

La Tournerie – a collective project in agriculture



Different productions

- Artisanal beer → beer brewing and malting barley grown on the farm
- Sourdough bread → wheat is grown on the farm and production of flour by a little mill
- Diversified vegetables
- Goat cheese and cow cheese
- Porc meat
- An architectural firm



Presentation of the farm

- 84 ha in Coussac Bonneval (center of France)
- The farm was bought in 2015 by the association « Terre de liens »
- The productions are in organic farming
- Looking for autonomy (fodder fertilization...)
- Sale of productions in local distribution network
- A farm shop with an associative bar



Main objectives

- 11 livable wages (including 9.5 from agriculture) compared to 1 salary previously on the same area
- To have free time (week-end and vacation)
- To practice agriculture on a human scale,
- and respectful of the environment and
- the animal welfare
- An open farm with important social
- interactions



Collective organization

- Sharing agricultural equipment
- Sharing of the labor force
- Sharing marketing means and time to market
- A half-day weekly meeting
- Nonviolent communication training
- Strong friendships



Conclusion

- A solution to the recovery of large farms
- Improved profitability
- Liberate free time
- It can help farmers setting up on farms with which they have no family connection
- Create social interactions and
- bring back people to the countryside

