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MESSE FRANKFURT LAUNCHES FOOD PRODUCTION SOLUTIONS SHOW, CONNECTING PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, COMPLIANCE, PRODUCTION, AND SCALING UNDER ONE ROOF

New trade show designed around the realities of building and growing a food manufacturing business.

Messe Frankfurt Inc. today announced the launch of the Food Production Solutions Show, a new trade show designed to help food manufacturers navigate the challenges that come with bringing products to market and growing production successfully.

Taking place October 26–28, 2027, at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois, the event is built around a simple observation: food manufacturers rarely face just one challenge at a time.

A new product launch can create regulatory hurdles. A food safety initiative may require new equipment investments. Growth can expose workforce constraints, production bottlenecks, or supply chain issues. Yet most industry events continue to separate these conversations into individual categories.

The Food Production Solutions Show takes a different approach.

Designed around the journey of the food manufacturer rather than the journey of the product, the event brings together the people, technologies, services, and expertise that manufacturers need as they move from concept and commercialization to production, operations, and scale.

"Food manufacturers don't think in silos, and their challenges don't exist in silos either," said Constantin Von Vieregge, President & CEO of Messe Frankfurt Inc. "A growing processor may be dealing with formulation challenges, food safety requirements, labor shortages, automation decisions, and expansion planning all at the same time. We created this event

to reflect how food businesses actually operate and to make it easier for manufacturers to find practical solutions that move them forward."

"The Food Production Solutions Show reflects Messe Frankfurt's commitment to supporting food manufacturers wherever they operate," said Kerstin Horaczek, Vice President, Technology Shows, Messe Frankfurt GmbH. "Through IFFA, we've spent decades bringing together the world's leading food processing technologies and industry expertise. Food Production Solutions Show extends that commitment to North America with a concept designed around the complete journey of today's food manufacturer—connecting businesses with the knowledge, technologies, and partnerships they need to innovate, grow, and compete."

A NEW APPROACH TO SUPPORTING FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Across North America, food manufacturers are under pressure to do more with less. Labor remains difficult to find. Regulatory requirements continue to evolve. Consumers expect higher levels of quality, transparency, and consistency. At the same time, manufacturers are being asked to improve efficiency while preparing for future growth.

For startup, small, and mid-sized processors in particular, these decisions often shape the trajectory of the business.

The Food Production Solutions Show was created to help manufacturers navigate those decisions by connecting them with the expertise, technologies, and partners needed to solve problems, improve operations, and support growth.

"Our customers are constantly balancing growth opportunities with operational realities," said Michael Lynch, Vice President of Marketing at Reiser. "Whether they're introducing a new product, expanding capacity, improving throughput, or investing in automation, the challenge is rarely isolated to one area of the business. Events that bring together expertise from across the food manufacturing ecosystem create valuable opportunities for learning, collaboration, and better decision-making."

The event is designed to serve emerging brands, entrepreneurs, startup food businesses, small and mid-sized processors, co-manufacturers, and growing food companies while continuing to provide value for larger manufacturers seeking innovation, partnerships, acquisition opportunities, and operational improvements.

By focusing on the needs of manufacturers rather than individual product categories, the event provides a practical roadmap for growth that reflects how food businesses actually operate.

FOUR SOLUTION ZONES. ONE MANUFACTURER JOURNEY.

The show floor is organized into four Solution Zones that mirror the major stages of a food manufacturer's growth journey:

Product Development & Planning

Supporting concept development, formulation, ingredient sourcing, market validation, innovation, pilot production, and commercialization.

Regulatory & Compliance

Providing expertise and solutions for food safety, quality assurance, certifications, labeling, traceability, testing, and regulatory requirements.

Production & Facilities

Connecting manufacturers with processing equipment, engineering services, facility design, co-manufacturing partners, infrastructure solutions, and operational technologies.

Operations & Scaling

Delivering solutions for automation, packaging, workforce development, inventory management, manufacturing software, logistics, distribution, and business growth.

Together, these Solution Zones create an integrated environment where attendees can identify solutions across their entire operation rather than navigating disconnected segments of the industry.

WHERE EDUCATION, COLLABORATION, AND SOLUTIONS COME TOGETHER

At the heart of the Food Production Solutions Show is a commitment to practical problem solving.

The event will feature a series of interactive experiences designed to move beyond traditional conference presentations and create meaningful collaboration between manufacturers and solution providers.

Collaboration labs will bring together industry experts and food manufacturers to work through real operational challenges. Through peer discussion, attendees will gain practical insights and actionable solutions that can be applied within their own organizations.

Education hubs located within each Solution Zone will provide complimentary, solution-focused programming addressing commercialization, food safety, compliance, production optimization, workforce development, and scaling strategies.

Production line demonstrations will showcase how equipment, technologies, software platforms, and service providers work together to solve common industry challenges such

as labor shortages, throughput constraints, food safety requirements, and operational efficiency.

The result is an event designed not only to showcase products and services, but to help manufacturers leave with solutions.

BRINGING TOGETHER THE FOOD MANUFACTURING ECOSYSTEM

The Food Production Solutions Show will bring together food manufacturers, processors, co-packers, ingredient suppliers, food scientists, engineers, compliance professionals, technology providers, automation specialists, packaging companies, logistics partners, consultants, investors, and industry organizations.

By creating connections across these disciplines, the event aims to accelerate innovation, strengthen partnerships, and support the long-term growth of food manufacturing businesses across North America.

"The food manufacturing industry depends on collaboration across a wide range of disciplines, from product development and food safety to production, automation, packaging, and distribution," said Chris Lyons, President & CEO of the Food Processing Suppliers Association (FPSA). "The Food Production Solutions Show creates a platform where manufacturers and solution providers can connect, discover, and educate. We want attendees to bring the challenges and constraints that are keeping them from growing and scaling to the FPSS, and we want them leaving with a clearer path to their own success and their place in America's food production industry."

EXHIBITOR SALES AND REGISTRATION

Exhibitor sales will open in late 2026, with priority consideration available for companies submitting an Intent to Exhibit form.

Attendee registration will open in mid 2027.

Manufacturers, processors, entrepreneurs, engineers, operations leaders, quality professionals, and solution providers are invited to participate in a new event dedicated to helping food manufacturers solve the challenges associated with growth, production, compliance, and operational excellence.

For event updates, exhibitor information, and registration announcements, [click here.](#)

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With four trade fairs on four continents, Messe Frankfurt tracks the dynamic growth in the global food processing industry. These international trade shows give impetus to the sector, showcase innovations and connect experts from all over the world. In addition to Food Production Solutions Show these are IFFA in Germany, Tecno Fidta in Argentina and Meat Pro Asia in Thailand.

Further information at: www.food-technologies.messefrankfurt.com

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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 Food Production Solutions 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](#)