

The FADUNA Foundation continues its commitment to sustainable and innovative agriculture in Nouvelle-Aquitaine and rewards 9 winning farmers and 3 PhD students in 2025

Bordeaux, May 27, 2025. Since its creation in 2009, the Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture in Nouvelle-Aquitaine (FADUNA) has been working for an agriculture that is efficient, respectful of the environment, socially fair and fully rooted in its territory. Since its creation in 2009, FADUNA has already rewarded more than 100 farmers and researchers, with nearly 200,000 euros in endowments distributed. This year again, 12 winners were rewarded at the Bordeaux Regional Agricultural Show.



Award ceremony at the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Agricultural Show on May 26, 2025. From left to right: Jacques RIPOCHE expert, Clara LEFEVRE PhD student, Olivier BEILLEAU (40) laureate, Eric SABOURIN (86) laureate, Olivier LAVIALLE scientific committee, Jérôme TROPINI (17) laureate, Bruno MILLET General Delegate, Christelle REGNIER (24) laureate, Francis MASSE President, Fabien JOFFRE founder SAFER, Jacques RAVAIL expert.

9 winners rewarded in 2025 for their sustainable practices

The 2025 winners were unveiled at an official award ceremony at the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Agricultural Show. It was an opportunity to celebrate sustainable agriculture and its committed players.

REMARKABLE FILES: 2000€ prize



Jérémy Lauda (Loubieng, 64), Regenerative maize - At 34 years old, Jérémy Lauda embodies this new generation of innovative and committed farmers. He has been a member of the Maisadour Cooperative since 2018.

On a 100-hectare mixed crop-livestock farm, he has distinguished himself by the pioneering production of Class A regenerative maize¹ in France, in partnership with VEGA* Maisadour. Labelled High Environmental Value (HVE), it mobilises cutting-edge technical solutions (plant cover, MAS Seeds seeds, decision-making tools for monitoring practices) to combine profitability, soil preservation and reduction of environmental impact.

Eric Sabourin (86), sheep farmer, dairy processing, Soil Conservation Agriculture, carbon management - With the creation of the GAEC du Bois Soleil, Éric Sabourin has chosen to raise dairy sheep with milk processing on the farm and direct sales.

This ambitious project is part of a sustainable approach, with exemplary soil management (Soil Conservation Agriculture, return of livestock farming, compost) to optimize carbon storage. Agroforestry, dynamic rotational grazing and the planting of 10 km of hedges strengthen the place of biodiversity on his farm.

Finally, the production of photovoltaic electricity demonstrates Éric Sabourin's commitment to renewable energy. A real local agricultural revolution combining tradition and modernity.



SUCCESSFUL FILES: price of 1500€

Antoine Depoitevin (86) - sheep farmers, animal care.

The well-being of sheep and cattle herds is preserved through exemplary management, where the application of lactic acid bacteria to the bedding reduces veterinary expenses while strengthening animal health.

Cédric Pérez (33) - sheep farmer, dairy processing.

Cédric Pérez, a winegrower in the Médoc AOC and a meat sheep farmer (PGI Pauillac lamb), diversified his activity in 2021 by developing a dairy sheep farm in fodder autonomy, making on-site cheese production his new core business.

¹ *Regenerative maize producers are committed to growing it according to precise specifications, based on 5 pillars: soil preservation, optimisation of fertilisation, rational management of water resources, crop protection, use of seeds produced in regenerative agriculture. To find out more, go to www.maisadour.com*

LOWER IMPACT JA FILES: price of 1000€

Christelle Régnier (24), landless shepherdess.

Christelle Regnier was able to transform her passion into a profession by becoming a landless shepherdess in 2018, thanks to a Free Pastoral Land Association (AFPL) supported by local authorities, while developing an organic meat sheep processing activity, with direct sales in boxes and burgers at farmers' markets.

Olivier Beilleau (40) - weed harrow on field crops and organic vegetables.

Thanks to the self-construction of a unique weed harrow, optimised by an on-board camera and hydraulic stabiliser, this farmer is revolutionising mechanical weeding in organic farming, improving precision and efficiency on sandy soils, while paving the way for adoption in conventional agriculture.

EMERGING FILES: price of 750 €

Two promising initiatives were also rewarded with €750, with the possibility of completing this support during a future exam: **Jérôme Tropini**, a sheep farmer in Charente-Maritime - stands out for his commitment to eco-grazing, and **Jérémy Dechartre**, a farmer baker in Vienne.

AWARD OF HONOUR

Jean-Marc Larose (23), Lycée D'Ahun farm - cattle, milk, meat, sheep, pork, fish farming, market gardening, forest, Christmas trees.

FADUNA awarded the Ahun high school farm an honorary prize, highlighting the quality of the social and environmental commitments held by Jean-Marc Larose.

3 PhD students rewarded in 2025 for their innovative research

In 2025, three young researchers were rewarded for their innovative research work, providing concrete solutions to the challenges of sustainable agriculture:

- **Agathe Vidal** : Is sulphur fertilisation an effective lever for limiting the soil-grain transfer of Cadmium in durum wheat? - awarded €2,000.
- **Pierre Eon** : Optimisation of copper phytoextraction in vineyard soils - awarded €2,000.
- **Clara Lefevre**: Agroecological determinants linking soil management practices, soil health, plant health and the nutritional and health qualities of products: the case of soft winter wheat to illustrate the "One Health" approach - awarded €2,500.

A foundation of general interest focused on the future of agriculture...

A place of exchange, reflection and innovation, FADUNA supports an agriculture that reconciles the three pillars of sustainable development: economic, environmental and social.

Its ambition is to encourage all forms of agriculture - conventional, organic or soil conservation - to meet the major challenges of tomorrow: ecological transition, food sovereignty, transfer of farms, attractiveness of agricultural professions, and societal acceptability.

Three major areas of action:

- **Focus on sustainable agriculture** : the Foundation is committed to agricultural practices that respect the environment and living things, by supporting initiatives that are promising for the future of the region.

- **Support for research** : PhD students whose work contributes to improving the sustainability of regional agriculture benefit from support, strengthening the link between science and the field.
- **Support for innovation** : the Foundation encourages the development of innovative solutions by supporting the Agrinove competition, dedicated to start-ups that are reinventing the agriculture of tomorrow.

... anchored in its territory

In Nouvelle-Aquitaine, farmers shape the landscape, feed the population, maintain the rural fabric, create jobs and contribute to the region's influence. The sustainability of regional agriculture is a cause of general interest. FADUNA campaigns for a global, integrated and sustainable agricultural model, where progress and competitiveness go hand in hand with the preservation of resources and the balance of territories.

FADUNA is a regional foundation under the aegis of the Fondation de France, chaired by Francis Massé. It brings together committed founders and donors such as Maïsadour, Bayer, Crédit Agricoles Aquitaine, Centre France and Charente Périgord, and SAFER. Its governance is based on:

- An executive committee for the designation of the winners
- A committee of experts for the audit of agricultural applications
- A scientific committee for the evaluation of doctoral theses

Since 2020, the Foundation has also been supporting agricultural startups through the AGRINOVE competition, a regional reference in agricultural innovation.





ABOUT FADUNA

The Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture in Nouvelle-Aquitaine, created in 2009, has already rewarded nearly **100 farmers** (nearly 200,000 euros in prizes) who have committed themselves to innovative and sustainable agriculture, as well as **university doctors** who have done their thesis on agriculture in relation to sustainable agriculture. Since 2020, the Foundation has also been supporting startups with Agrinove.

Find all the information about the Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture in New Aquitaine on the website www.agridurableaquitaine.com

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