



Press conference

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At the DEMY family farm in PLECHATEL



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Didier Lucas

Chairman of SPACE

Agriculture and livestock farming are undergoing profound change, and the changing climate is likely to accelerate this transformation. At the forefront of these changes are farmers and livestock breeders, who bear the brunt of these upheavals.

Faced with these challenges, the agricultural sector must continue to adapt, while reaffirming that food is not optional, and that feeding our population means producing here, on our own French territories.

The summer of 2026 offers a striking illustration of what the future of agriculture could look like, while highlighting an issue that is still not widely recognised in regions such as the Grand Ouest (Western France): the urgent need to preserve, manage and secure our water resources.

For agriculture, water is becoming a strategic issue, and it is our responsibility to anticipate these changes and prepare our diverse farming systems for an increasingly uncertain water environment.

For this 40th edition, SPACE and the Brittany Chamber of Agriculture chose to address the issue of water from a quantitative perspective as early as the end of 2025.

Innovation and forward thinking are part of SPACE's DNA, and the organisers had already recognised that water resources would be one of the defining challenges of the next 40 years.

Water is a shared resource, and this is not about setting different uses against one another. But agriculture must have its rightful place in this debate if we are to ensure the food security our country needs.

A centre of excellence for genetics and animal health, a showcase for digital, energy and organisational innovation, and a place for reflection and international exchange, SPACE is committed to supporting all farmers, whatever their plans and ambitions.

Celebrating our 40th edition means looking ahead to the next 40 years. It means preparing for the future with courage and clear vision.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to everyone who makes this adventure possible: the members of GIE SPACE, our organising team, our loyal exhibitors, and all the professionals who, for four decades now, have made SPACE a leading event for the agricultural industry.



SPACE 2026: The 40th edition

A strong and diverse line-up of exhibitors

The exhibitors are ready for SPACE 2026

More than 1,000 companies have registered to date, including 342 from 28 different countries. This is broadly in line with the 2025 edition, despite the challenging economic climate affecting the show, and the wider agricultural sector, this year.

SPACE nevertheless continues to offer a comprehensive range of products and services, covering 12 sectors across 11 exhibition halls.

The leading names in each sector will be there, with many exhibitors using SPACE as a platform to launch new products and make major announcements. For 80% of exhibitors, SPACE is an essential part of their commercial strategy.

This level of loyalty and recognition confirms SPACE's position as a key event for the development and future of the agricultural sector.



Espace for the Future

“WATER... at the heart of livestock farming!”

Hall 6



Designed by SPACE and the Brittany Chamber of Agriculture, the Espace for the Future has become one of the show's key features. The theme chosen for this 40th edition could not be more timely, given the extreme weather conditions observed since the beginning of the year.

Sustainable water management has become a strategic issue for mixed crop and livestock farms, and for the future of the agricultural and food sectors.

Across 250 m² of activities, several thousand visitors will discover practical solutions, attend demonstrations and be able to exchange with more than 30 experts and professionals from the agricultural sector.

5 activities a day, 18 technical workshops and three major round-table discussions will take place over the three days, bringing together practical experience, innovation and expert insight into the challenges surrounding water resources.



As an essential resource for life, agriculture and the balance of our territories, water is at the heart of profound change.

Climate change is disrupting the water cycle and intensifying extremes, with longer and more severe periods of drought alternating with episodes of sometimes exceptionally heavy rainfall.

For agriculture, the consequences are significant. **Water directly affects production, crop quality, feed availability, livestock drinking water and, more broadly, the performance and resilience of farms.**

At local level, this makes the question of how water is shared between different uses increasingly important. How can we balance the needs of agriculture, drinking water supplies, economic activity and natural ecosystems as water resources become increasingly scarce?

In the Grand Ouest region, water has traditionally been considered primarily in terms of **quality**. It must now be considered just as carefully in terms of **quantity, long-term availability and security of supply**.

This calls for a change in perspective. The challenge is no longer simply to respond to crises as they arise, but to **prepare agricultural systems for an increasingly uncertain water environment**.

No region and no agricultural sector can afford to take water availability for granted.

Anticipating these challenges is essential to maintaining agricultural production capacity and strengthening the resilience of farms.

5 activities a day in the Exhibition Area

Across the cattle, pig, poultry and crop sectors, **equipment showcased** by exhibitors will provide concrete examples of this year's theme.

Technical sessions will take place every hour, led by experts from the Brittany Chamber of Agriculture and drawing on **farmers' experiences and trials** conducted at experimental stations. These sessions will complement the demonstrations, offering practical insight into on-farm practices and the solutions being developed to manage water sustainably.



18 workshops in the Expert Area

To explore specific topics in greater depth, a series of 30-minute “technical focus” sessions will complement the sector-specific activities. These short sessions will combine a 10-minute expert presentation with 20 minutes of discussion with the audience, focusing on practical issues around water resource management.

Tuesday 15 September

- 12:00 noon - Practices and management of wash water on broiler farms
 - o Stéphane Roffi - Poultry Production and Environmental Research and Advisory Officer - Brittany Chamber of Agriculture
- 1:30 pm : Water: a shared resource and a vital issue. Embracing a new model
 - o Yann Lejolviet – Chairman of the Sill Entreprise Group and member of the Coalition Territoires et Transitions
- 2:30 pm - ClimAléas-Test – Water Tool: assessing your farm’s vulnerability to climate change
 - o Marion Hassenforder – Climate Change Adaptation Officer - Brittany Chamber of Agriculture
- 3:30 pm - Reducing reliance on mains water on poultry farms
 - o Béatrice Le Guen – Club Fermes 4 soleils Manager – Le Gouessant Cooperative
- 4:30 pm - Water on livestock farms: measuring and gathering data to take action
 - o Guylaine Trou - Research Officer, Feed, Health and Dairy Production Management - Brittany Chamber of Agriculture

Wednesday 16 September

- 10:00 am – Water on poultry farms: raising awareness, assessing needs and taking action
 - o Bénédicte Pennanguer – Instructor - Itavi
- 12:00 noon - Adapting forage production to water shortages
 - o Jean-Marc Seuret - Forage Specialist - Brittany Chamber of Agriculture



- 1:30 pm - When the water trough becomes a sensor: monitoring grazing cattle using frugal digital technology.
 - o Sébastien Duroy - Sensors, Equipment and Buildings Project Manager - Idele
- 2:30 pm - Water supply for pigs: understanding requirements and choosing the right equipment
 - o Nicolas Villain - Pig Welfare Research Officer - Brittany Chamber of Agriculture
- 3:30 pm - ROBOTRAE – Water consumption on farms with robotic milking systems: feedback from Derval
 - o Anaïs Gaigeard - Milking and New Technologies Trial Officer - Pays de la Loire Chamber of Agriculture
- 4:30 pm - Reducing reliance on drinking water: what alternatives are available for poultry farms?
 - o Léa Ottmann - Zoonoses and Animal Health Officer - Itavi

Thursday 17 September

- 12:00 noon - How forage species respond to water availability.
 - o Mickaël Venot - Head of the Forage Division - Arvalis
- 1:30 pm - Managing water across the plant/soil/subsoil system. Assessment and adaptation
 - o Daniel Hanocq - Soil Management and Fertilisation Research Officer - Brittany Chamber of Agriculture
- 2:30 pm - Managing dairy cow water consumption to support performance: Feedback from the field
 - o Sébastien Prodhomme - Innovation Project Manager – Innoval
- 3:30 pm - Making the most of roof water on livestock farms: how to collect, store and reuse an on-farm resource
 - o Claire Walbecque and Frédéric Kergourlay - Pig Production Research Officers - Brittany Chamber of Agriculture

Registration: <https://www.billetweb.fr/espace-pour-demain-ateliers-experts>



3 round-table discussions at the Forum

Farmers, elected representatives, institutional and local stakeholders, scientists, business leaders and technical experts will come together to share their perspectives and explore practical solutions. Three sessions are available:

Tuesday, 10:00 am: sharing our water resources

- Dominique Balac - Elected representative, Morbihan Chamber of Agriculture
- Rémy Pitré – Chairman of SMG35
- Luc Aquilina – Lecturer and Researcher, University of Rennes 1 – CNRS
- Sébastien Floch – Chief Executive Officer - SILL

Wednesday, 10:00 am: quality water for all

- Edwige Kerboriou – Vice-President, Brittany Chamber of Agriculture - Chair of the Environment Working Group
- Bruno Ricard – Mayor of Lanvallay – Vice-President - EPTB - Rance Frémur Baie de Beaussais
- Christophe Battas - Innovation Manager - Cooperl
- Aldo Penasso – Head of Drinking Water and Hydraulics - Eaux & Vilaine

Thursday, 10:00 am: what water quality does livestock farming require?

- Jérémy Choquet – Broiler farmer
- Christelle Ribourdouille - Veal farmer
- Marie Delannoy – Manager - Denkavit
- Daniel Le Clainche – Innoval
- Vincent Gratien – Business Development Manager - Ocène



The genetics showcase



World-class presentations

Two featured breeds

Rouge des Prés

An emblematic breed of Western France, Rouge des Prés will take centre stage at SPACE 2026 with its National Show.

The breed originated from a historic cross in 1830 between the British Durham and the local Mancelle breed. Hardy and docile, it is distinguished by its exceptional size and outstanding maternal qualities.

It produces exceptional-quality beef, recognised under the Maine-Anjou PDO for its distinctive flavour and unique marbling.

Managed by SICA Domaine Rouge des Prés, based in the breed's historic heartland, the breed benefits from a rigorous breeding programme focused on zootechnical performance, with particular emphasis on a key criterion that is essential to the breed: feed efficiency.

Normande

The Normande breed will also be in the spotlight.

A quintessential dual-purpose breed, the Normande is increasingly proving its relevance in addressing the economic challenges facing dairy farms.

As beef production plays an increasingly important role in farm incomes, the breed offers a unique balance between milk production and beef quality, within a sustainable, pasture-based farming system that is increasingly valued by consumers.

Three key events will highlight the 2026 Genetics Show

- A **National Show for Rouge des Prés**, Tuesday 15 September
- A **National Challenge for Normande**, Wednesday 16 September
- A **National Show for Vendéen Sheep**, Wednesday 17 September



Inter-regional and national shows: a programme throughout the three days

- **13 inter-regional shows**, breed presentations and inter-breed auctions will also form part of the cattle, sheep and goat programme.
- A total of 375 farms will be represented.
- **530 cattle from 13 different breeds** will take their turn in the main ring over the 3 days of the Show.
- **150 animals from around ten sheep and goat breeds** will also be on display.

- o **Tuesday 15 September: beef breeds and the Rouge des Prés National Show**

A total of 74 animals will compete in this major event, alongside the “Excellence Bouchère” sale and farm visits designed to showcase this high level of expertise to international professionals.

There will also be a sale of polled breeding bulls, organised by Herd Book Limousin, a characteristic increasingly sought after by farmers.

The day will conclude with a livestock auction. Every suckler breed exhibited at SPACE will be represented.

- o **Wednesday 16 September: the Normande National Challenge and the highly anticipated Genomic Elite sale**

The Normande National Challenge will showcase the breed’s genetic diversity and exceptional qualities.

The Inter-School Challenge will invite students to imagine the livestock farming systems of tomorrow and identify the type of Normande cow best suited to the needs of 2035.

Other breeds will compete in inter-departmental shows, including Montbéliarde, Simmental and Pie Rouge.

The Genomic Elite Sale is a unique event in Europe, bringing together dairy breeds of the highest genetic merit. It will feature an exceptional selection of heifers with modern, reliable pedigrees.

The National Vendéen Sheep Show will be held near the Sheep and Goat Hall (*further details are provided in the section below on Sheep and Goats*).

- o **Thursday 17 September: the France Prim’Holstein Challenge and Supreme Inter-Breed Dairy Championship**

SPACE, in partnership with Prim’Holstein Atlantique, is once again hosting the France Prim’Holstein Challenge.



The Holstein show is open to regions outside the Prim'Holstein Atlantique area: Hauts-de-France, Grand Est, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, Occitanie and Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes.

170 carefully selected cows from 136 French farms will take part.

Other inter-regional shows will feature: Brown Swiss and Jersey.

The programme will conclude with the: Inter-breed dairy championship.

Throughout the three days: **Sheep and Goat exhibition tent and Vendéen Sheep National show**

Around ten sheep and goat breeds will be represented, with several taking part in competitions.

Suffolk Challenge, Tuesday 15 September, 3:00 pm-5:30 pm

Vendéen Sheep National Show, Wednesday 16 September, 1:30 pm-5:30 pm: 100 Vendéen sheep from 15 farms will compete.

- A French sheep breed originating in Western France, the Vendéen is renowned for its meat-producing qualities and hardiness. It is particularly well suited to grass-based farming systems and a wide range of climatic conditions. With almost **80,000 ewes** in France, including 9,000 registered in the breeding programme, Vendéen has established itself as one of France's leading meat sheep breeds.

Challenge Rouge de l'Ouest, Thursday 17 September, 10:00 am-12:30 pm

The Goat sector: ANICAP and ANICAP Pays de la Loire-Bretagne will be present.

Goat breed presentations will take place every day this year. A first for the show!

- A physical show for Alpine goats, including judging and genetic criteria, will be organised with OS Capgènes, giving the public and professionals the opportunity to discover the animals.
- Awards for dairy performance monitoring will be presented to farmers from Brittany and the Pays de la Loire on Wednesday 16 September.
- Activities highlighting the goat dairy sector will include a presentation of the goat milk cycle through the Caprin360 virtual reality headset, as well as an interactive wheel at the installation.



Going even further in supporting farmers

In addition to the breed competitions included in the official programme, which will take place every day in the Main Ring, SPACE is showcasing the cattle, dairy and beef, sheep and goat sectors. With the creation of a new ring in partnership with INTERBEV, the show will feature daily breed presentations and demonstrations: 5 suckler breeds, 7 dairy and dual-purpose breeds, as well as goat and sheep breed presentations.

Specialist organisations will also lead sessions on a range of topics, including growth monitoring, genetics and carcass classification at the abattoir. Students will also take centre stage in judging competitions, notably the Normande final and the Trophée des Plaines, dedicated to the judging of suckler breeds.

A daily programme offering visitors the opportunity to see, learn and engage with professionals from the cattle sector.

SPACE: a professional organisation serving animal welfare

More than 530 cattle and 200 sheep and goats will be present at the Exhibition Centre. Ensuring their welfare requires carefully coordinated logistics: **50 tonnes of straw, 43 tonnes of maize silage, 23 tonnes of hay and 3 tonnes of soya meal** will be needed throughout the week.

The **350 dairy cows** taking part will produce almost **30,000 litres of milk**. All of this milk will be processed just **36 km from the Exhibition Centre**, at the Lactalis site in Retiers.

True to its values of solidarity, SPACE will also donate around **10,000 litres of milk**, almost one-third of the total volume collected, to the Food Banks.

Behind the scenes, teams of people are also working tirelessly to care for the animals and keep the facilities clean.

SPACE is mobilising **70 students from agricultural education establishments**, supervised by technicians from the Brittany Regional Chamber of Agriculture and Eilyps, together with 8 operators of handling equipment. The first teams are at work from **4:00 am**, joined by exhibiting farmers from **6:00 am** onwards. **More than 300 people** are working with the animals and throughout the exhibition grounds. The goal is to have everything perfectly ready by **9:00 am**, ensuring visitors are welcomed in the best possible conditions.



Farm machinery

Farm machinery: a key part of space 2026

Every year, manufacturers and dealers occupy almost half of the **16 hectares of outdoor exhibition space** at the Show.

The range covers all the needs of livestock farms: tractors, seeding and harvesting equipment, milking equipment, washing systems, livestock transport equipment and handling machinery.

With **more than 200 outdoor exhibitors**, SPACE is an unmissable event for professionals looking for machinery, new technologies and solutions to improve performance and working conditions on livestock farms.

CUMAs: SPACE partners

Farm machinery is also at the heart of a long-standing partnership between SPACE and the **CUMA** network.

Dedicated visitor trails allow visitors to identify exhibitors selected by the CUMA Federation (Federation of Agricultural Machinery Cooperatives) and discover solutions tailored to the needs of farms. These visitor sessions are complemented by a programme of conferences focusing on the challenges surrounding farm machinery and the collective use of equipment.

Farm machinery: driving innovation

The sector's capacity for innovation is once again demonstrated by the **Innov'Space 2026 awards**.

Of the **32 innovations recognised this year**, **7 relate to farm machinery**, representing almost a quarter of all award-winning innovations.

Among the innovations recognised are:

- An autonomous, intelligent laser bird deterrent, and solutions making it easier to connect handling equipment and implements.
- A swivelling three-point hitch interface.
- A combined windrower and round baler.
- A weighing system for a semi-autonomous self-propelled mixer wagon.
- A high-capacity, high-precision fertiliser spreader, as well as an autonomous electric feeding robot.



INNOV'SPACE 2026

Innov'Space is the benchmark for innovation across all livestock sectors, in France and internationally.

A genuine recognition of companies' expertise, the Innov'Space award highlights solutions designed and developed to address the challenges facing agriculture and meet farmers' needs.

For more than 30 years, the award has recognised companies driving innovation in the agricultural sector. It gives winners exceptional and long-lasting visibility, from the publication of the awards through to several months after the show, reaching professionals looking for new products and practical solutions.

This year, 78 applications were submitted. They were assessed by a multidisciplinary panel of more than 60 members.

Independent of the SPACE organisation, the panel comprises engineers from Chambers of Agriculture, specialists from technical institutes, INRAE and INPI, veterinarians, farmers and journalists from the specialist press.

A total of 32 innovations were recognised: 26 received a one-star Innov'Space award and 6 received the two-star Innov'Space distinction.

The jury's **special awards** will be revealed during the trophy presentation ceremony, taking place at SPACE on Tuesday 15 September.

The **2026 awards highlight three major trends**: the growing importance of digital technologies and artificial intelligence, the driving role of farm machinery, and an ever-greater focus on animal health and biosecurity.



Digital technologies and artificial intelligence are transforming livestock farm management

The awards confirm the growing role of digital technologies on farms. The recognised innovations enable farmers to measure, analyse and manage livestock operations with ever greater precision.

Among the award-winning solutions are:

- MATERNEO 4.0 (ASSERVA), which automatically adjusts sow feeding,
- smaRt Weight (IMV Technologies), which estimates piglet weight without handling the animals
- Pig'Scan (UNISSIA), which uses artificial intelligence to analyse carcasses and provide objective health and welfare indicators
- Bovintel Gestation V2 (IMV Technologies), which enables cattle reproduction monitoring
- Lely Hub, a secure server that ensures continuity for robotic livestock farms
- Jabnde (INRAE), a health-monitoring application specifically developed to support farmers in Africa.

Seven innovations showcasing the dynamism of farm machinery

- AGRIPROTECH presents the LazerTrac® LZT1000-S, an autonomous and intelligent laser bird deterrent.
- Plug & Go (EMILY) enables farmers to connect and disconnect handling equipment without leaving the cab.
- MAGSI is also innovating in handling equipment with its swivelling three-point hitch interface.
- KRONE France has been recognised for the innovative combination of a windrower and round baler.
- LIBRAFEED from KUHN is a weighing system for a semi-autonomous self-propelled mixer wagon.
- Kverneland Group France has also received an award for the Alentix 8047 G, a fertiliser spreader combining high capacity with high precision
- RMH France rounds out the awards with NEXUS, an autonomous electric feeding robot offering exceptional operating autonomy.



Innovative solutions for animal health

Disease prevention, biosecurity and animal health monitoring are also strongly represented among this year's award-winning innovations:

- AviPro™ Salmonella Duo (Elanco), offering a new vaccination solution for poultry farming
- ANTHELMOGRAM (INRAE), a decision-support tool for antiparasitic treatments
- SANIHOUSE (Maison Bleue and Innovlap), designed to strengthen biosecurity on farms
- PILOT'Elevage vaccination, making it easier for farmers to manage their vaccination protocols
- MycoConnect (PROVIMI), a solution dedicated to managing the risk of mycotoxins in animal nutrition.

Through these awards, SPACE once again demonstrates its role as a showcase for the innovations shaping the future of livestock farming.

Find all the award-winning solutions, products and equipment on the SPACE website: <https://www.space.fr/fr/laureats-innovspace>



Testimonial - Céline Petit - IMV TECHNOLOGIES

"We are very proud to have received two awards this year at SPACE for our innovative products, Bovintel Gestation and smaRtweight. IMV Technologies has been a loyal exhibitor at SPACE for many years, using each edition to showcase our latest innovations for livestock professionals.

These two awards are a great recognition of the work carried out by our teams and of our commitment to developing innovations that are closely aligned with the needs of farmers in the field. The announcement was greeted with great enthusiasm and pride among our teams. In addition to the recognition they bring, these Innov'Space awards give our products and expertise valuable visibility, both in France and internationally. It is a true collective achievement and a great source of motivation to continue developing increasingly innovative and useful solutions for our customers."





Testimonial - Pierrick Blanchard - KUHN

"KUHN is a manufacturer of agricultural machinery. Our R&D teams regularly develop new innovations for our machines. Ahead of each edition of SPACE, we review each of them to assess whether the innovation and the benefits they offer users are significant enough to warrant an application.

This year, we received an Innov'Space award for the KUHN Librafeed weighing system, which enables a self-propelled mixer wagon to operate semi-autonomously.

Receiving an Innov'Space award is both motivating and rewarding for our development teams, and it is also a valuable communication tool for promoting new products."



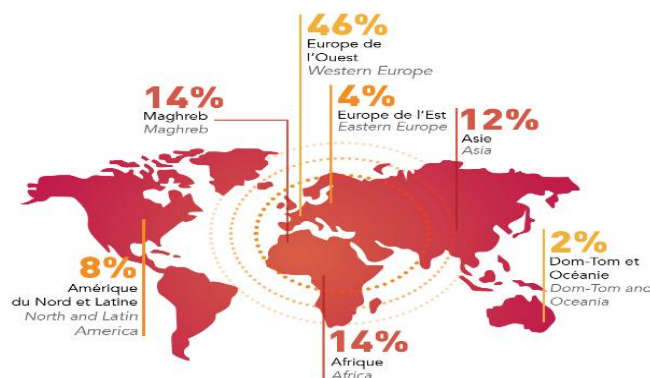
International

Proof of SPACE's global appeal

SPACE has firmly established itself as a major international meeting point for livestock professionals from around the world. In 2025, more than 14,000 visitors from 125 countries attended the show.

With a unique platform in France for networking, sharing knowledge, keeping up to date with the latest technologies and developing business opportunities, SPACE provides a forum where the major global challenges facing agriculture and livestock farming can be addressed in practical terms.

SPACE is represented by agents in almost 30 countries worldwide.



Delegations of buyers come from West Africa, Southeast Asia, Latin America and Western Europe, looking for solutions tailored to the specific challenges facing agriculture in their countries. These include adapting to climate change, access to technology, improving productivity, animal welfare and food sovereignty.

In 2025, a programme of meetings between project leaders and exhibitors generated 250 business meetings, contributing to the commercial activity generated by the show. These meetings will be held again in 2026.



Farm visit programme

Tuesday 15 September

Visit No. 1: Dairy cattle farm – 2:00 pm

Normande dairy herd

Intensive grazing system (50% harvested grass, 50% maize)

Wednesday 16 September

Visit No. 2 Pig and poultry farm - 9:30 am

Anaerobic digestion unit and wind turbine

Visit No. 3: CIRVEAU visit – 9:00 am

Research and innovation centre for calves (dairy calves and veal calves)

Visit No. 4: Beef cattle farm – 1:15 pm

Rouge des Prés suckler cow herd

Visit No. 5: Dairy cattle farm with on-farm processing – 1:45 pm

Dairy cattle farm with on-farm processing and direct sales

Thursday 17 September

Visit No. 6: Sheep farm – 9:30 am

Vendéen sheep flock

Visit No. 7: Poultry farm – 9:00 am

Laying hen farm - 75,000 birds kept on the farm, 100,000 marketed

Visit No. 8 : Poultry farm – 1:15 pm

Broiler farm



Youth Forum



Youth at the heart of the debate on the future of livestock farming

From 15 to 17 September 2026, SPACE will once again shine a spotlight on young people through its Youth Forum.

The programme will combine meetings, an introduction to careers in livestock farming and discussions on the key issues shaping the agriculture of tomorrow.

Created in 2022, the Youth Forum has progressively become a dedicated forum for the next generation of the agricultural sector.

Its aim: to promote agricultural education and careers while encouraging young people to share experiences and ideas.

For the 2026 edition, SPACE is once again running the concept launched last year: students undertaking agricultural training will welcome secondary-school pupils from mainstream education, giving them an insight into livestock farming, the wide range of careers available and agricultural training opportunities.

These exchanges will be complemented by a tour of the Show accompanied by industry professionals.

The visit will also include a stop at the Camion de l'aventure du vivant, a travelling educational exhibition dedicated to discovering the living world and careers in agriculture.

- Meeting with secondary-school pupils from the Rennes metropolitan area: Tuesday 15 September, 1:30 pm (in partnership with Génération Agri)
- Meeting with pupils from De La Salle secondary school: Thursday 17 September, 2:00 pm

Young people sharing their views on the challenges facing livestock farming

Engineering students from Institut Rennes Agro and ESA will be invited to share their views on this year's theme - one of the major challenges facing livestock farming: water management.

Wednesday 16 September, 10:30 am: "Livestock farming and the water challenge: how can we balance production, animal welfare and the preservation of our resources?"



The “La Terre Demain” newspaper continues its journey

The Youth Forum will once again welcome a new team of young reporters in 2026. As part of a partnership with the Association pour le développement du Journal des Lycées (JDL) and the DRAAF, students from Lycée Théodore Monod in Le Rheu will produce their own newspaper dedicated to SPACE.

Guided by their teachers and supported by professional journalists, they will meet exhibitors and other people involved in the show and develop their own reports.

Through the Youth Forum, SPACE is reaffirming its commitment to creating a dialogue between generations and giving young people an active role in shaping the future of livestock farming.



Aquaculture

The aquaculture community meets at SPACE 2026

For several years, SPACE has offered a dedicated programme for the aquaculture sector.

The number of companies exhibiting solutions for this sector continues to grow, with participation up 25% since 2019.

The aquaculture trail at the show brings together around 100 exhibitors offering solutions for the sector, including nutrition, equipment, consultancy, research and genetics. Participating stands are easy to identify by the Aquaculture logo, while the dedicated filter on the exhibitor list makes them easy to find.

A day of conferences on Tuesday 15 September

The programme for the day, which brought together participants from 17 countries in 2025, includes:



10:00 am - PHYTOSYNTHESE - Siméon Fagnon - Understanding phytogenic feed additives in aquaculture: Beyond their efficacy

10:20 am - ANSES - Laurent Bigarré - Molecular Diagnostic Tools

11:10 am - OLMIX- Raquel Pereira - Trout wear their immune system on the outside: Green and red algae extracts for strengthening gills and skin integrity

11:30 am - SYSAAF - Mathieu BESSON - AI-Assisted Genetic Selection



2:00 pm - INRAE - Sandrine Skiba - Overview of recent research into new aquaculture feeds

2:20 pm - OLMIX - Raquel Pereira - Trout wear their immune system on the outside: green and red algae extracts for strengthening gills and preserving skin integrity

3:30 pm - PHYTOSYNTHESE - Siméon Fagnon - Understanding botanical compounds in aquaculture: beyond their efficacy

3:50 pm - ANSES - Morgane Danion - Overview of research into the impact of chemical pollutants on rainbow trout health

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Conferences

A forum for information and knowledge sharing

One of SPACE's key strengths is the quality and depth of its programme. More than 100 conferences, meetings and round-table discussions complement the show's offer for visitors.

Year after year, SPACE has established itself as a place for knowledge sharing, training and professional networking, as well as a forum for debate and discussion.

In 2026, the programme will cover topics including biosecurity, energy independence, traceability and the economic performance of farms.

The programme will be updated regularly on: programme.space.fr



New for 2026!

La Ferme Digitale joins SPACE

For the first time, La Ferme Digitale will take part in **SPACE** with an **80 m²** collective stand dedicated entirely to agricultural innovation.

Designed as a genuine meeting and networking space, the area will bring together **10 exhibitors**, including **La Ferme Digitale**, showcasing solutions that are transforming livestock farming and agriculture.

Alongside the exhibition stands, an agora will host presentations, first-hand experiences, demonstrations and conferences addressing the major challenges facing the livestock sector: digital technologies, artificial intelligence, data, regenerative agriculture, animal welfare, traceability and the transition to low-carbon farming.



The organisers

Brittany Chamber of Agriculture

“For its 40th edition, SPACE has never lived up to its name more fully. As the “Livestock Production Show”, it gives livestock farming the recognition it deserves year after year, highlighting the agricultural dynamism of the Grand Ouest region. At a time when attracting a new generation of people into livestock farming is essential to the sector’s future, SPACE offers an unrivalled opportunity to meet a vast number of exhibitors and potential partners working on the agricultural projects of tomorrow.

As a “European crossroads”, created in anticipation of the European Union’s enlargement in 1986 and now facing new economic and political challenges for the decades ahead, SPACE remains a major political forum for championing mixed crop and livestock farming in Western France.”

Laurent Kerlir, Chairman of the Brittany Chamber of Agriculture

FRSEA Bretagne

“SPACE is both a professional and community-focused event, and an essential gathering for livestock farmers and mixed crop and livestock farmers. It provides an opportunity to discuss and help shape farmers’ projects, with visitors coming to find answers, discover innovations and exchange ideas with their partners.

It is also a key forum for political dialogue for the FRSEA, to promote an ambitious vision for agriculture and highlight the essential role farmers play in safeguarding food sovereignty.”

Laetitia Bouvier, President of FRSEA Bretagne

Rennes Exhibition Centre

“SPACE has established itself as a major and essential event for French and European agriculture. Far more than a trade show, SPACE is a genuine forum for meeting, exchanging ideas and reflecting on the future, bringing together innovation, economic development and the strategic challenges shaping the future of the sector. Each edition showcases the dynamism of the various agricultural sectors, creates new business opportunities and strengthens the links between the many stakeholders across the agricultural world.

The Rennes Exhibition Centre and the PIGEALT Group are particularly proud to have worked alongside the Brittany Chamber of Agriculture and the FRSEA since the show was first created, helping to organise the event and raise its profile both in France and internationally. SPACE demonstrates the agricultural sector’s ability to innovate, come together and work collectively to address the challenges of tomorrow, while continuing to strengthen its international reach and influence.”

Jean-Pierre & Jean-Marie PIGEALT – Rennes Exhibition Centre



Further information

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Dates and opening hours

Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 September 2026

From 7:30 am with a valid Press badge

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Venue

Rennes Airport Exhibition Centre
La Haie Gautrais - 35170 BRUZ

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