

Lafontaine-Noël Farm



About the operation

- The Lafontaine-Noël Farm is located in Dupuy, near the Ontario border in Abitibi-Ouest.
- Owned by Éric Lafontaine, Hélène Noël, and their daughter Corine Lafontaine since 2018, the company celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2024. It was, in fact, Éric's grandfather who originally cleared and then cultivated the land that is now grazed by cattle.
- Today composed of 300 Angus, Simmental, and Shorthorn crossbred cows, the herd is raised on 1200 acres of hay fields and 1300 acres of rotational pastures and is mainly moved with the help of working dogs.
- Semi-finished male calves are offered in electronic auctions, while the females are sold to a farm specialized in the production and marketing of grass-fed beef. A portion of the latter is also intended for replacing cull animals, as well as for sale for breeding purposes.

Rotational Grazing Management

The herd grazes for 200 days a year or more. This is made possible through the management of accumulated forage (stockpile) in the spring and fall, combined with frequent movements during the growing season to new paddocks using temporary and permanent fencing.

Furthermore, to maximize the contribution of animals to the farm, overseeding as well as bale-grazing are carried out as needed.

Involved in its community, the Lafontaine-Noël family stands out for its multiple engagements and its desire to contribute to the development of the sector by inspiring other producers.





Lafontaine- Noël Farm hosts numerous projects and events including:

2024: Sustainability Award at the Excell'or Gala (Abitibi-Ouest Chamber of Commerce and Industry)

2023: Day on Advanced Pasture Management

2018: UPA Open House

What is an advanced grazing system?

An advanced grazing system uses rotational grazing practices adapted to the context of the farms and their environment.

This system helps farmers by:

- Extending their grazing period
- Increasing field productivity
- Improving forage quality
- Reducing weed pressure
- Enhancing nutrient cycling
- Helping build soil resilience

Why a Grazing Plan?

A grazing plan is an important part of your business, tailored to your farm. A well-designed plan removes guesswork in managing resources and livestock.

Develop a Grazing Plan

There are mentors all across the province and funding to help you!

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