

Terres de Sources — Rennes Water Utility Buys Food from Farms Upstream of Its Intakes (France)

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Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

The Rennes drinking-water authority pays for water quality through public procurement of food from farms in its catchments, with a bonus of up to €3,000/yr on a six-year specification. Targets are –50% nitrates and –75% pesticides; no results are reported yet and NGOs criticise i

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	0/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-20

[Collectivité Eau du Bassin Rennais \(CEBR\) / Terres de Sources cooperative](#) — accessed 2026-10-20

[Banque des Territoires: Terres de Sources](#) — accessed 2026-10-20

[Terre-net: Sur les aires d'alimentation de captage, des PSE qui prennent racine](#) — accessed 2026-10-20

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