

Label Bas-Carbone's CarbonAgri Methodology — France's National Farm-Carbon Certification, and Its Critics (France)

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Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

France's state-run Label Bas-Carbone certifies livestock and crop farms under the CarbonAgri methodology; by 2020, 391 farmers had signed carbon contracts, but five environmental NGOs found the metric rewards 'carbon intensity' cuts that can mask rising absolute farm emissions.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	2/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	0/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-23

[French Ministry for Ecological Transition / I4CE / France Carbon Agri Association](#) — accessed 2026-09-23

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