



Event guide



Industry-led seminars



Static and working machinery



Exhibitor showcase

Event partners



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Welcome to Potatoes in Practice, Scotland's largest field-based potato event



Date

Thursday 13 August
2026



Time

9am to 3.30pm



Event location

The James Hutton Institute's
Balruddery Farm,
Dundee, DD2 5LJ

Potatoes in Practice attracts a growing audience every year. Last year we welcomed around **700 attendees** from across the entire sector including farmers, agronomists, leading industry professionals and academics.

We welcomed **56 exhibitors** from commercial breeders introducing new varieties, to agronomists demonstrating advancements in crop protection with researchers on hand to discuss their most recent findings and with the latest machinery innovations on display.

The annual event aims to **foster learning and agricultural innovation**, offering a comprehensive showcase of the latest developments in the potato industry. This will include some of the newest innovations, machinery and a look at the emerging trends.

Visitors will have access to **wealth of scientific knowledge and expertise**, a chance to see new potato varieties from commercial breeders, agronomists demonstrating advancements in crop protection and researchers on hand to discuss their most recent findings.





We greatly appreciate our Potatoes in Practice partners and sponsors for recognising the value the event brings to our audience and exhibitors.

Event partners



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Host

The James Hutton Institute



At The James Hutton Institute we find scientific solutions to the challenges posed by the climate and nature crises on the sustainable management of land, crop and natural resources that support thriving communities.

Our researchers explore the intricate relationships between land, water, and communities to promote sustainable practices that benefit both people and the planet. From improving agricultural productivity and food security to mitigating the impacts of climate change. Our work is rooted in the belief that science can drive positive change.

The National Potato Innovation Centre (NPIC) based at The James Hutton Institute works in partnership with stakeholders, academic, industry and government in the UK and beyond to carry out scientific research to future proof the potato industry and support economic resilience and growth.

We do this through innovation, generating new findings and innovating products. We are currently planning a state-of-the-art innovation centre to support the work of NPIC.

Event Partners

Agrii



As a leading provider of agronomy services, technology and strategic and sustainability advice, Agrii combines excellence and innovation with the latest research, development to ensure our customers can meet today's sustainable farming challenges with knowledge and confidence.

SAC Consulting (SRUC)



SRUC is a leading education, research, and consultancy organisation focused on agriculture, food, the environment, and the natural economy. Working across Scotland and with partners around the world, SRUC helps tackle challenges such as climate change, food security, and biodiversity loss. By bringing together researchers, industry, policymakers, and rural communities, SRUC develops practical, science-based solutions that improve farming, food production, and land management. Through innovation, collaboration, and knowledge sharing, SRUC supports sustainable businesses, stronger rural communities, and a thriving natural economy, helping to create a more resilient and productive future for Scotland and beyond.

Official media partners

British Potato Review reports on new developments in all areas of crop production, storage, handling and packing, as well as scientific, technological and machinery innovations in the UK and overseas. We also keep readers abreast of consumer trends and legislation changes impacting on the industry. *British Potato Review* has been serving all sectors of the potato industry since 1991. Its subscribers include everyone in the UK potato supply chain as well as overseas subscribers in more than 50 countries.



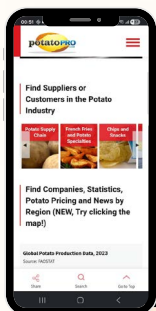
The *British Potato Industry Event* and *British Potato Industry Awards* take place every other year, providing a showcase for new innovations and talent in the industry.

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Seed Potato Organisation (SPO)



Our mission is to safeguard our crops from viral threats, enhance the quality and yield of our produce, and expand our market reach worldwide. This is done through:

Research & Innovation

Fund research, innovation, and technical services that drive advancements and improvements within the seed potato sector.

Industry Partnerships

Focus on developing partnerships across the industry to support members with cutting-edge research, collaborative initiatives, and advocacy efforts.

Advocacy

Lobby government and governing bodies on critical issues that impact our growers, such as the regulation and use of insecticides, and quality initiatives.

Sustainable Future

Advocate for policies that support sustainable and safe agricultural practices, ensuring the long-term viability and success of our industry.

GB Potatoes



Our vision is to lead the transformation of the potato industry, fostering innovation, sustainability, and prosperity for all stakeholders. We aspire to be the driving force behind a dynamic, competitive potato sector, where collaboration, excellence, and responsible stewardship define our collective journey. Through advocacy, and strategic partnerships, we aim to elevate the profile and performance of the potato trade, ensuring its enduring relevance and positive impact on society."

We strive to be the catalyst driving a vibrant, competitive potato sector, characterised by collaborative endeavours and excellence. Through advocacy and strategic partnerships, we endeavour to enhance the visibility and efficacy of the potato trade, ensuring its enduring significance and positive societal impact.

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Scottish Society for Crop Research (SSCR)



Representing a significant proportion of the Scottish potato industry, with members drawn from the country's agronomy, seed and pre-packing sectors, as well as a number of seed and ware growers, the Potato Sub-committee ensures that the technical staff of

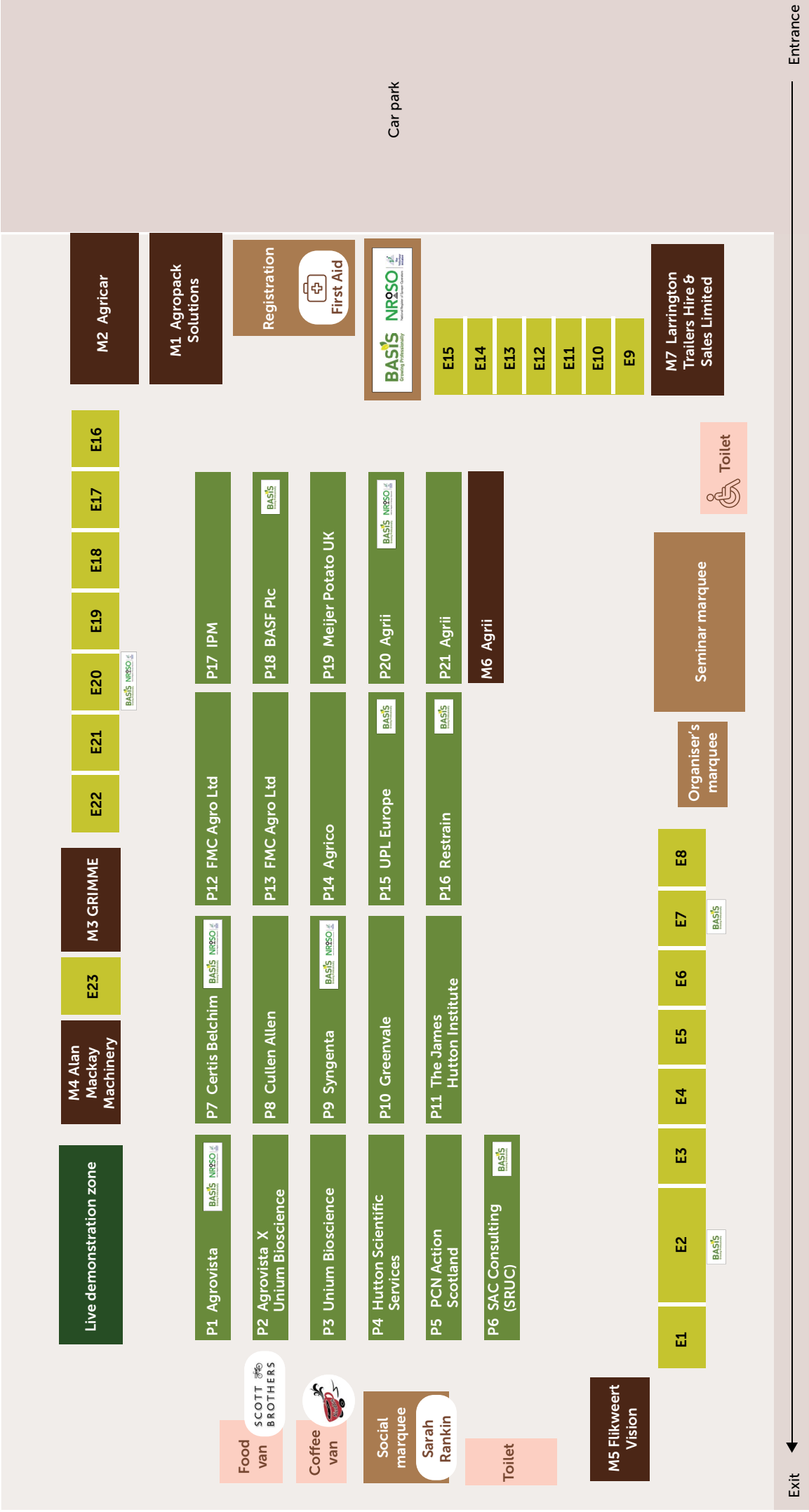
The James Hutton Institute are fully informed and up-to-date with all of the technical, commercial and political pressures facing potato growers today, whilst also keeping the industry briefed on the existing and proposed research work at the institute.

The changing emphasis on government funding for research and the need to ensure end-user relevance gives the committee a significant voice in discussions with the Scottish Government and others; in addition, the committee itself can provide moderate levels of funding to initiate research into areas of immediate concern to the Scottish industry before such work can be developed into full work packages appropriate for higher-level funding.

CUPGRA



For more than 40 years, CUPGRA has brought together growers, researchers and the wider potato sector to shape the future of UK potatoes. As the independent facilitator of potato research and knowledge exchange, we identify priorities, invest in independent, peer-reviewed science, and translate research into practical solutions that improve productivity, profitability and resilience. Working across the potato supply chain, we connect expertise, encourage collaboration and help ensure innovation delivers real value, supporting informed decisions and a stronger future for UK potato production.



Event highlights

- **Industry led seminars** - This year's seminar programme supports the theme **future-proofing the potato industry**, and brings together leading researchers, industry experts and growers to share knowledge, address the key challenges and opportunities facing the sector and help drive progress.
- **Exhibitor showcase** - Discover a wide range of exhibitors from across the supply chain presenting new products, tools, and services tailored to current challenges.
- **Working demonstrations** - Observe live machinery and field demonstrations, including new variety trials and precision agriculture technologies in action.
- **Static machinery** - Explore the latest range of static machinery from leading dealers.
- **BASIS Knowledge Trail** - Visitors to Potatoes in Practice 2026, who are members [BASIS](#) and/or NRoSO, can enhance their professional development and earn up to 6 CPD points at the event.
- **Live cookery demonstration** - For the first time, Potatoes in Practice will include a live cookery demonstration by [Sarah Rankin](#), former MasterChef finalist and now a well-established food writer, broadcaster and private chef. A passionate advocate of local produce and food made with love, Sarah's potato-based dishes promise to inspire visitors and highlight the versatility and value of this staple crop.
- **Social marquee** – a dedicated networking hub created to bring exhibitors and attendees together in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Whether you're looking to make new connections, exchange ideas, share industry knowledge, or explore potential business opportunities, the social marquee is the perfect place to connect throughout the event. Free tea and coffee provided by Nicatto's.



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Take a break from the muddy field and enjoy meaningful conversations, and build valuable relationships over complimentary tea and coffee, provided by **Nicattos**.



SPOT

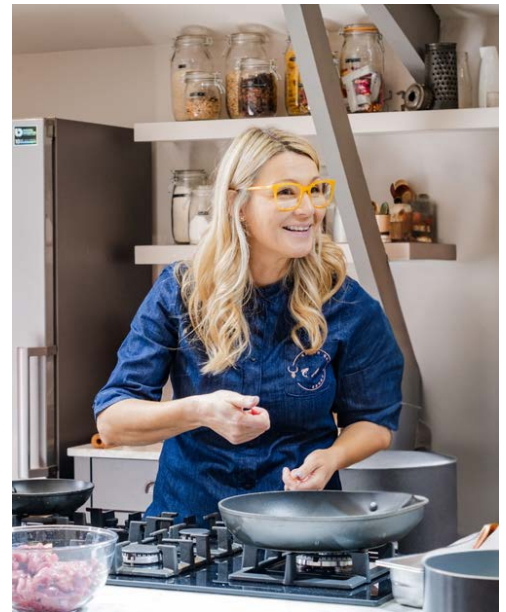
The working demonstration from The National Robotarium's dog robot, SPOT is sure to be of interest to many. Watch him in action as he auto walks through the plots. As well as seeing his autosurvey and monitoring activities in action, there will be ample opportunity to chat to the team from The National Robotarium about this data-driven approach to farming that can reduce costs and minimise negative environmental impacts and how agricultural robots can fit within systems to assist human effort.



Sarah Rankin

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Join Sarah at 12:30 in our social marquee for a live cookery demonstration.



K9 Manhunt & ScentWork Scotland Live demonstration

Meet the K9 Manhunt & ScentWork Scotland team who are exploring whether their dogs could help identify potato samples with potential disease or infection by detecting changes in plant scent signatures, supporting rapid screening before laboratory testing.

They will bring two experienced demonstration dogs, alongside two young dogs, aged approximately 10 months and 10 weeks, showcasing different stages of canine development and training. During each 20-30-minute session, visitors will learn how scent detection dogs work, watch practical demonstrations and have the opportunity to ask questions.

See the dogs in action at 09:50, 11:10 and 14:10



BASIS and NRoSO Knowledge Trail

BASIS
Growing Professionally

NRoSO
National Register of Sprayer Operators


The Voluntary Initiative

BASIS is an independent organisation committed to raising professional standards in land management and food production.

We provide industry-leading qualifications, professional registers, and auditing schemes that safeguard the environment and the public. Through accredited training and Continuing Professional Development (CPD), we promote best practice, support Integrated Pest Management (IPM), and help professionals demonstrate competence, compliance, and commitment to sustainable farming.



Agronomists and Sprayer Operators can also take part in the BASIS and NRoSO Knowledge Trails, which offer a structured way to **gain up to 4 additional Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points**.

Members can collect a Knowledge Trail card from the BASIS/NRoSO stand and visit up to four participating exhibitors, identified by the KT poster displayed on individual stands. After completing the questionnaire and correctly answering at least 8 of the 10 BASIS-approved multiple-choice questions, the exhibitor will stamp the card with the BASIS/NRoSO stamp.

Each correctly completed questionnaire earns 1 CPD point, up to a maximum of 4 points available through the Knowledge Trail.

Members will need to ensure their name and membership number is on the KT card, as no name means no points! Members will then need to return their completed card to the BASIS/NRoSO stand, making it an easy and interactive way to build knowledge while earning CPD points.

BASIS & NRoSO Knowledge Trail Partners

Company	BASIS / NRoSO	stand number
Agrii	BASIS & NRoSO	P20-21
Bayer Crop Science	BASIS	E7
Agrovista UK Ltd	BASIS & NRoSO	P1
BASF Plc	BASIS ONLY	P18
Certis Belchim	BASIS & NRoSO	P7
Corteva Agriscience	BASIS & NRoSO	E20
The James Hutton Institute	BASIS ONLY	E2
Restrain	BASIS ONLY	P16
SAC Consulting	BASIS ONLY	P6
Syngenta UK Ltd	BASIS & NRoSO	P9
UPL Europe	BASIS ONLY	P15

Seminar programme

This year's seminar programme supports the theme **future-proofing the potato industry**, and brings together leading researchers, industry experts and growers to share knowledge, address the key challenges and opportunities facing the sector and help drive progress.

The seminars provide a platform for experts to present the latest research, innovations and practical solutions that will equip attendees with ideas to strengthen sustainability, productivity and resilience within their own businesses, vital at a time of increasing pressures from climate change, disease management, input costs, sustainability requirements and evolving consumer demands.

Topics include five years of grower-focused outputs from PCN Action Scotland, addressing a significant issue that affects an estimated 35% of Scottish potato land; the challenges posed by leafroll virus, which will be examined through expert discussion and Q&A; practical guidance on managing water scarcity in a changing climate as water demands and availability continue to shift, and a dive into the strategic and regulatory developments affecting the industry, including outcomes from the recent Potato Industry Growth Summit and the potential reopening of UK-EU seed potato trade.

Seminar timings

- 10.30 – 11.10** Summaries from 5 years of PCN Action Scotland
- 11.30 – 12.10** Leaf Roll virus and the challenges it poses for growers
- 13.30 – 14.10** Managing water scarcity in a changing climate
- 14.30 – 15.10** Policy, trade and growth



Summaries from 5 years of PCN Action Scotland

This seminar will cover grower-focussed practical outputs from the Scottish Government funded PCN Action Scotland project, describing what an applied management strategy could resemble for sustainable PCN control in Scotland. This will cover the use of resistance, nematicides, cover/trap crops and strategies for planning ahead.

Practical outputs from PCN Action Scotland

Dr Kerry Leslie, SAC Consulting (SRUC)

Stewardship of PCN resistant varieties

Dr James Price, The James Hutton Institute

Leaf Roll virus and the challenges it poses for growers



Sponsored by SSCR

A grower-led discussion examining the challenges of maintaining high-quality seed production in the face of changing environmental conditions, increasing Potato Leaf Roll Virus (PLRV) pressure, limited virus control options, and the complexities of implementing integrated pest management (IPM). Followed by an audience-led discussion and Q&A.

Chair: Andy Steven, SSCR Potatoes

- Alistair Melrose, Smillie Potato Grower's and Past President of BPTA
- Ryan Torrie, JS Cruickshank Potatoes and PB Growers Association
- Jamie Harrison, E G Harrison & Co and HDF Farming Ltd

Managing water scarcity in a changing climate

In a changing climate, Scotlands water demands and availability are changing, we discuss the value of water, decision support systems for irrigation scheduling and practical farmer guidance to build resilience.

Changing climate, water demand, and availability

Kerr Adams, The James Hutton Institute

Decision support systems for irrigation scheduling

Peter Raatjes, RMA Company

Practical farmer guidance, highlighting recent water scarcity document

Gavin Prentice, SAC Consulting (SRUC)

Policy, trade and growth

This seminar explores the strategic, policy and regulatory developments shaping the future of the potato sector. Presentations will examine the roadmap emerging from the Potato Industry Growth Summit to achieve 25% profitable growth, alongside UK–EU trade developments and the evolving regulatory framework for precision breeding.

A Roadmap to deliver 25% profitable growth

Alex Godfrey, GB Potatoes

Shaping the future: SPS, trade and precision breeding

Gerard Croft, BPTA

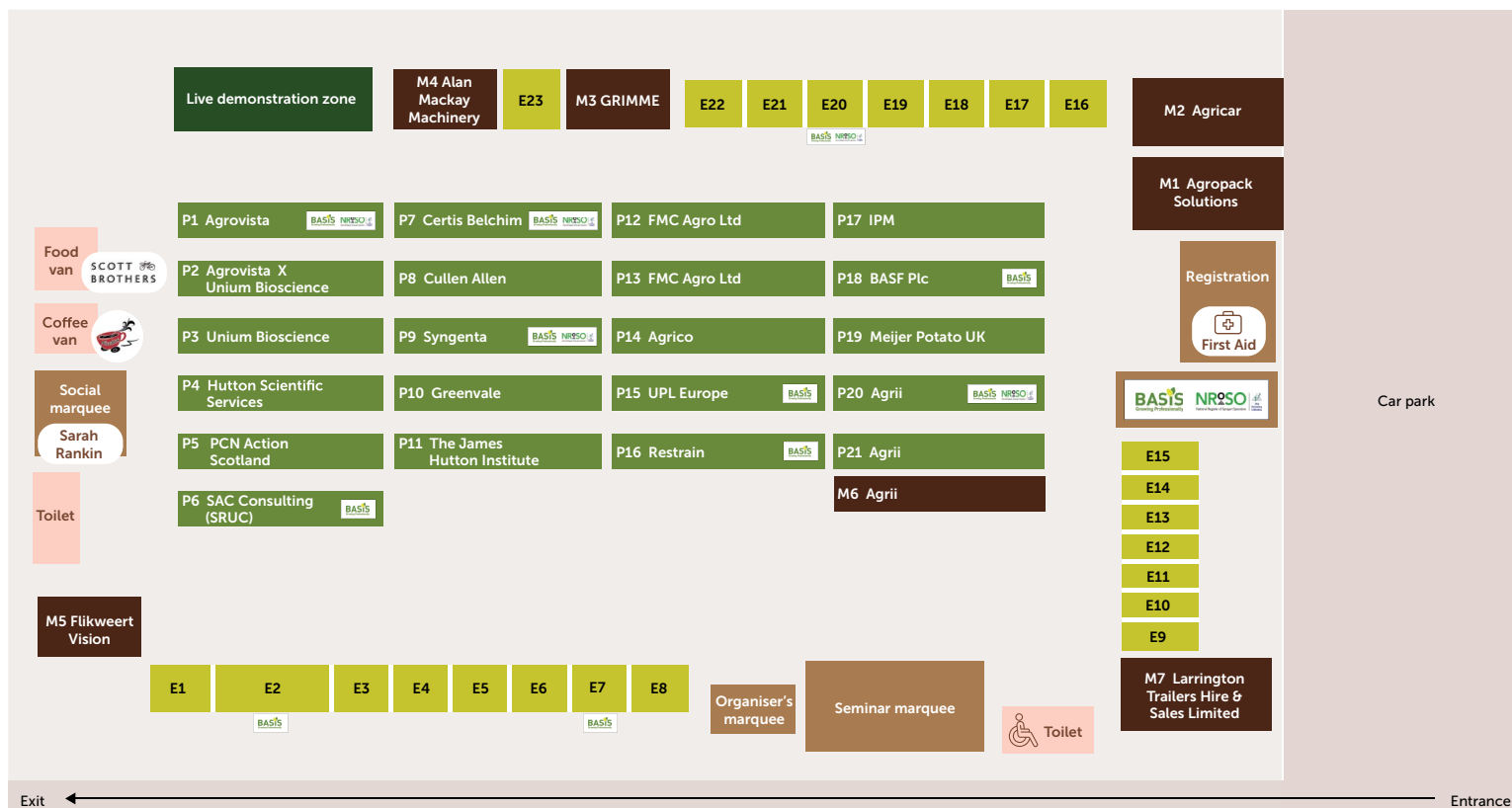


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To view the full programme

<https://pip.hutton.ac.uk/seminars>

Field demonstrations



Plot number	Exhibitor
P1	Agrovista UK Ltd
P2	Agrovista UK Ltd X Unium Bioscience
P3	Unium Bioscience
P4	Hutton Scientific Services
P5	PCN Action Scotland
P6	SAC Consulting (SRUC)
P7	Certis Belchim
P8	Cullen Allen Ltd
P9	Syngenta UK Ltd.
P10	Greenvale AP Ltd
P11	The James Hutton Institute
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P18	BASF Plc
P19	Meijer Potato UK
P20	Agrii
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[Agrico UK](https://www.linkedin.com/company/agrico-uk)

Agrico UK provides innovative, high-quality potato varieties developed to meet the evolving needs of the UK market.

Created through extensive research and development with Agrico Research in the Netherlands, our varieties are backed by over 50 years of breeding expertise. We help growers address industry challenges including changing consumer demands, climate change, stricter regulations, limited land availability, PCN, late blight, and blackleg. Our goal is to deliver exceptional quality, yield, and profitability across both conventional and organic markets.

The Next Generation portfolio supports sustainability through reduced agronomic inputs, improved crop protection, and enhanced food security.

What to expect today

Whether for table, chipping, or crisping markets, our goal is to deliver the highest-quality potatoes to our customers in a reliable, sustainable, and consistent manner.

This year, we are pleased to showcase the following varieties and look forward to discussing their performance and potential with you:

Salad

- Jacky

Table

- Twister
- Manitou

Chipping / Processing

- Babylon
- Markies
- Armedi
- Arsenal
- Napoleon

We remain committed to working closely with our customers, providing both technical and marketing support to help introduce, develop, and maximise the potential of both established and new varieties.

We look forward to welcoming you to our stand and discussing how we can work together.



Event partner



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What to expect today

Agrii at Potatoes in Practice

Visit the Agrii stand and meet our Potato Technical Team to discuss the latest results from our extensive potato trials programme. Our experts will share practical insights from research designed to help growers optimise crop performance, productivity and profitability.

As a proud partner of Potatoes in Practice, Agrii is supporting the industry's leading field-based event, bringing together growers, researchers and supply chain partners. Visitors can also learn more about The Potato Partnership (TPP) initiative, become a member and see how collaborative working is helping drive innovation, knowledge sharing and sustainable potato production across the sector.

Find out more about Agrii's contract spraying service, with a static spraying machine on display and specialists on hand to discuss how the service can support efficient, timely crop protection.

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Agrovista is a leading agronomy and crop production specialist, providing agronomic advice, technical support and crop management solutions to growers across the UK. Our team combines local knowledge with research and field trials to help growers make informed decisions throughout the season. Through investment in trials, technical development and precision farming, we work alongside growers to deliver practical, science-led solutions that support resilient and sustainable farming systems.

What to expect today

Supporting Profitable and Sustainable Potato Production

At Potatoes in Practice, our specialists will be available to discuss the latest approaches to crop establishment, nutrition, soil health, integrated pest and disease management and harvest planning. Whether you're looking to maximise yield, improve efficiency or adapt to evolving environmental and regulatory challenges, our team will be on hand to share practical, science-led advice and discuss solutions tailored to your farming business.

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BASF Agricultural Solutions UK offer renowned and innovative fungicides, herbicides, insecticides and growth regulators for agriculture. Our products and services help farmers increase their yields and optimize the quality of their products.

What to expect today

BASF – Perfecting Potatoes Together

BASF are committed to supporting the potato industry by unifying growers, industry experts and key stakeholders who understand industry challenges, and how we might solve them together. A collaborative and holistic approach will provide solutions that combine culture and chemistry to unlock the potential - and the profits - in potato crops. It's how we've developed a strong portfolio of highly effective solutions – including Privest®, Honesty®, Belanty® and ALLSTAR® – and why we've one of the most innovative crop protection pipelines for potatoes. Join us to see our solutions in action and discover how we are Perfecting Potatoes Together.

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Certis Belchim has the UK's largest potato crop protection portfolio. Built on broad and innovative products based on Japanese R&D, acquired and self-developed proprietary products from Mitsui AgriScience group, and our strategic partner suppliers. At Certis Belchim we are leveraging tried and tested practices while adopting the most relevant innovations, cultivating integrated solutions, which combine conventional and biological products that really work. By working closely with both our suppliers and customers we are moving forward with confidence, keeping our feet on the ground and staying tuned to what really matters, today and tomorrow.

What to expect today

Weed Control, a programmed approach.

Effective weed control is fundamental to the success of any potato crop, especially between emergence and canopy closure, when potatoes are particularly vulnerable to competition for light, water and nutrients. Certis Belchim are demonstrating a range of pre and post-emergence weed control options for a programmed approach including, a new post-emergence herbicide for control of difficult broad leaf weeds.

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Cullen Allen market's seed potatoes across the UK, Ireland, North Africa, Middle East & South America as well as importing new season supplies from key regions such as Cyprus and Spain.

With an integrated, open approach and full traceability, it provides: seed production with generation control, variety trials and new variety marketing, export & import services, mini tuber production, and technical support tailored to customer needs.

What to expect today

Cullen Allen have on display pallida resistant varieties as well as Edena, Hiba, Soraya, Baltic Rose & White Rooster, high yielders for UK & export markets.

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FMC Agro Ltd. supplies innovative crop protection solutions to British agriculture, including a strong portfolio for potato production. Its products focus on herbicides, fungicides, and insecticides that help growers manage weeds, blight, and pests while supporting yield and quality. FMC is known for products such as Spotlight Plus, Shark, Gamit and Tizca and a portfolio of essential crop nutrition products. Through research, technical support, and partnerships, FMC Agro UK plays an important role in maintaining profitable and resilient potato farming systems.

What to expect today

FMC Agro Ltd - trusted desiccation and new herbicide options

At Potatoes in Practice we are proud to demonstrate a forthcoming development pre-em herbicide alongside our market leading desiccant - Spotlight Plus.

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Vertically integrated potato business involved in breeding, seed sales to UK and export countries, ware packing and processing supply.

What to expect today

New varieties bred in partnership with JHL for the UK supermarket sector and for export to North Africa and Egypt.

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Hutton Scientific Services (HSS) is the commercial arm of The James Hutton Institute, one of the world's leading land and crop research organisations. We deliver expert scientific services across agriculture, food, environment, energy and industry - combining cutting-edge research, specialist facilities and practical commercial expertise.

What to expect today

At Potatoes in Practice 2026, the Hutton Scientific Services team is showcasing our potato breeding programme - one of the most comprehensive in the UK. We breed for resilience, marketability and sustainability, developing varieties that stand up to disease pressure, changing climates and evolving consumer demands.

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QUALITY IN THE BREED | QUALITY IN THE SEED



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IPM is a global leader in potato variety innovation, dedicated to developing high-performing, disease-resistant varieties and supplying premium-quality seed. Serving growers, processors, packers, retailers and consumers, IPM combines expertise in breeding, production and marketing to deliver reliable, market-ready potatoes that meet evolving industry demands and ensure consistent quality.

What to expect today

IPM is showcasing a selection of new and upcoming varieties alongside more established favourites. Covering a wide range of markets, including crisping, French fry and salad, this is an ideal opportunity to see different varieties side by side and speak to our technical experts, who will be delighted to meet you.

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Family-owned potato variety breeder based in the Netherlands, operating in over 50 countries worldwide. We use constantly evolving breeding methods to produce new, robust varieties suitable for an ever-changing market and environment.

What to expect today

New introductions for multiple markets at Meijer Potato UK

Robust early baker variety Drummer leads the way in this season's new introductions. After much positive feedback from its performance in 2025 demo plots, 2026 has seen commercial field areas of Drummer once more demonstrate its ability to deliver early yield in exceptionally warm conditions. Consistent skin finish and high fractions of uniform baker sized tubers, along with virus Y resistance - commercial seed will be available for 2027.

Lady Avalon is our newest crisping variety, combining early production potential with the ability to store until late in the season. Add in a range of agronomic benefits including full PCN resistance, and also resistance to virus Y and internal tuber defects, and we can see why Lady Avalon is receiving positive feedback from the industry. Early season results for 2026 are again positive and storage results in early June were also comparable with established storage varieties.

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Restrain is an international agricultural technology company specialising in natural, residue-free solutions for potato, onion, and tomato growers. For more than 20 years, Restrain has helped growers improve crop performance, storage outcomes, and post-harvest quality through innovative ethanol-based technology. Learn more at www.restrain.io.

What to expect today

Restrain will showcase AccumulatR™, its seed potato treatment designed to increase potato seed efficiency. Demonstration plots will feature a range of varieties across many markets key to the UK potato industry in seed multiplication and ware production.

With seed multiplication, AccumulatR™ increases marketable yield within the narrow seed commercial size specifications (28-55mm) resulting in enhanced returns per hectare.

As a first for this event, we will also be demonstrating how AccumulatR™ can improve seed efficiency in ware potato production. By reducing the commercial planting rate using AccumulatR™, we aim to achieve the target stem density with fewer seed pieces, as treated plants produce more stems per seed piece compared to untreated.

Restrain will also highlight InhibitR™, its residue-free sprout suppressant for potatoes and onions. Powered by natural ethylene technology, InhibitR helps growers maintain crop quality and marketability throughout storage.

SAC Consulting

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SRUC is a leading education, research, and consultancy organisation focused on agriculture, food, the environment, and the natural economy. Working across Scotland and with partners around the world, SRUC helps tackle challenges such as climate change, food security, and biodiversity loss. By bringing together researchers, industry, policymakers, and rural communities, SRUC develops practical, science-based solutions that improve farming, food production, and land management. Through innovation, collaboration, and knowledge sharing, SRUC supports sustainable businesses, stronger rural communities, and a thriving natural economy, helping to create a more resilient and productive future for Scotland and beyond.

What to expect today

Our specialist team provide independent, research-led advice covering every aspect of potato production. At Potatoes in Practice 2026, we will showcase a trial investigating the impact of planting date on crop emergence, canopy cover, yield and tuber quality. With planting dates spanning seven weeks, the project explores whether traditional planting windows remain the best option under changing seasonal conditions. Visit our plot to discuss the results and gain practical insights to support productivity and profitability on your farm.

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Syngenta is a world-leading life sciences company, applying unrivalled scientific expertise, knowledge, and capability through a range of advanced products and technologies to support sustainable agricultural practices globally. By investing in cutting-edge research, fostering collaborations, and developing sustainable solutions, Syngenta is helping to secure the UK's future as a hub of scientific excellence and innovation for agricultural life sciences. In the UK we employ 2000 people in life science research, advanced manufacturing, market deployment and enabling roles across six sites.

What to expect today

Syngenta at Potatoes in Practice 2026: Your Potato Questions, Answered

Visit the Syngenta stand to explore the latest tools and advice for maximising your potato crop's potential. Our Area and Technical Managers will be on hand to demonstrate our biostimulant portfolio in action — including Vixeran for nitrogen use efficiency, Maxicrop Triple for crop resilience, and Quantis for abiotic stress protection. We'll also be sharing expert advice on the full Syngenta potato protection range, covering soil pest control, seed and soil-borne disease management, and foliar disease programmes. Whether you want to talk application technique, nozzle selection, or how our Partnership Plan could work for your business, our team is ready to help. Come and talk to us — we'd love to hear what matters most on your farm this season.

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At The James Hutton Institute we find scientific solutions to the challenges posed by the climate and nature crises on the sustainable management of land, crop and natural resources that support thriving communities.

Our researchers explore the intricate relationships between land, water, and communities to promote sustainable practices that benefit both people and the planet. From improving agricultural productivity and food security to mitigating the impacts of climate change. Our work is rooted in the belief that science can drive positive change.

Our cutting-edge science facilities, including state-of-the-art laboratories and field stations, allow us to conduct experiments and gather data that inform policy decisions and shape future innovations. Collaboration is key to our approach. We work closely with partners in academia, industry, government, and local communities to ensure that our findings are both relevant and actionable.

What to expect today

Blackleg and soft rot diseases remain significant challenges for potato growers. Visit our demonstration plot to discover how collaborative research from the Epidemiology & Disease Control Group at The James Hutton Institute is advancing innovative, sustainable solutions. Learn how new approaches are being developed and tested to help reduce crop losses both in the field and during storage, supporting a more resilient future for potato production.

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What to expect today

Practical outcomes form 5 years of PCN Action Scotland

In addition to a seminar slot, representatives from PCN Action Scotland will be available at a designated plot and inside the James Hutton Institute tent to discuss project outcomes and how these can be applied for management of potato cyst nematodes. There will be an opportunity to discuss all aspects of PCN management including use of resistant varieties, oil radish cover crops, groundkeeper management and a hands-on demonstration of the PCN Scenario Planner, a user friendly webtool to guide on-farm decisions.

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Unium Bioscience develops innovative, science-led crop nutrition and biostimulant technologies that help growers maximise crop performance while improving sustainability. Working closely with leading scientific and academic partners, we translate advanced plant physiology research into practical, field-proven solutions. Our portfolio includes seed treatments, biologicals, biostimulants, fertiliser enhancements, signalling compounds and nutrient technologies, all designed to improve crop establishment, nutrient use efficiency, yield and profitability while supporting more sustainable agricultural production.

What to expect today

Science-led Solutions for High-Performance Potato Production

At Potatoes in Practice 2026, Unium Bioscience will present a range of innovative crop nutrition and biostimulant technologies designed to optimise potato performance throughout the growing season. Visitors can explore solutions supporting early crop establishment, root development, nutrient management, photosynthetic efficiency and crop resilience, helping to maximise yield and tuber quality. Developed through scientific research and validated under practical field conditions, our technologies enable growers to improve productivity while making more efficient use of inputs.

Visit our stand to discuss practical applications, product performance, and the latest trial results with our team.

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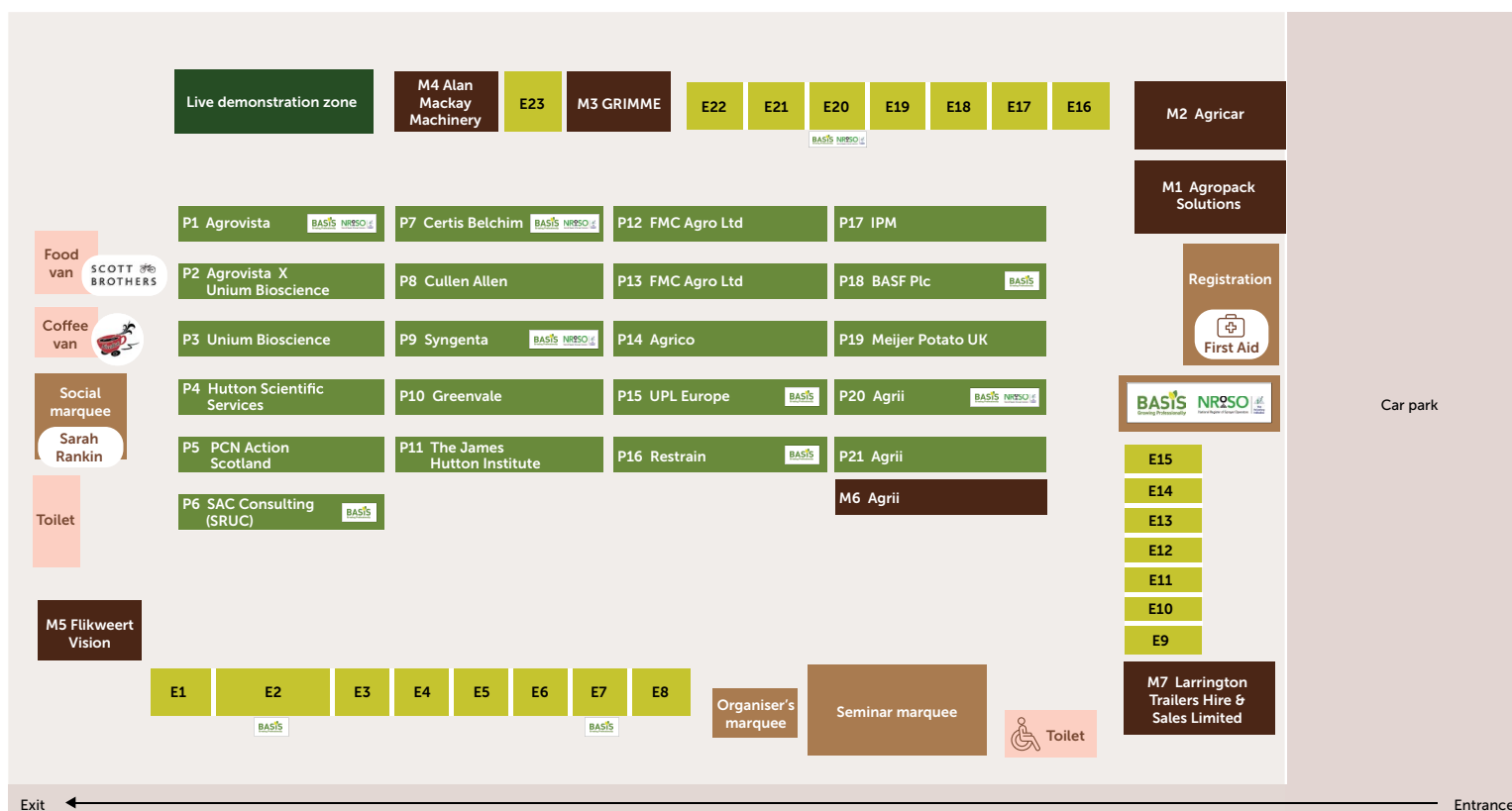
UPL is a leading provider of sustainable agricultural solutions and services, with more than 14,000 product registrations, a presence in almost 140 countries, access to 90% of the world's food basket, and annual revenue exceeding US\$6 billion. We're one of the most significant players in the agriculture industry, and a leading manufacturer and distributor of natural solutions. A purpose-led company, UPL is committed to transforming global food chains, empowering growers, making farming practices more sustainable, and ensuring consumers have safe, healthy and nutritious food. We are proud of our role as a reliable partner to farming communities.

What to expect today

New UPL Multisite Fungicides

This year, we are proud to be promoting UPL's new multisite fungicide portfolio alongside our trusted plant growth regulators, Fazor® and the new liquid formulation, Fazor Flo®. The range is further strengthened by Proxanil®, our proven blight control solution, and Argos®, our effective in-store sprout suppressant, providing growers with a comprehensive crop management offering from field to store.

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Transforming UK crop production with innovation, expertise, tailored support, and trusted partnerships for consistent success.

What to expect today

Bayer Crop Science UK's Potato Technical Representatives are looking forward to this year's Potatoes in Practice, where they'll be on hand to share the latest insights and innovations from the Bayer crop protection portfolio. We're looking forward to seeing you there and exploring how Bayer can help you tackle the challenges of current and future potato production, including weed, pest and disease management to optimise yield and quality.

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What to expect today

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What to expect today

Cygnnet are the UK's largest independent potato breeder, one of the country's biggest seed growers, and the leading exporter of seed potatoes from Scotland.

Cygnnet is part of Alexander Harley Seeds Ltd, a privately owned group covering every stage of production, from breeding, micropropagation and minituber production through to high-grade seed production and sales.

Focused on breeding heat-tolerant processing varieties such as Kingsman and Drizella, the Cygnnet portfolio includes the leading pre-pack varieties Manhattan and Elland, with new introduction Skywalker expanding quickly, while pre-pack Saxon remains a cornerstone of the Scottish ware market.

Cygnnet is the leading exporter of Scottish seed potatoes to key markets such as Thailand, Indonesia and Egypt. Through a network of overseas agents, Cygnnet varieties are now being grown in over 40 countries worldwide.

Growing both controlled and free-market varieties, Cygnnet markets around 2,000 hectares of Pre-Basic and Basic seed globally, all derived from minitubers produced by sister company GenTech.

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DIG, (Data Intelligence for Growers), are a team of agri-software developers who work closely with merchants, agronomists, and farmers to develop bespoke solutions that exactly meet the requirements of the potato industry.

What to expect today

DIG Potato Management System

DIG, (Data Intelligence for Growers), is a multi-award winning seed & ware potato management system. DIG has been developed with merchants and farmers to provide a suite of tools for complete crop management. Features include yield predictions, test dig recording, inspection records, and forecasting tools. Trading, contract management, haulage management, financial tools and full integration with all main finance packages. DIG is designed to provide you with the best data allowing you to streamline your work processes and maximise efficiency.



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For over 50 years, Farm Electronics has been at the forefront of crop storage engineering, building a reputation for quality, reliability and performance. Based in Grantham, we design, manufacture and install bespoke crop storage solutions tailored to the individual needs of our customers and their crops. Combining engineering expertise with a customer-focused approach, our dedicated in-house design, manufacturing and service teams deliver innovative, efficient and dependable systems that help growers protect crop quality, maximise storage performance and improve operational efficiency across the UK and Ireland.

What to expect today

The Optica Q is an advanced optical sorting system designed to maximise crop quality, improve efficiency and reduce waste in modern crop handling operations. Using high-resolution cameras and intelligent sorting technology, it accurately detects and removes defects, clods, stones and unwanted material from potatoes and other root crops. Delivering a performance equivalent to three people in an inspection room, the Optica Q significantly reduces labour requirements while improving consistency and reliability. Its compact design allows easy integration into existing grading and sorting lines, while its unique software platform provides intuitive operation and dependable performance. With no ongoing subscription fees, the Optica Q offers a cost-effective, future-proof solution for growers and packers looking to optimise productivity and consistently deliver premium-quality produce.



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Hutchinsons is one of the UK's leading providers of agronomic advice, crop inputs and Omnia - the ultimate digital farming platform, offering comprehensive advice from crop management decisions to long-term strategic business planning. Come and see how the latest updates to Omnia can help transform your business and help you make better decisions from your farm data. Hutchinsons also provide specialist advice on agroecology, environmental services, carbon measurement, mapping and management, precision farming, soil health and farm business management.

What to expect today

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Nichino UK is a leading force in potato plant protection, offering growers smarter, more effective solutions to maximise crop performance. With an expert team and an unmatched range of products, Nichino UK stands out as one of the original R&D-based manufacturers in the agricultural sector. The company specialises in the development and supply of high-quality crop protection, adjuvant, and biostimulant products tailored to meet the demands of modern, environmentally conscious farming.

What to expect today

Leading the way in potato plant protection

At Potatoes in Practice, Nichino UK will showcase its latest solutions for potato crop protection and performance. Key products include Moncut DS and Moncut MAX, offering trusted protection against *Rhizoctonia solani* for seed potatoes, alongside Gozai, a contact herbicide providing reliable desiccation and weed control, and Crusade, an anti-drift agent that enhances the performance of blight fungicides.

Together, these products form part of an integrated approach to potato production - helping growers maximise crop quality, protect yield potential and manage key agronomic challenges.

Now operating as one company with Interagro, Nichino UK also brings expertise in adjuvant technology to optimise spray performance and improve consistency in the field. Visit the stand to discover how Nichino's targeted, science-led solutions can support efficient, sustainable potato production.



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OMEX Agriculture is a leading manufacturer and supplier of liquid fertilisers and crop nutrition solutions, supporting farmers and growers across the UK and Ireland. Backed by 50 years of innovation and technical expertise, OMEX provides practical agronomic support, SAP analysis and soil testing services to help optimise crop performance and nutrient use efficiency. Visit the team to discuss crop nutrition strategies and the latest developments in sustainable farming.

What to expect today

Visit OMEX Agriculture at Potatoes in Practice to discover our range of crop nutrition solutions for potato production. The team will be showcasing the Multiflo NPK range, Fortiflo foliar nutrition range and Nitroflo nitrogen range, alongside our SAP analysis and soil testing services. Visitors can also discuss tailored crop nutrition programmes and the latest approaches to optimising crop performance and nutrient use efficiency. We look forward to welcoming growers, agronomists and industry professionals to the stand.

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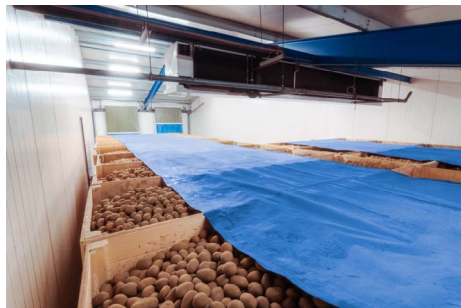
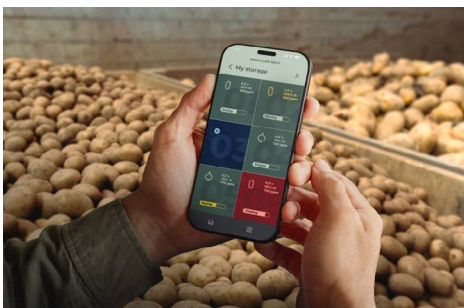
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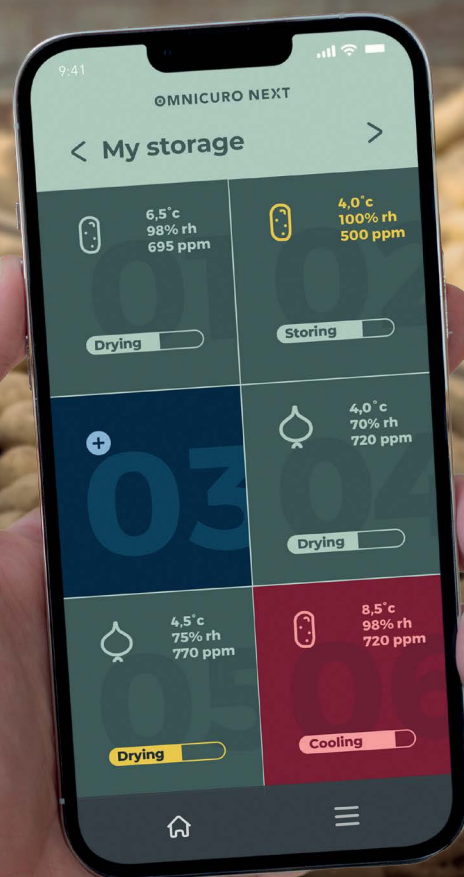
- ✓ Our systems automatically manage your storage conditions throughout the season
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- ✓ Expert storage advice and 24/7 technical support

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Plan a storage consult with Ronnie Laing at www.omnivent.com/consult or call +44 (0) 794 006 7458



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Projx is the UK agent for Raytec Vision's industry-leading optical sorting technology. Visit our stand to discover how the Raynbow, Ingenuity and the brand-new Spiryrt sorters are helping potato growers and processors maximise yield, improve product quality and reduce waste. Whether you're looking to upgrade existing lines or invest in the latest AI-powered sorting technology, our team will be on hand to discuss the right solution for your operation and explain how Raytec's innovative systems are transforming potato processing.

What to expect today

Projx Services Ltd: Driving Innovation with the latest Raytec Optical Sorters

Projx Services Ltd delivers cutting-edge solutions that boost efficiency and quality. Known for integrating advanced technologies such as robotics and optical sorters, Projx helps businesses optimise processes and achieve their strategic goals with precision and reliability.

Projx Services is excited to introduce the new Raytec SPIRYT optical sorter to its portfolio. This state-of-the-art machine uses artificial intelligence and 360-degree imaging to revolutionise potato quality control by detecting even the smallest defects with unparalleled accuracy. The SPIRYT's ability to adapt to different potato varieties and seamlessly integrate into automated lines perfectly aligns with Projx's mission to deliver innovative, customised solutions that enhance productivity and elevate industry standards. Visit Projx at the exhibition to learn how this cutting-edge technology can transform your operation.

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U Vision an advanced optical grading solution for both dirty (unwashed) potatoes and onions . RPS Machinery is the UK representative for U-Vision, supporting specification, integration, and installation across real-world processing environments. The system delivers accurate, consistent grading from low-capacity installations through to high-throughput production operations, while maintaining product quality.

Using high-resolution multi-camera imaging, the U-Vision system inspects each individual product and classifies it by size, shape, colour, and surface defects. This precise optical grading capability improves grade consistency, reduces waste, and ensures product is directed to the correct market or processing stream , maximising yield and return on investment.

U-Vision can be configured as a stand-alone optical grader, a pre-sorting camera with accept/reject functionality, or as part of a fully integrated grading and washing line. Its modular design makes it well suited to processors upgrading existing lines or investing in modern optical grading technology capable of handling significant throughputs.

Beyond grading performance, the system provides real-time production data and detailed reporting on throughput, grading results, and machine performance. This allows operators and management teams to monitor efficiency, analyse trends, and make informed operational decisions.

RPS Machinery, part of Rich Professional Services Ltd, provides UK-based design, specification, integration, installation, and optimisation support for U-Vision systems. Our approach is performance-led and application-focused, ensuring each installation delivers measurable commercial benefit , not just technical capability.

What to expect today

U-Vision Optical Grading and Sorting Systems for Potatoes and Onions

supplying and supporting advanced optical camera grading systems for potato and onion processing operations.

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SASA is the Certifying Authority for seed potato production in Scotland. SASA manages the Seed Potato Classification Scheme (SPCS) which ensures the continuing high quality of Scottish seed potatoes for which Scotland is internationally recognised. SASA carries out a range of scientific activities in support of seed potato production in Scotland such as the production and maintenance of pathogen-tested microplants, routine surveillance for quarantine pests and diseases, testing for potato cyst nematodes (PCN), blackleg (*Dickeya* & *Pectobacterium* spp.) and other diseases affecting classification, as well as monitoring the level of the aphids which can spread some virus diseases.

What to expect today

SASA staff will be in attendance to discuss seed potato related issues with visitors to the stand.

Smart Grader



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By GeJo Grading Services B.V.



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Smart Grader develops and manufactures innovative optical grading and registration solutions for potatoes, onions and other agricultural products. As part of GeJo Grading Services, we combine practical grading experience with advanced technology to help growers, processors and research organisations measure size, quality and product characteristics quickly, accurately and product-friendly. Our solutions include the Smart Grader EVO for size and quality grading and the Smart Grader Reader for fast sample registration, supporting better decisions and higher product value.

What to expect today

Smart Grading Solutions for the Potato Industry

At this year's Potatoes in Practice, Smart Grader will showcase its current optical grading and registration technologies for the potato industry. Our systems help growers, processors and research organisations measure size, quality and product characteristics quickly, accurately and product-friendly. Visitors can learn more about how Smart Grader technology supports better grading decisions, improved product insight and more efficient workflows. We look forward to meeting both new and existing contacts, discussing practical challenges in potato grading, and exploring how our solutions can add value across the potato supply chain.

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We are the UK division of the overall Solana Group. We specialise in the production and distribution of high-quality seed potatoes. Our goal is to pursue the breeding of resistant, high-yielding varieties and supplying high-quality seed stock in conjunction with growers, packers and processors in the UK and Ireland. With a wide range of markets for our varieties we aim to supply both the domestic and export markets.

What to expect today

We will be showcasing a selection of potato varieties available for both the UK and export markets, with a focus on promoting the strength and versatility of the Solana portfolio. Key varieties on display will include Edison and Baby Lou, recognised for their marketability, strong performance and saleability across a range of sectors.

Visitors will have the opportunity to view sample tubers, pick up Solana merchandise and speak directly with the UK-based Solana team about variety performance, market opportunities and future developments within the potato sector. The event will also provide a great opportunity for growers, agronomists and industry partners to catch up with Solana staff and discuss current industry trends and requirements.

The James Hutton Institute



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At The James Hutton Institute we find scientific solutions to the challenges posed by the climate and nature crises on the sustainable management of land, crop and natural resources that support thriving communities.

Our researchers explore the intricate relationships between land, water, and communities to promote sustainable practices that benefit both people and the planet. From improving agricultural productivity and food security to mitigating the impacts of climate change. Our work is rooted in the belief that science can drive positive change.

The National Potato Innovation Centre (NPIC) based at The James Hutton Institute works in partnership with stakeholders, academic, industry and government in the UK and beyond to carry out scientific research to future proof the potato industry and support economic resilience and growth.

We do this through innovation, generating new findings and innovating products. We are currently planning a state-of-the-art innovation centre to support the work of NPIC.

What to expect today

Visit The James Hutton Institute marquee to discover how world-leading science is delivering practical solutions to strengthen agricultural resilience in an increasingly unpredictable climate.

Explore research into sustainable potato cyst nematode (PCN) management, genetic tools to reduce wireworm damage in potatoes, innovative technologies that detect crop stress before symptoms appear and much more.

Did you know that the Hutton is a charity? Come and talk to us to find out more, including how becoming a Friend of Hutton can help you stay connected with our latest research and events.

You can also meet Hutton Scientific Services (Hutton's commercial arm), Seed Potato Organisation, GB Potatoes, CUPGRA and B-Hive Innovations to see how collaboration drives real-world solutions.

The National Robotarium



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The National Robotarium is a world-leading centre in robotics and AI at Heriot-Watt University. The National Robotarium is a Data-Driven Innovation hub, funded as part of the £1.5bn Edinburgh and South-East Scotland City Region Deal.

The purpose of The National Robotarium is to create innovative solutions to global challenges, working directly with industry to research, test and develop robotic, AI and automated technologies that have a positive impact on people's work, health and lives. The National Robotarium is at the forefront of advancing the UK's robotics capabilities, developing talent, accelerating innovation and stimulating economic growth.

What to expect today

The National Robotarium is at Potatoes in Practice this year with a focus on robotics, AI and sensing technology in agriculture.

Visit our stand to see a live demonstration of the Boston Dynamics SPOT robot, hear about early sensing work exploring gas detection for potato storage, and join a conversation about our horizon scanning research into potato grading systems.

Robotics engineers will be on hand throughout the day to demonstrate, discuss and answer questions.



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For 80 years, Haith has been at the forefront of vegetable handling technology, providing innovative solutions for growers, packers, and processors across the UK and around the world. Haith combines generations of engineering expertise with a commitment to helping customers improve efficiency, quality, and sustainability. From grading, washing, and bulk handling equipment to complete processing lines, our machinery is designed to meet the evolving needs of modern agriculture.

What to expect today

At Potatoes in Practice, we're proud to showcase the latest innovations and share how Haith continues to support the future of the potato industry.

Visit Haith at Potatoes in Practice to discover the latest innovations in potato and vegetable handling technology. Our team will be showcasing a range of solutions designed to help growers, packers, and processors improve efficiency, reduce waste, and maintain product quality throughout the handling process. From grading and washing equipment to bulk handling and integrated processing systems, visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about how our machinery can be tailored to meet the demands of modern potato production. We will also be highlighting recent developments in automation, equipment performance, and sustainable handling practices that can support businesses as they adapt to changing industry requirements. Whether you are looking to upgrade existing equipment, improve throughput, or explore new technologies, our experienced team will be on hand throughout the event to discuss your challenges and demonstrate how Haith solutions can help maximise productivity and deliver long-term value.

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Tong is the UK's leading manufacturer of potato handling machinery, including advanced and gentle grading, washing, processing, tipping, filling and weighing equipment. Tong offers unrivalled expertise in handling a wide range of vegetables for increased efficiency, reduced costs and improved productivity. From design, to manufacture and installation, the complete handling solution.

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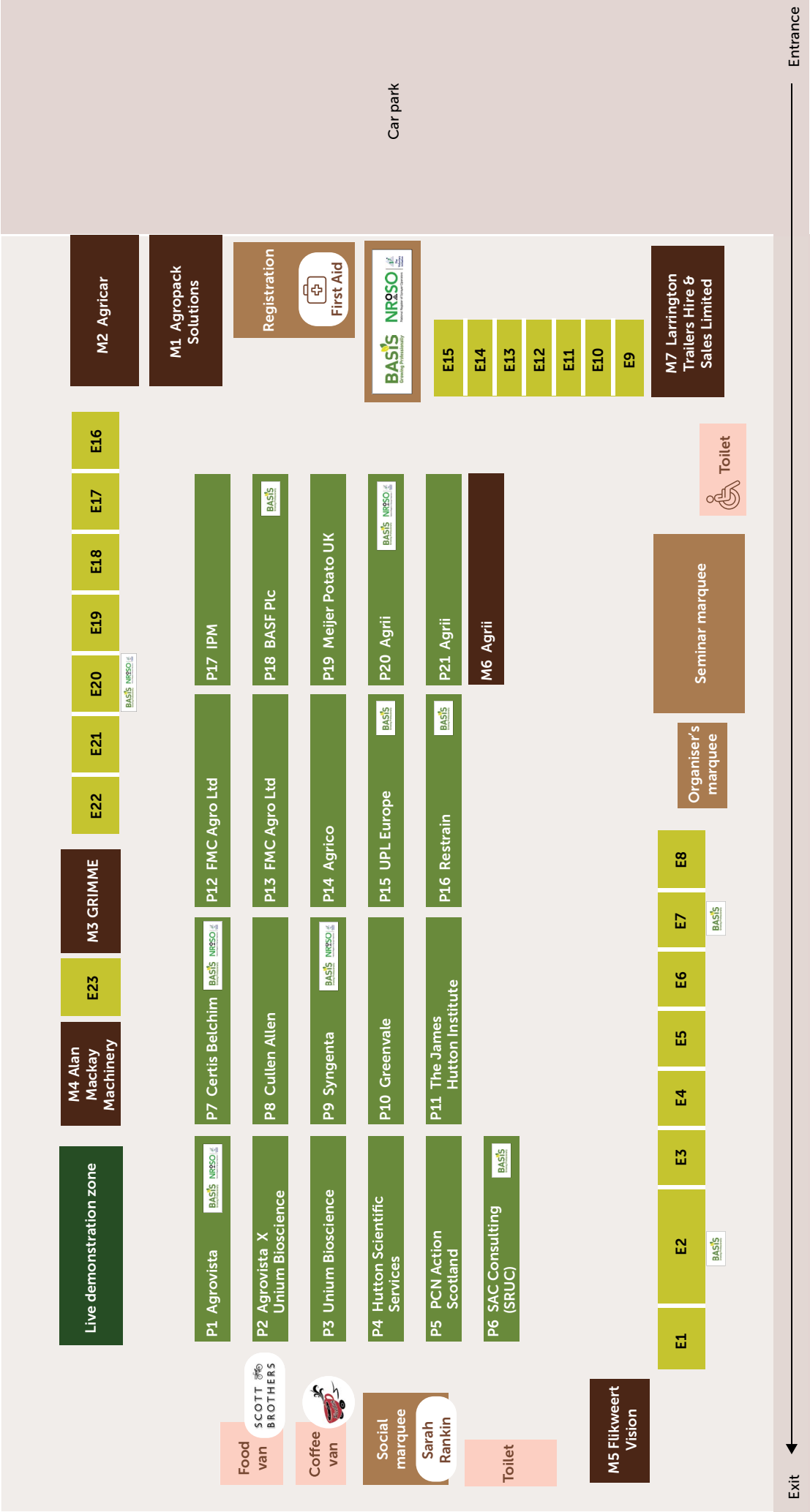
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What to expect today

Visit the Agricar stand to explore our static display of specialist potato machinery and meet our team alongside product experts from Standen. Whether you're planning to upgrade your machinery, discuss the latest technology or find the right solution for your operation, we'll be on hand to answer your questions and talk through your individual requirements. We look forward to welcoming both existing and new customers throughout the day.

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What to expect today

From Field to Pack: See It All in Motion

Agropack Solutions & Wevano — Joint Stand, Potatoes in Practice 2026

Follow one potato's journey across our shared stand — from the field to the finished box — and see how the right kit transforms every stage.

On display:

- **Vegniek Selecto Roguing Cart** — 4WD field buggy with hydraulic controls and cruise control, making roguing comfortable and efficient in any conditions.
- **Wevano JCL Optical Grader** — sorts up to 11 tonnes per hour by quality or size, with reliable clod and defect recognition built in.
- **Wevano Pentle Belt**, Stone, clod, soil and hulam removal
- **Verbruggen Twin Head Weigher** c/w cross belt, fast accurate weighing for high-output packing lines.
- **Verbruggen Stitcher with Label Dispenser** — semi auto reliable bag closing and labelling in one pass.
- **APS Box Filler** — a gentle box-filling solution designed for high-output post-harvest lines.

Come and see how these systems work together. We're here to talk through what genuinely suits your operation.

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Alan Mackay Machinery (Forfar) Ltd is a trusted agricultural machinery supplier, established in 2004 and owned and managed by Alan and Irene Mackay and Ross Anderson, who bring many years of experience in the agricultural trade. Based on the outskirts of Forfar, Angus, just off the A90 Forfar by-pass, and with a depot at Rothienorman, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, the company supports farmers with some of the best equipment available to the agricultural industry. As authorised dealers of VALTRA tractors, Alan Mackay Machinery offers a wide range of leading brands, including Amazone, Sumo, Krone, Tong Engineering, Schouten, McHale, Weidemann, Muthing, Richard Western and Hi-Spec Engineering. Sister company AM Agri also operates from 19 Junction Road, Kinross.

What to expect today

At the event, we will be displaying a Valtra T Series tractor and an Amazone UX4201 trailed sprayer, showcasing high-quality machinery designed to meet the demands of modern farming.





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Flikweert Vision is a Dutch family-owned company specialized in optical sorting technology for potatoes and onions. From our headquarters in Zeeland, we develop AI-driven sorting machines for growers, processors and packers worldwide. Our machines combine advanced camera technology with practical agricultural knowledge to improve product quality, reduce labor and increase efficiency in sorting lines. With more than 85 employees and installations in over 21 countries, Flikweert Vision has become a trusted partner in the international agri-food sector. Our strength lies in practical innovation and reliable technology that performs day in, day out in the field and in industrial processing environments.

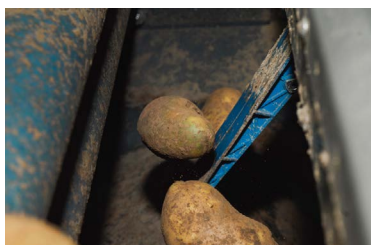
What to expect today

At Potatoes in Practice, Flikweert Vision will showcase the QualityGrader: an advanced optical sorting machine developed specifically for potatoes and onions. Using AI and high-resolution camera technology, the QualityGrader objectively assesses every product for defects such as rot, greening, damage, scab and wireworm.

The machine helps growers and processors reduce manual labour, improve consistency and increase sorting capacity while maintaining a reliable product quality standard. Powered by practical field data from hundreds of installations worldwide, the QualityGrader continuously improves its sorting performance.

With a compact industrial design and capacities up to 30 tonnes per hour, the QualityGrader is built for daily use in both agricultural and industrial sorting environments.

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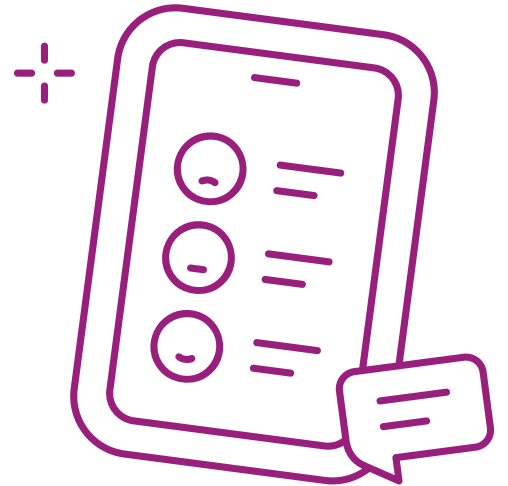
Explore the Latest from GRIMME at Potatoes in Practice 2026

Visit GRIMME at Potatoes in Practice 2026 to discover innovative solutions designed to maximise efficiency, accuracy and crop performance. On display will be the proven GB 215 belt potato planter, renowned for its gentle handling and precise planting performance, alongside the FA 200 front fertiliser applicator, delivering accurate and efficient fertiliser placement for optimum crop establishment.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to learn more about GRIMME's Early Order Promotion for spring equipment, offering attractive opportunities to plan ahead for the next planting season. In addition, our team will be demonstrating the latest digital tools available from GRIMME, including the GRIMME Online Shop for spare parts, which provides fast and convenient access to genuine parts and support. Whether you are looking to improve planting performance, streamline machinery management or explore future investment opportunities, the GRIMME team looks forward to welcoming you to our stand.



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