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Milk strike 2009 - Nine years and counting!



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Milk strikes were and continue to be the only radical solution to obtain cost-covering milk prices (45 cents per litre). This was a way for us to show our solidarity in the face of technocrats, politicians, the dairy industry and cooperatives.

We saw it as an investment in a better future for milk production. The strike did not work because too many farmers expected their neighbours to do what was needed or even to give up. I participated with my associate from beginning to end (27,500 litres poured away) and I have no regrets, except for the fact that I am part of an agricultural sector that does not think, that does not reflect. Most of us consider them the elites, the crème de la crème. Being a farmer is a poor man's profession. We should be the kings (though that is not what I am asking for) and instead, we are the serfs!

Fortunately, over the last almost ten years, we have been able to create a number of amazing things that could invert this foul system that we have had to deal with for many years now. Unfortunately, it's like during the milk strike - we still need soldiers ready to take on the fight.

In any case, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has been a part of this movement and those who continue to support it! Shame on the former trade unionists and all those who have never stopped putting obstacles in our path.

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