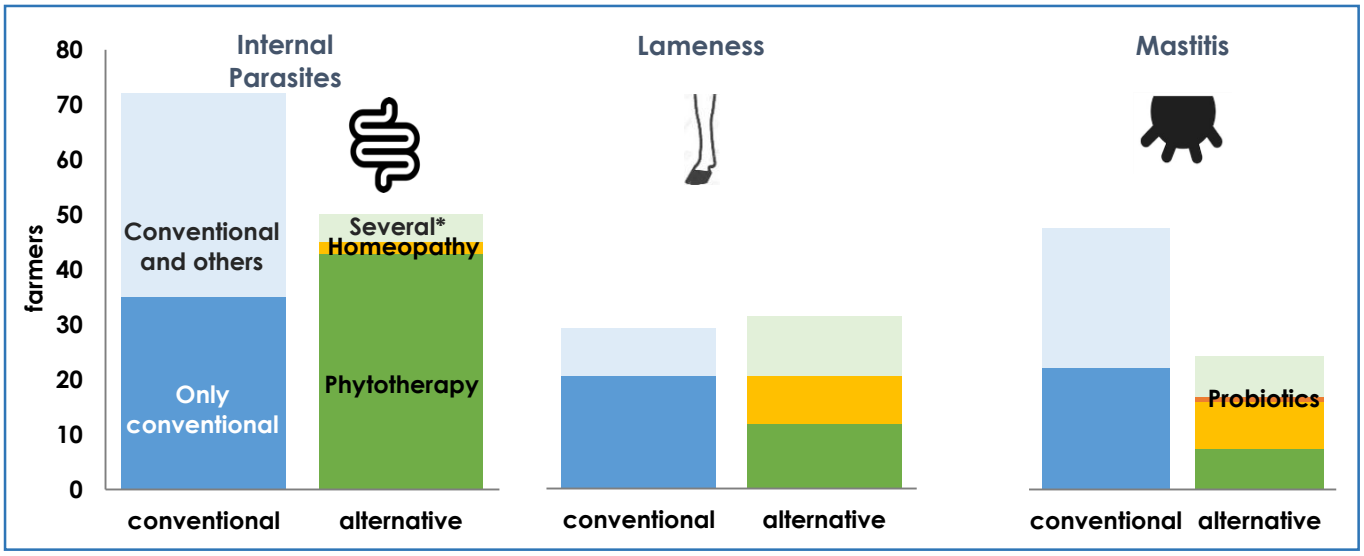
59% 41%

99% questionnaires were completed by the owner or manager

10.3% < 30 yr old
28.1% > 50 yr old
61.5%, 31- 50 yr old

27.4% High school diploma/GED
24.4% Associate's degree
31.1% Bachelor's degree
11.9% Master's/PhD's degree





*Several: farmers used all three alternative options phytotherapy, homeopathy and probiotics

Figure 3. Treatments used by the farmers on the top 3 health issues.

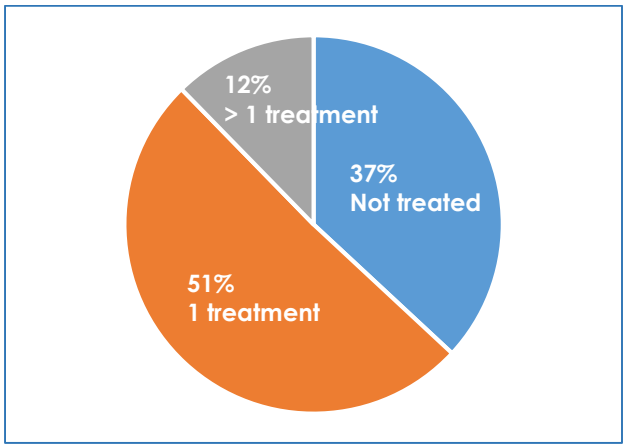


Figure 2. Number of treatments applied per animal treated last year on the farm.

CONCLUSIONS

This preliminary analysis suggests the need for further research on alternatives to the use of allopathic treatments.

Most farmers did not treat their animals last year or applied no or only 1 treatment per animal (**Figure 2**). The top 3 recurrent health issues reported by the farmers were: internal parasites (80 farmers), lameness (46 farmers), and mastitis (45 farmers). When we ask how they trait that health's problems the farmer's choice between conventional and alternative treatments depended on ech health problem (**Figure 3**).

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