

GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS An added value that benefits the territory

The Example of Comté











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HISTORY









A history since the 13 th century

- **≻Issue: storing milk for the winter**
- > Ideas:
 - process milk to preserve it better
 - the bigger the cheese, the better it keeps
- > How to do it:
 - pooling the milk
 - hiring of a travelling cheesemaker
- **▶**Birth of the Fructeries and the Comté identity





TODAY

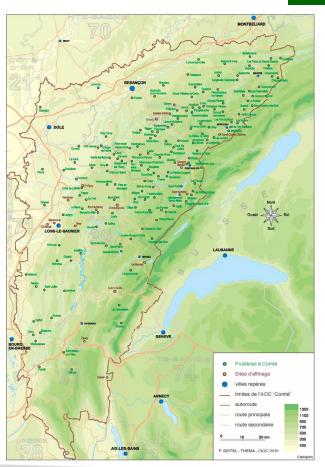








Some facts



- 4 departments
- 280 000 ha
- 2 400 farms
- 140 «fruitières »/work shop
- 14 maturing cellars
- 14 000 direct and indirect jobs





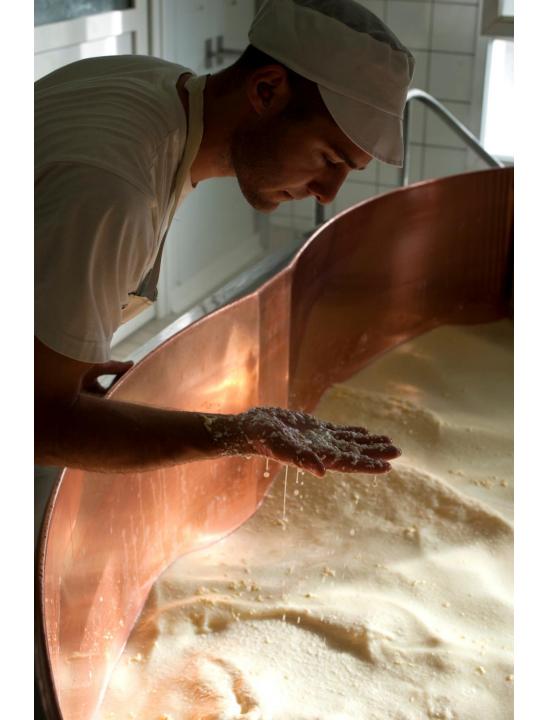




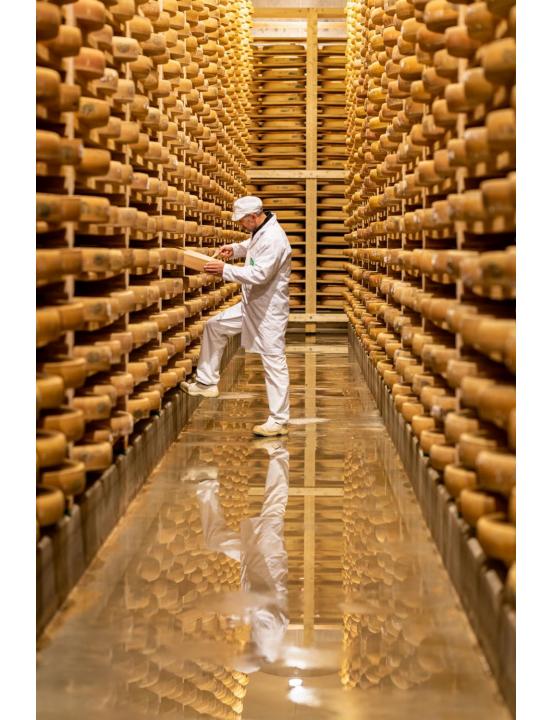














GOVERNANCE









The CIGC

An interbranch organisation which brings together 4 colleges:

Producers

Processors (work shop)

1st and 2nd processors

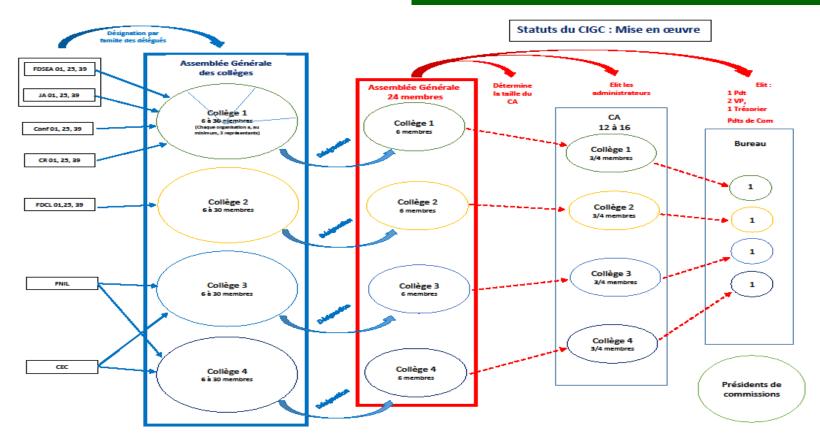
Maturing cellars

Créated in 1963 by decree





Le CIGC – une organisation collective



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The CIGC

- General assembly: 24 members 2 mettings / year
- Board of directors: 16 members once a month
- All are volonteers
- One Président : Alain MATHIEU
- Election every 3 years.





The CIGC

- decisions taken by unanimity of the 4 colleges
- financed by the sale of a "green plate".
 - (the "green plate" is an identification mark for the cheese)
- sets the price of the green plate and
- has a monopoly on its sale









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defend and promote the Comté involved in the following areas :

- ·- technical with the elaboration of the specifications,
- ·- economic with the management of the offer,
- ·- communication and promotion.





A commun vision

- For the next 10 years, Comté must continue to create shared value (for the actors of the sector, consumers and society) through the reaffirmation of its identity to be preserved
- Sense of general interest and long-term vision.





SPECIFICATIONS









Spécification at farm level

- the number of dairy cows per hectare
- the limit on fertilisation
- the limit of productivity per hectare
- Etc....
- 41 points are controlled by BV Cert





Spécifiaction at process level

- · Milk collection circle of 25 km
- Technical points on heating the milk
- time and temperature
- ·Tank size
- Etc...





Spécifiactions at maturing cellars

- Elements on the care of the cheeses
- a minimum maturing period of 4 months
- Quality by testing the cheese





ECONOMIE









Supply Regulation scheme according to the CAP

Controlled and managed growth







A steady growth

Evolution of total sales in index

Basis 100: 1990



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Supply regulation scheme = a virtuous circle









The implementation of the supply regulation rules requires a good knowledge of the Comté economy.

Each month, CIGC publish

- ·- sales
- ·- production
- ·- the state of stocks.
- a note provides information on market developments.







COMMUNICATION









A collective approach

Retain and renew consumers

Create value on the unique character of Comté

Unite around the "Comté" brand





National Stratégie

TV Spots Social Media







Table du Comté









National Stratégie







Publication







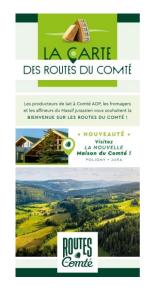
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Territorial Stratégie





Promotion and tourisme



« Friends »



« Maison »









Territorial Stratégie and values

Ski Partnership











Territorial Stratégie and values

Agences:

- UK, Belgique, Allemagne, Japon
- Bureau aux USA











CONCLUSION



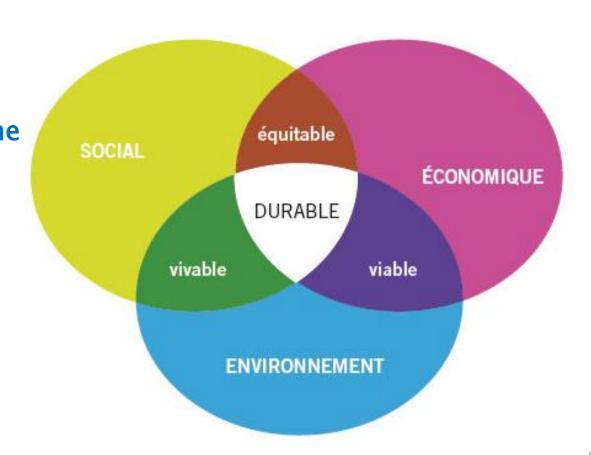






Added value of Comté

Takes into account the three dimension of Sustainability















a cheese

+ a territory

+ social organisation





Comté PDO: more than a cheese!











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