

#### Levers to reduce antibiotic use in french and canadian beef farming: a multilevel perspective

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#### Sant'Innov PSDR Project







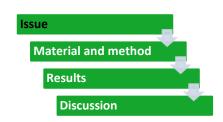








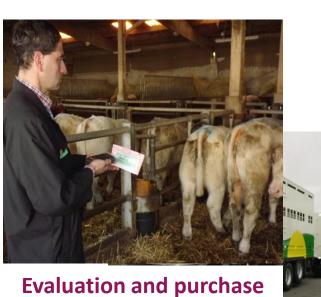




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### How many of you plan to go home healthy?





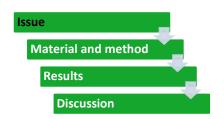
Transport, stress confinement







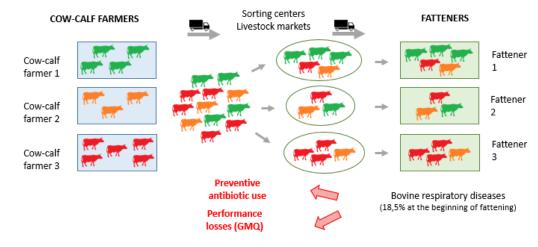




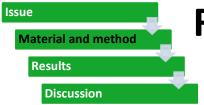
#### What about reducing antibiotic use?



- Antibioresistance : a public health concern (700 000 deaths ww/year)
- A potential contribution of animal health
- Governmental communication campaigns and regulation (Europe)
- Bovine vet medicine : less ALEA but also less decrease, and still preventive use (40%)



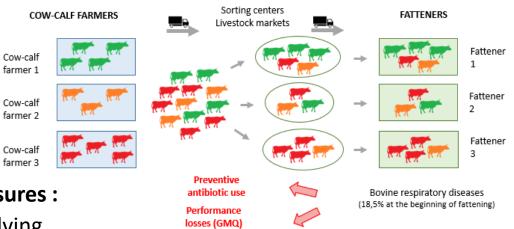




### Risk mitigation through health management measures







#### **Preventive measures:**

- Season of calving
- Weanling long before stress
- Careful feed transition
- Early vaccination

#### **Logistics:**

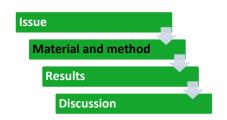
- Higher weight at sale
- Shorter duration of transportation
- Less commingling
- Direct transportation

#### A strong technical interaction:

The risk is at the fattener's stage whereas most measures are at cowcalf farm stage







#### Aim and material and method



Issue: What levers to reduce preventive antibiotic use in beef farming?

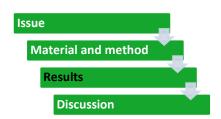


- 54 interviews
- 6 field observations
  - 16 interviews



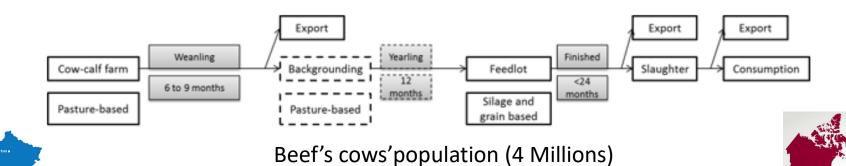
- Triangulation thanks to grey literature
- Based on description of value chain





### Similarities and discrepancies





50% export

Cow calf: 50 cows

Indoor fattening / batches of 15

Cow calf: 69 cows

Castration + hormones

60% backgrounding

**Outdoor fattening** 

huge feedlots (batches of 250)

Retained ownership

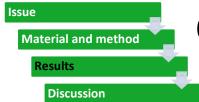
Livestock markets or salesmen
Relational contracts

Internet market auctions

Few information

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Ear tag



### Cow calf faremers'motivations: money but not only



	Barriers	Existing incentives	Potential incentives
Farm & animal level	<ul> <li>Workload</li> <li>Difficult calves manipulation</li> <li>Availability of fodder/dryness</li> </ul>		Hired vaccination teams
Logistics of batches			
Market & supply chain	<ul> <li>Poor margin</li> <li>No feedback on performance</li> <li>Opportunistic commercial behavior</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Premium for vaccination</li> <li>Contracts (France)</li> <li>Information &amp; reputation of cow-calf farmers through internet (Canada)</li> <li>Retained ownership (Canada)</li> </ul>	Antibiotic free brands     + valuation      Droutard     Ax      Ax
Regulation			Subsidies (vaccination)



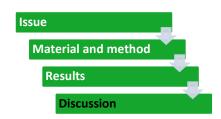
Material and method

Results

Discussion

### Middlemen and fatterners' motivations: Information / risk mitigation | The state of the state

		Barriers	Existing incentives	Potential incentives
	Farm & animal level	<ul><li>High risk of morbidity</li><li>Workload of metaphylaxis</li><li>Vet's shortage (Canada)</li></ul>		• Insurance
	Logistics of batches	<ul> <li>No information on health issues</li> <li>Batching submitted to logistics</li> <li>Demand for homogeneous batches (age, weight, size)</li> <li>Supply issues in favor of livestock markets</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Risk analysis tools (France)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Better traceability         through block chains         and internet</li> <li>Economical inefficiency         of commingling (GMQ         and BRD risk)</li> </ul>
	Market & supply chain		<ul> <li>Contracts (France)</li> <li>Information &amp; reputation of cow-calf farmers through internet (Canada)</li> <li>Certification (vaccination) (Canada)</li> </ul>	Societal demand and industry reputation
<b>S</b>	Regulation		<ul> <li>Communication campaigns</li> <li>Regulation on antibiotics (Europe – France)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Higher price of antibiotics</li> <li>Penalty and reputation of vets</li> </ul>

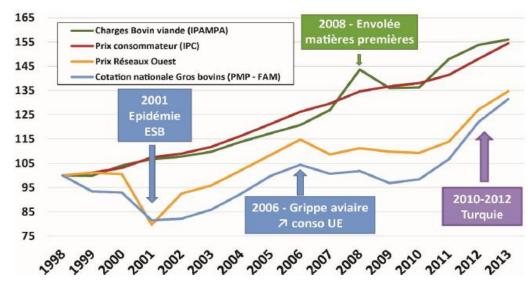


### Discussion: beef farming industry issues



A small added value :



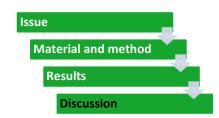


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#### Main concerns about :



- Export and international markets
- Dryness and reproduction
- Consumers' demand about new products



### Discussion: a sociocultural barrier





**Evaluation and purchase** 

- Economic performance are no better if animals have the same age, weight, size
- No commingling of origins, vaccination and duration of transport are much more important

What is a nice batch?





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## Thank you for your attention Any questions?















