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New algorithm to plan easier and faster weighing for French breeders and technicians



Project background and objectives



Specifications of the algorithm



Focus on our dedicated RShiny app



Algorithm performance, discussion and conclusion



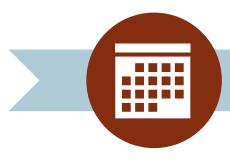
WEIGHING IN FRENCH BEEF CATTLE RECODING



Calculation mode

Durations

Birth weight reliability



Set of weighings carried out





Calculating rules process

Adjusted
Weights and
Reliability



271kg for AW210 days

3 in reliability level (1 to 7)

AN ALGORITHM TO PLAN WEIGHING SESSIONS?



Distribution of birth

Minimum reliability desired

Breeding constraints

Best weighings date(s) to plan



Algorithm developed in PATApi







INPUTS – CALCULATIONS PARAMETERS

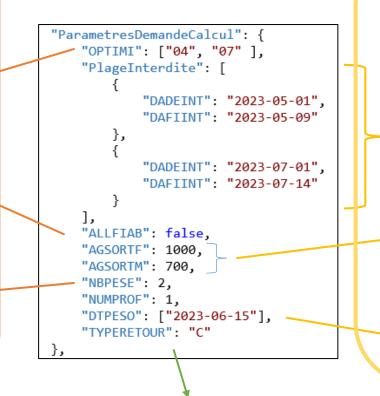


Reliability

AW to optimise

Use all reliability levels or not

Number of weighings desired



Periods

Prohibited date range

Average exit

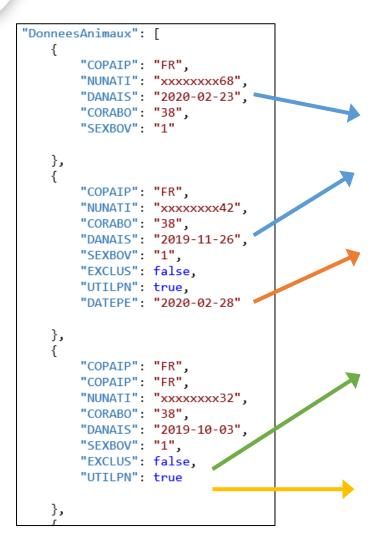
Suggested weighing date

Output type



INPUTS – ANIMAL CHARACTERISTICS





Date of birth

(Actual or expected)

<u>Date of weighings</u> <u>carried out</u>

Excluded from planning?

Birth weight usable?

Up-to-date forecast over time

Take into account weighings carried out

Do not take into account atypical calves

Take birth weight into account if it is reliable





The Sort and Selection Indicator to find optimal set of dates

$$SSI = A * (1C + 0.9D + 0.8E) * \frac{1}{\sqrt{J}}$$

Animals AW %

Favor solutions with high reliability rather than low reliability

Maximising solutions with few weighing dates



Optimised and simple

- Using the "Simulated Annealing" method to maximise the SSI function
- Only the best solution and results around +- 7 days
- Give the optimal number of weighing
- Fast search

Exhaustive and detailed

- Using a grid of combination of dates and compute all the SSI values
- Curves visualisation of AW ratio and SSI over time
- Use the interactive mode by relaunching in series
- Low search



OUTPUTS OF THE ALGORITHM



Optimised and simple mode

Adjusted Reliability stats

Optimal weighing dates and Sort Selection Indicator

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"PredictionDatesPesees": {
    "ITPRED": 0.5884,
    "DATEPREDI": ["2020-04-24", "2020-09-18"]
},
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"EffectifParPAT": [
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Same results plus or minus 7 days from optimum dates

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"ResultatsDecales7Jours": [
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            "EFFANX": 7
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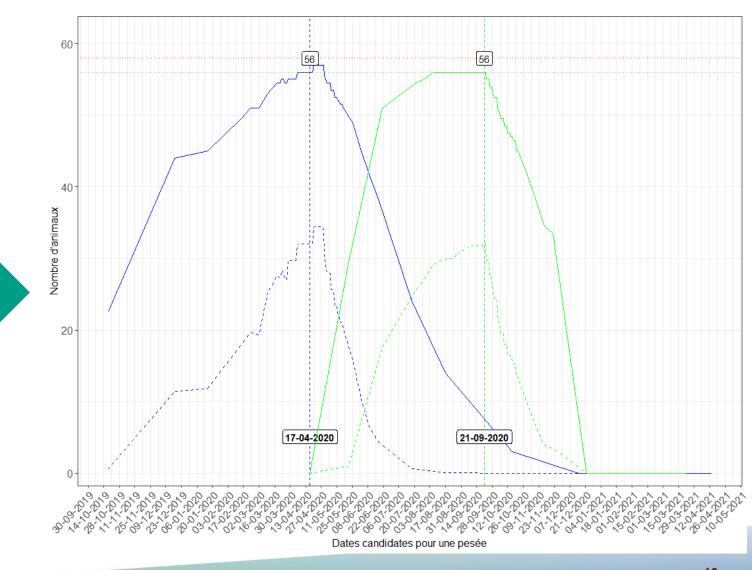




Exhaustive and detailed mode

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"PossibleParPAT": [
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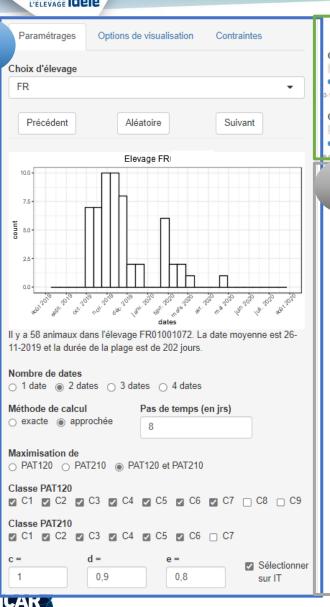
Curves of performance over all the period

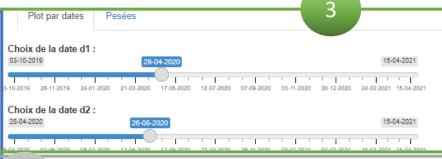




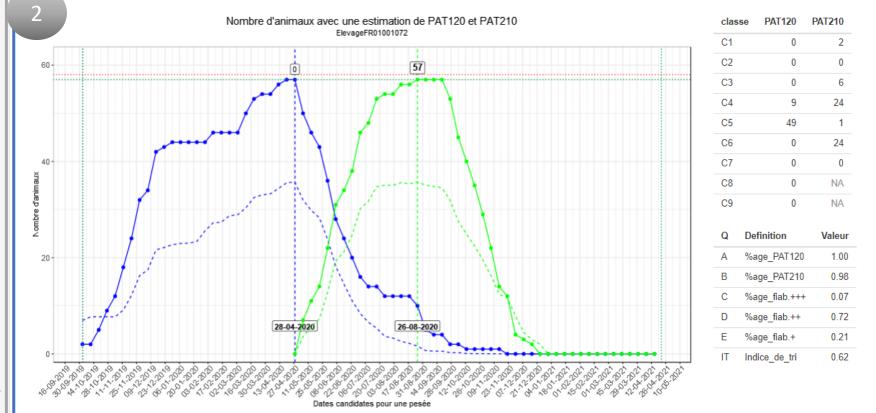
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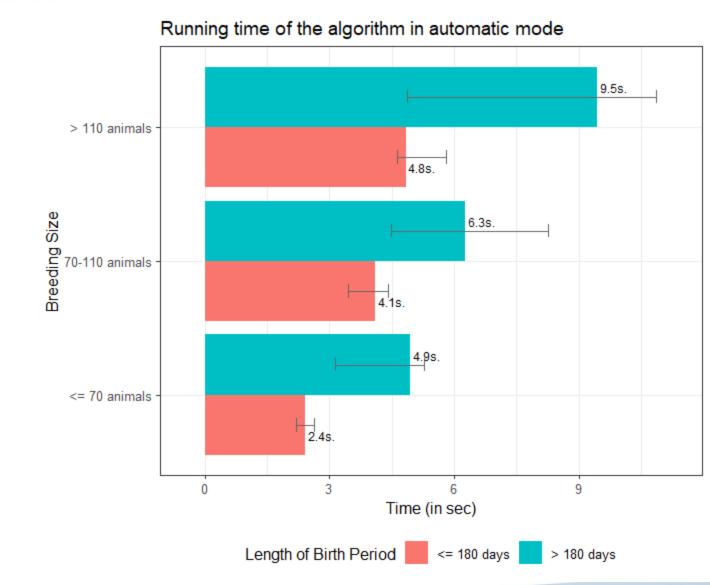
Le graphique ci-dessous montre les possibilités d'estimation des PAT120 et PAT210 en fonction des critères d'exigence définis par l'utilisateur. L'axe des abcisses représente les dates de pesées potentielles et l'axe des ordonnées représente un nombre d'animaux avec des bonnes estimations de PAT. La ligne horizontale en pointillés rouges représente le nombre d'animaux dans la campagne de naissance (ici 58). La courbe bleue représente le nombre maximal de PAT qu'on peut obtenir avec une 1ère date. Pour représenter les possibilités pour la 2ème date, il est nécessaire de fixer une date d1 (cf réglette ci-contre) qui sera représentée sur le graphique par la ligne verticale en pointillés bleus. La courbe verte représente le nombre de PAT qu'on peut obtenir avec les 2 dates de pesées.

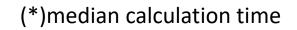




Satisfying performance

- 45 farms tested 20 times
- 2 or 3 weighing dates in most cases
- In optimised mode
 - 2.4s(*) for standard farms and 6month birth period
 - 9.5s(*) for large farms and spread-out birth period
- Herd features have a strong impact on performance









Set of functions inside a R package which allows flexibility of future evolution

- Include new AW rules
- Develop other Sort and Selection Indicator
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Calculation time could be improved evolution

- parallel calculation
- ...









Algorithm meets user expectations



Satisfactory performance, but could be improved



Future Integration into FGE Web-services tools







Thank you!



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