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What were our objectives with DIAM?

Underline the importance of the GRASS RESOURCE and grasslands diversity within farm

Give a NEW VISION of livestock breeding shared with farmer and all the partners

How DIAM works?

Agricultural services

Yield

Production seasonnality

At 400 °C 60% of grass are vegetative At 800 °C 80% of grass culms above 10 cm soil level

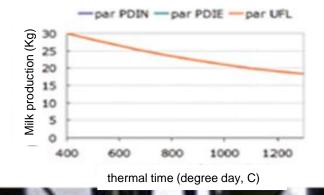
❖ Forage nutritive value at 500°C

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❖ Management flexibilty

❖Allowed milk production

(milk production allowed at grazing, with a diet intake from 16-20 Kg MS/day for a standard dairy cow)



Environnemental services

- Carbon storage
- Patrimonial interest (botany)
- Florewing color diversity
- **❖** Pollinisation impact
 - The The The
- ❖ Fauna interest

Cheese quality services

Organoleptic potential

Color Flavor

Nutritional potential

insaturated fatty acids

Antioxydes

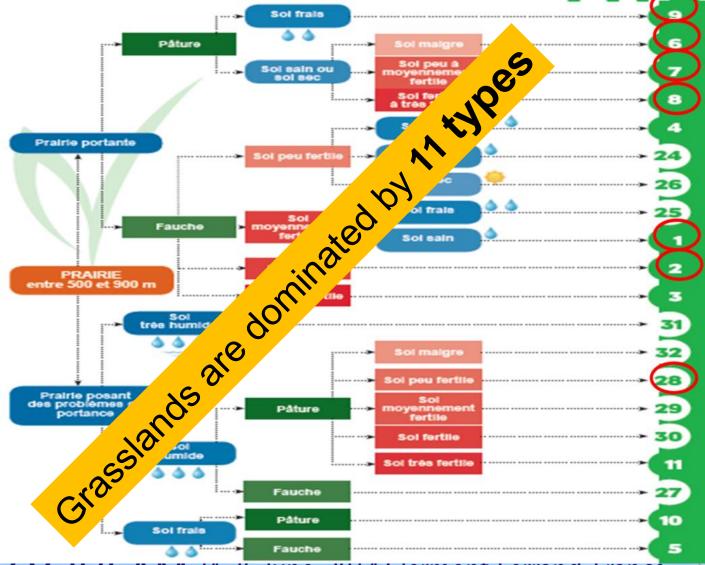
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DIAM has been tested on a group of 36 farmers

- Half are engaged in local food supply chains
- A quarter are organic farmers
- Two third of the farms are oriented towards dairy cows
- All are grass-based systems



KEY 1 - Grasslands between 500 and 900 m



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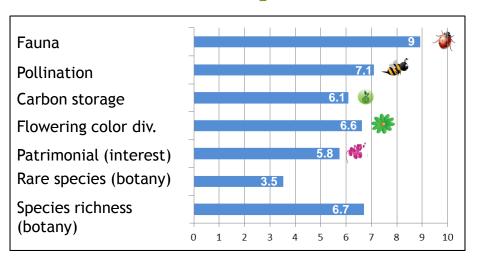
Grasslands diversity characterizes the forage systems

- 10 types of grassland per farm (5-16 types)
- Grasslands that offers assets in terms of productivity co-exists with grasslands offering greater management flexibility
- But grazed herbage is not the main feed



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Environmental and « cheese » services provided by a farm

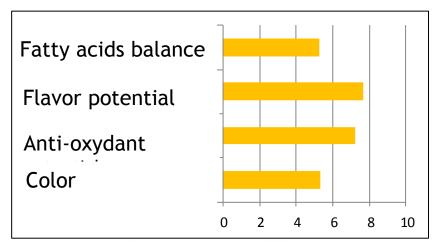




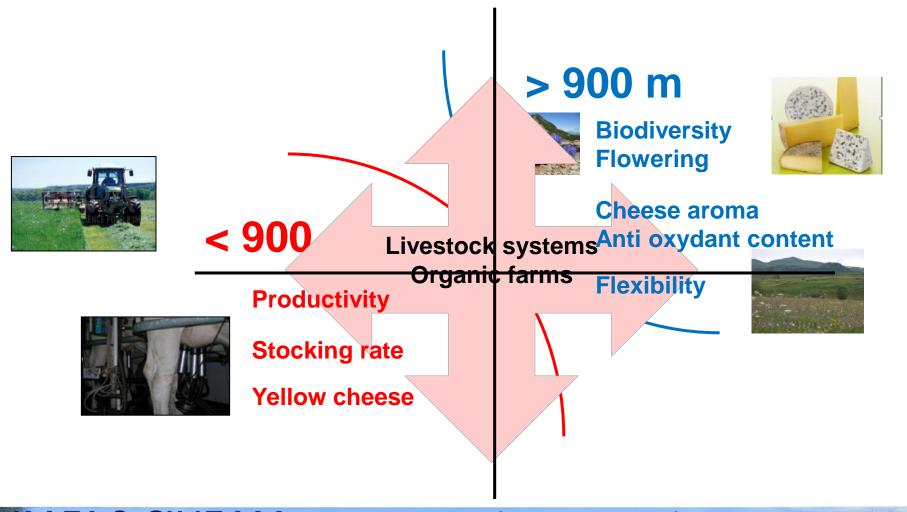








A PCA to study the relationships between services and farms



Learnings ...

- The tool needs an **EXPERTISE** to correctly allocate type to plot
- Many of the indicators are still ABSTRACT for individual farmer, and advisors are still UNCOMFORTABLE with the process of reporting the results
- A GLOBAL vision and a NEW PERCEPTION on the environment previously experienced as a source of constraints
- A tool of DIALOGUE and exchange with other stakeholders
- Brings a new AWARENESS that there is not just one 'grassland' but a MOSAIC of many different grasslands which is a way into SUSTAINABILITY in mountain areas

