



Expectations and connectivity needs of dairy cattle breeding

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Background and Objectives

- Economic and structural environment : end of quotas, farm expansions, decrease of salaried work.
- New societal demands: working conditions, animal welfare, environment, quality of products.
- Development of precision farming (sensors and automatisms)



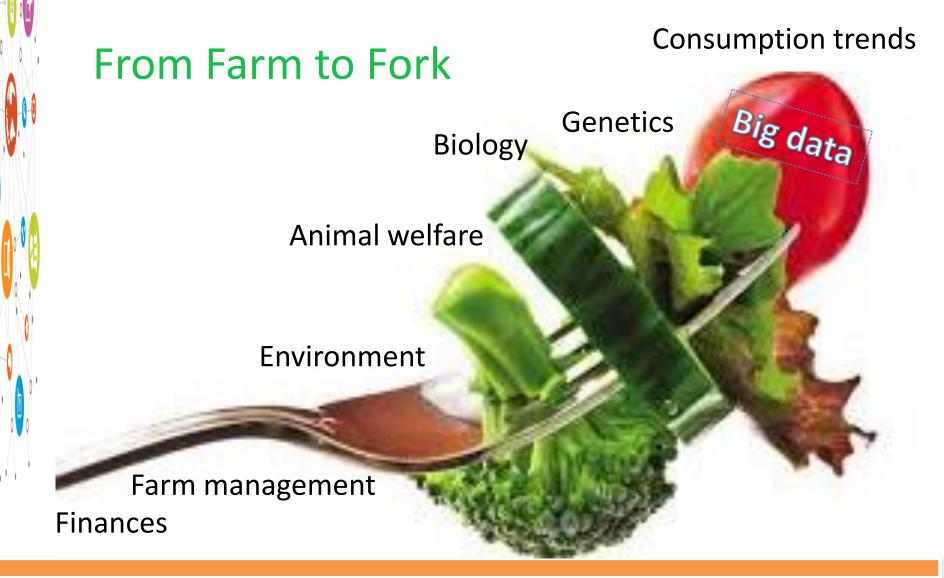




→ New connectivity requirements for the farms



Data value chain in agriculture





Completion of a study

June 2014 ➤ Qualitative inquiries in 30 farms

Existing connectivity testing in 19 farms

January 2015

➤ Quantitative survey of 4000 dairy farmers (772 responses)





Background and Objectives

Complementary objectives:

- Orange

 to propose a catalogue of services for agriculture through its Smart Agriculture initiative.
- Evolution → to know better the needs of its members in terms of connectivity to offer them effective and sustainable solutions in their environment.
- French Livestock Institute → to report to actors of the herbivores' sector prospective of digital developments in rural areas.









Survey Methodology

- 4000 breeders contacted by email 772 answers (response rate: 19%)
- Dairy herds of 50 cows and more
 - → representative of the dairy herds of tomorrow
- Questionnaire with 53 questions:
 - Characteristics of the breeder and the livestock
 - Connected equipments for breeding and for telecom
 - Practices of use of these equipments
 - Satisfaction / connectivity
 - > Evolutions envisaged of the livestock and the equipments

Level of confidence: 95%

E.g: if 40 % of the breeders surveyed are satisfied by the debit, the precision of the percentage is of 5 points, thus the proportion is between 35 % and 45 %.



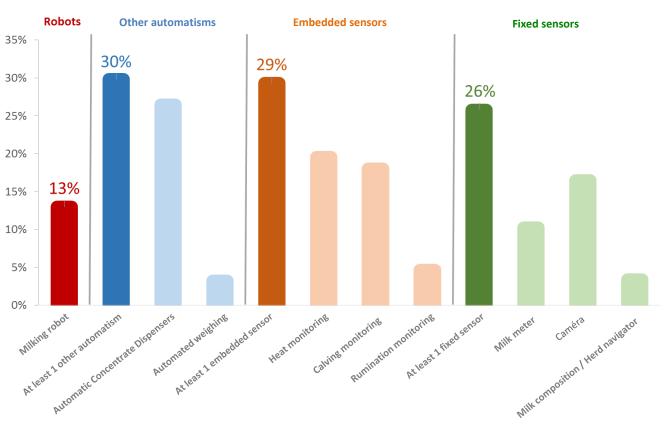




Survey Results Connected equipments







67% have at least one connected tool (87% for 100 dairy cows and +)

38 % of the unequipped breeders envisage to equip themselves in the short term

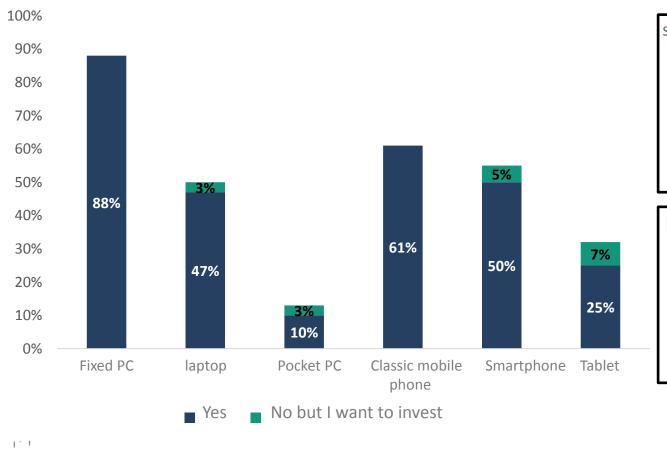


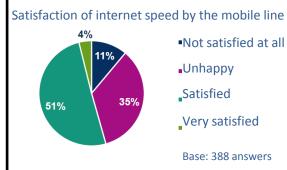


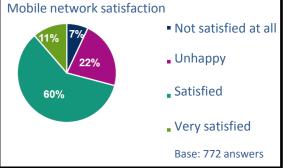
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Telecom equipments and connectivity











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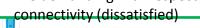


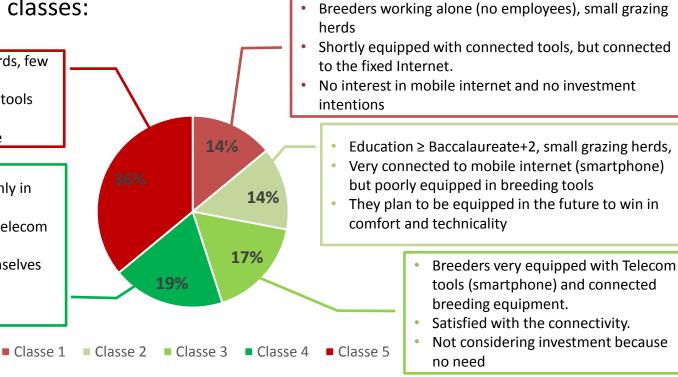


Methodology: multivariate analysis then hierarchical ascending classification

• 5 very different classes:

- Old breeders (50 and +), small herds, few level of education
- Shortly equipped with connected tools and Telecom
- · Do not want to invest or to evolve
- Young breeders, studies ≥
 Baccalaureate+2, large herds mainly in building
- Very equipped in connected and telecom tools (smartphone)
- Plan to expand and to equip themselves in the future
- Are demanding with respect to







Survey Results Typology of the breedings





Class 2 (14% of breeders)
Small herds
not equipped but willing to



Class 1 (14% of breeders)
Small herds
Shortly equipped
Not willing to be equipped
mainly due to the cost

Class 4 (19% of breeders)
Middle to big herds
Very well equipped
Willing to invest again



Class 5 (36% of breeders)

Small herds
50 years and more, low level of education
Not willing to invest: no need and cost



Class 3 (17% of breeders)
Middle to big herds
Very equipped, not willing to
be equipped more
Satisfied with connectivity

rate of equipment in connected tools

