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### Jeanne Orlianges - Breeder and Judge

Jeanne Orlianges is the fourth generation of her family to farm at Les Fargettes (Saint-Merd-les-Oussines) which lies in the heart of the Parc Naturel Regional de Millevaches. Her 130 ha. farm lies at the high altitude of 850 m. This is cold country with the nearby meteorological station at Peyrelevade recording average temperatures of below zero for four full months of the year.

Incredibly for such high altitudes, the stock is out-wintered - demonstrating the great hardiness of the Limousin. The only exception is that the cows are housed for calving in January - March.

The stock runs to 90 registered cows, 25 two-year-old heifers, 25 yearling heifers, and four bulls. Feeding for all stock for the winter consists entirely of hay and wrapped haylage, except for the yearling heifers who get 1.5 kgs of concentrates. Every year around a dozen in-calf heifers, fifteen maiden heifers and a dozen breeding cows are sold in the autumn as well as a selection of bulls suitable for breeding.

Apart from her busy farming schedule, Jeanne has built a reputation as a Limousin judge. She has judged the breed nationally in France and internationally in Mexico and Hungary.

*Clockwise from top right :*

1. *The herd high on the plateau.*
2. *Jeanne with cows and calves.*
3. *Beautifully preserved old farm buildings of the 'Auvergnat' type.*  
*Access ramps and doors for hay storage were on the upper floor with tied cow-stalls underneath.*
4. *Jeanne delivering her decisions.*
5. *With Equitable.*



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