



Session	TO-BE-START-UPS looking for Finance: pre-seed/angel/seed funding and/or partners
Title	Growing Meat from Cells on Farms
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Abstract:	
The global meat industry is at a turning point. By 2050, global animal protein demand is expected to increase by 50%, while traditional livestock farming already today faces growing economic-, regulatory-, and sustainability pressures. Farmers are struggling with rising costs, lower margins, regulatory restrictions, and social pressure. Many are forced out of business or are searching for new, future-proof revenue streams. Cultivated meat is promising technology expected to reach multi-billion euros by 2030 and achieve price parity with conventional meat in the years after. It produces the same meat, but is 93% less pollution. RespectFarms offers a franchise-based business model that enables conventional livestock farmers to transition to cultivated meat production on their farm. Rather than producing meat in centralized biotech factories, RespectFarms integrates cultivated meat technology directly into farms, allowing farmers to grow meat from cells instead of raising animals for slaughter. More than 10% of Dutch farmers already express interest in transitioning to cultivated meat farming. In 2025 we launch the 1st demonstration farm and validate the technology. Then expand to other EU markets, onboarding early-adopter farmers. We want to build on the strong shoulders of agriculture and empower 1,000 farmers by 2040, eliminating 500,000 animals from the food system and reducing 1 megaton CO₂ – eq. per year.	