# Approach to the social sustainability of livestock farms







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#### Social dimension of sustainability

- The least documented
- Essential to understand:
  - how livestock farms operate and evolve
  - their territorial and societal roles

#### **Objective**

**Design a framework to analyze** the social sustainability of livestock farms

#### Methodological choices

- Two points of view on social sustainability: at farm and territory level
- A descriptive and comprehensive approach
- Non normative and situated approach

⇒ Social sustainability was defined with livestock farmers and territorial actors

### Interviews in 4 contrasted breeding territories

**Mountainous** 

Puy-de-Dôme (63)

Dairy cattle and meat sheep

Crop-livestock

Ardennes (08)

Large structures: dairy and beef cattle with crops

Peri-urban

Sarthe (72)

Monogastric livestock (pork or poultry)

**Pastoral** 

Cévennes (30)

Meat sheep only or with sweet onions

## The different facets of social sustainability

Territory organization, infrastructures, services Actors and citizens expectations

- Choice and motivations
- Social recognition
- Evolution of skills

- Work rhythms and duration
- Workforce organization
- Flexibility
- Efficiency

Territorial /societal conditions

Local & social networks

Links with advisers, farmers, social actors

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Job meaning

"It's good to have the opinion of others, to know what's going on elsewhere, to share a little bit of our ways of working..."

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e time (week-ends, holidays, other activities)

- Professional/private balance
- Living conditions
- Income

Territorial vitality

• Employment

Occupational Health

Physical (risk, painfulness)

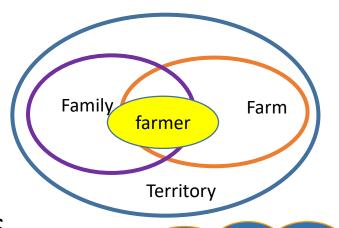
Mental (stress ...)

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# Approach social sustainability in its complexity

Facets of social sustainability that overlap and interact

Importance of the subjectivity



**Vacations** 

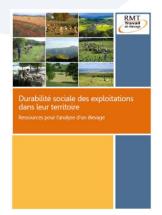
The situated nature of social sustainability in summer a week in winter, it's a priority »

"having free time it's not that bad; before we would have been treated of lazy guys"

#### **Valorization**

 Feedback and discussion meetings





Development of guide for the social sustainability approach

 Interventions in higher agricultural education and in public events



#### **Conclusion**

A broad and values-laden concept, touching the intimate

 Crucial to consider when it comes to supporting farmers' strategic thinking and training future farmers and advisors

 A framework that helps addressing its complexity and makes it tangible and concrete

