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SPOTLIGHT ON FRESH PET FOOD PRODUCTION AT EATS 2025

The Food Production Solutions Association (FPSA) and Messe Frankfurt Inc. have announced the full roster of exhibitors participating in a live fresh pet food production line that will be on display at this year's [Equipment, Automation and Technology Show for Food and Beverage \(EATS\)](#), taking place October 28-30, 2025, in Chicago's McCormick Place.

Participating exhibitors in this line include:

- [Axiflow Technologies](#)
- [CEM Corporation](#)
- [Dynamic Conveyor](#)
- [FPS - Food Processing Solutions](#)
- [Friesen's](#)
- [Gray AES](#)
- [Handtmann](#)
- [Intralox](#)
- [JLS Automation](#)
- [Marken-Imaje](#)
- [Matrix Packaging](#)
- [Mepaco](#)
- [Mettler Toledo](#)
- [MoistTech Corp.](#)

- [Multivac](#)

This demonstration is being sponsored, organized, and installed by FPSA member and leading engineering firm Gray AES, which is providing project management services. Also contributing to this year's project is [BSM Partners](#), a full-service technical business services firm with expertise in the pet care segment.

"At Gray AES, we're thrilled to partner with FPSA and leading OEMs on this fresh pet food production line for EATS 2025," said Brian Shoop, Vice President, Process Engineering at Gray AES. "As Chair of the Food Safety Network, I'm excited to showcase the cutting-edge technologies and collaborative spirit that are shaping the future of pet food production."

The EATS production line program, launched in 2017, features live hosted demonstrations during each day of the show using actual ingredients and culminating with a finished packaged product ready for the consumer. EATS 2025 includes three different production lines manufacturing sliced pepperoni and blueberry filled Danish, in addition to this fresh pet food line.

"Fresh pet food is one of the fastest growing segments in the US food industry with over \$700M in annual sales and a compound annual growth rate projected between 16 and 21% over the next six years," said Chris Lyons, President and CEO of the Food Production Solutions Association (FPSA). "With that in mind, FPSA's Pet Food Council was eager to build what we believe is our most ambitious production line since launching the live production line program in 2017. With fourteen of FPSA's members providing the latest innovations in processing and packaging technology, this pet food line and our daily demonstrations are sure to be a hit with food manufacturers coming to EATS in search of new ideas."

"These production lines are the essence of the EATS, showcasing the processing journey from raw ingredients through to packaging and the project management required to make it all come together," said Sarah Hatcher, Group Show Director for EATS. "Since their inception, the production lines have been an amazing display of collaboration and the reality of interconnectedness for processors onlooking. There are learning opportunities for visitors in every step of these lines—from the OEMS on standby and machinery itself to considerations in the formulation and line speed—insights abound."

Attendees can see the production line technologies in action, meet over 350 suppliers from the food and beverage technology industry and access 30+ education sessions over the three-day show. EATS 2025 registration is live. Lock in your access to three days of

innovation, networking, and industry insights today. [Click here to register — Hotel and flight discounts are available.](#)

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Food Technologies Brand:

Messe Frankfurt is supporting the dynamic growth of the food industry with four trade fairs on four continents. The industry meets at the events in Argentina, Thailand, the USA and Germany. The international trade fairs showcase trends and innovations and bring together experts from all over the world.

Find out more at: www.food-technologies.messefrankfurt.com

Background information on Food Production Solutions Association

The Food Production Solutions Association (FPSA) is a global trade association serving suppliers in the food and beverage industries. The Association's programs and services support members' success by providing assistance in marketing their products and services, overall improvement in key business practices and many opportunities to network among industry colleagues. Programs and services to achieve these objectives include EATS - The Equipment, Automation and Technology Show for Food & Beverage (industry leading trade show), electronic media marketing, education, market intelligence, research, and advocacy of critical industry issues such as food safety, sanitary design of equipment, and global trade. FPSA members are organized in vertical industry councils which focus on specific needs and concerns that are unique to each industry sector. FPSA councils currently represent the [Bakery, Beverage, Dairy, Pet Food, Prepared Foods and Meat sectors](#)