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STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP REPORT ON SMART FARMING

FINAL REPORT

WITH RECOMMENDATIONS

Scope: Addressing the mandate of the ISO/TMB Strategic Advisory Group on Smart Farming (“SAG-SF”) by a) identifying the challenges / opportunities, relevant standards, possible synergies and gaps in the work of ISO technical committees in the context of smart farming and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and b) proposing next steps and priorities for ISO action.

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Annex F: Glossary 

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actuator 

agricultural domain 

agricultural waste 

agrisemantics 

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animal food 

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artificial intelligence agent 

audit 

auditor 

authorization 

biodiversity conservation 

broker 

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capability 

certification 

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 Smart Farming

The concept of smart farming is not new. Producers have always looked for more efficient ways to grow food and raise livestock, but their task is increasingly difficult. Producers and myriad other agrifood stakeholders like processors or food manufacturers (see Figure 1) pursue often-competing objectives such as profitability, sustainability, and the freedom to operate, under an ever more challenging set of constraints such as climate change, regulatory pressure, changes in consumer preferences, increasing cost of inputs, commodity price volatility and an increasingly complex geopolitical situation. The availability of critical resources like fertilizers and irrigation water is uncertain, weather-related stresses are increasingly extreme and unpredictable, and market signals are ambiguous at best.

Given the critical role that data and its exchange must necessarily have in this context, smart farming today:

- is data-driven
- bases decisions on sound scientific principles and generally accepted good agricultural practices
- involves multiple stakeholders in the value chain (i.e., farmers, their advisors, equipment manufacturers, post-harvest sector, customers, regulators, to name a few)
- happens in a volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous world (e.g., the prices of both crop inputs and harvested commodities are volatile, yields and the availability of resources like irrigation water are uncertain, growing a crop is getting increasingly complex, and market signals are ambiguous at best).
Considering the above factors and in support of its mandate, the SAG-SF used the following definition for smart farming:

*Smart Farming is data-driven, principled decision making in agricultural and food value chains occurring as multi-objective optimization in the context of global volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity.*

Bringing about smart farming to scale requires data standardization as the need to capture, use and share massive amounts of data across the agriculture and food system – from crop input and equipment manufacturers to distributors to producers to consumers and government agencies – becomes a necessary part of doing business. Data collection and sharing is at the heart of smart farming, but not all data are equally usable. For things to work, the data must be findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable, or FAIR (Wilkinson et al, 2016), and have robust and trustworthy governance mechanisms.

### 1.2 A note on Smart Farming vs Data-Driven Agrifood Systems

In the course of the work of the SAG-SF it became clear that the term *smart farming* is interpreted very differently by different parties, and even more so in an international context. This led to some strategic moves:
1) The SAG-SF initially took a constructionist approach to determining its scope. Starting from the mandate from the ISO/TMB resolution that created it (See Annex A), the conveners asked members of core group and the advisory group for as many specific items they could propose that should be within (or outside) the scope of “smart farming” and therefore the SAG-SF.

2) The resulting set of **scope items** (See Annex E.1) had a scope clearly beyond the system boundaries of the farm and more consistent with the idea of **agrifood systems**.

3) Moreover, there are many items in scope that are important and pertain to data in agrifood systems that do not necessarily fall within the definition of smart farming presented above, but rather act as enabling technologies. An example is calculating costs of production; this is an important function of farm management information systems, but is not necessarily used in the context of principled decision-making, optimization, etc. This led to describing the scope of this work more in terms of **data-driven agrifood systems**, a broader and more encompassing term than **smart farming** or **smart agrifood systems**.

4) Figure 2 shows these scope descriptions in terms of a Venn diagram.

5) For all of the above, the scope of the SAG-SF and of its recommendations corresponds to the idea of data-driven agrifood systems (or which smart farming is a subset), and that term shall be used throughout.

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**Figure 2: Venn diagram showing how agrifood systems contain both agricultural- and food-related aspects, how a subset of the domain is data-driven; and how a narrower subset of these corresponds to smart agrifood systems.**
1.3 SAG-SF Mandate and Deliverables

The ISO Strategic Advisory Group on Smart Farming (SAG) received a specific mandate from the TMB resolution 60/2021. Table 1 below parses the mandate into individual parts listed top-down in the left column. The corresponding SAG deliverable is referenced in the corresponding row of the right column.

The SAG SF completed the mandate as requested by ISO TMB resolution 61/2021 and expected output by delivering its summarised findings in the form of a Roadmap on Smart farming and presenting the following recommendations for consideration by the ISO Technical Management Board (TMB)

Table 1 below summarizes the mandate given to the SAG SF as fulfilled by the SAG deliverables.

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<td>Define a set of parameters for the classification of “Smart Farming” for the</td>
<td>Working definition (Clause 1.1) + Capability Model (Clause 4.3, Annex C.1)</td>
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<td>Build a matrix between the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the</td>
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<td>List standards and other documents relevant to Smart Farming that are, or</td>
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<td>have been, developed by existing ISO Technical Committees</td>
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<td>Analyze any synergies in the current work of existing ISO technical</td>
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<td>coordinate or collaborate across ISO committees where overlaps exist</td>
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Set up a gap analysis in order to identify areas important for standardization in the field of Smart Farming not currently addressed by an existing ISO committee

Recommendations in Clause 3

Recommend standardization activities

Recommendations in Clause 3

Set up recommendations for the structuring of these standardization activities, which includes consideration of existing ISO committees, new technical committees, and ongoing coordination mechanisms

DA Matrix: (Standardization) activities vs People (TCs/SCs) and Systems (e.g., infrastructure)

Establish a priority list of any new work to be undertaken in the short term that should be progressed as an immediate priority

Horizon Model (Clause 2) and Recommendations (Clause 3)

Main output: The SAG on SF is expected to deliver its summarised findings in the form of a Roadmap on Smart farming

This final report, encompassing and contextualizing all of the above.

1.4 Acknowledgements

The Co-conveners sincerely thank the members of the Strategic Advisory Group for their participation in the work, noting the challenges in working virtually across multiple time zones and with the complexities of addressing the extensive and fragmented domain of smart farming and agrifood systems in general. Special thanks go to the leaders of the subgroups who tirelessly organized their teams to meet across time zones and moved the work forward.

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Finally, our gratitude goes to Syngenta Crop Protection AG for its commitment to this standardization effort, including funding the Convener Support staff, procuring collaboration tools and resources, and funding time and travel related to this work.
It is our hope that the body of work of the Strategic Advisory Group for Smart Farming will not only initiate a set of prioritized ISO activities but will streamline and enable future work of technical committees and subcommittees as they leverage the work produced here and strengthen collaboration among international standardization institutes in the area of data-driven agrifood systems.

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2. The Roadmap for Smart Farming

Figure 3 below summarizes key activities recommended to support the SAG-SF’s objectives, in the context of a horizons model (White et al., 1999).

![Roadmap and Horizons model for implementing ISO SAG-SF recommendations. When multiple arrows are arranged end-to-end, the rightward arrows are dependent on completion of the arrows to their left.](image-url)
The horizon model above serves to clarify and visualize that the recommendations of the SAG-SF build on each other over time, and that there are certain dependencies for their implementation. The horizon model is divided into three successive horizons and serves as a guideline for developing a strategy for short-term, medium-term, and long-term measures. **Horizon 1** of the roadmap is aimed at the necessary structural changes that can be implemented or initiated in the short term and are required to adequately address the horizontal topic of the SAG-SF by ISO and thus implement the recommendations of the SAG-SF. It forms the foundation of the subsequent horizons and should be implemented within a year. The first horizon suggests a mix of themes:

- **Internal coordination:** Kicking off the proposed coordination committee and new ISO committees (see General Recommendations 3.1.4, 3.1.6).
- **Partnerships:** Kicking off the proposed Joint Smart Farming Landscape Group (see General Recommendations 3.1.5), as well as an international workshop for a reference architecture for Smart Farming (See Recommendation 3.4.10).
- **Data Standards:** Organizing an Agrisemantics Working Group within the proposed Technical Committee on Smart farming (See Recommendation 3.2.2) and preparing reference data and semantic infrastructure standards NWIPs (for Recommendations 3.4.2 to 3.4.9).
- **Communications:** Publishing and initiating the promotion of this SAG-SF report (see General Recommendations 3.1.1 and 3.1.3).

**Horizon 2** uses the structures created in Horizon 1 to close major identified gaps in the current ISO standardization landscape, initiating work on some major themes (e.g., Recommendation 3.4.1 regarding FAIR data, Recommendations 3.4.2 – 3.4.9 regarding semantic infrastructure, etc.). It also includes the setting in motion of work regarding considering interoperability as part of the ISO standardization process (3.1.9) and making further progress on interoperability testing (3.1.10). Horizon 2 should also see major progress in the joint landscaping work proposed in General Recommendation 3.1.5.

**Horizon 3** is primarily about continuing the recommendation implementation and standardization processes begun in Horizon 2 and building upon the semantic infrastructure and associated standardization also merging from it. An important aspect of Horizon 3 should also be the ongoing evaluation of the established processes to determine whether they are sufficient to achieve the goals of FAIR data, whether all necessary stakeholders have been considered (especially smallholders), and whether work is being done at the right points with the right intensity to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals through standardization.
3 SAG Recommendations

3.1 General Recommendations to the ISO/TMB

General Recommendation 3.1.1: SAG SF Report and Recommendations

The SAG recommends that the ISO/TMB accept the report and recommendations of the SAG as presented in this document and its annexes and make them publicly available.

General Recommendation 3.1.2: ISO Smart Farming Landscape

The SAG recommends that the ISO/TMB accept the landscape assessment as presented using the capability/maturity model in clause 4.3 and make this landscape publicly available on ISO’s website.

Gap / Rationale

- Access to the findings can benefit the entire global agricultural community. Digital agriculture practitioners have a long history of “reinventing the wheel” regarding data and data standards, in great part due to not knowing what already exists, and not understanding what may be standardized soon.

General Recommendation 3.1.3: Communication and Promotion of SAG-SF results and Agrifood Systems Standardization

The SAG recommends that the ISO Communications Department develop and implement a communications plan in collaboration with the Smart Farming Coordinating Committee (see General Recommendation 3.1.4) to promote the work of the SAG SF, agrifood systems, and corresponding standards and proposed infrastructure.

Gap / Rationale

- Planning and implementing a long-range Communication Plan can help generate interest and participation in future ISO Smart Farming standards development efforts.

- This extends to communication with smallholder farmers to help them not only use the data for their farming practices but to also understand the collective value of their data.

- The recommendation also includes putting in place mechanisms to request feedback from standards user communities regarding the standards they use, their usability, etc. as a way of enriching the results of the standardization process.
General Recommendation 3.1.4: ISO Smart Farming Coordinating Committee

The SAG recommends that the ISO/TMB establish an ISO Smart Farming Coordinating Committee (SFCC).

Terms of reference:

- Oversee the implementation of ISO/TMB SAG-SF General Recommendations 3.1.6, 3.1.7 and 3.1.8.
- Identify cases of coordination needed among various ISO committees on new or existing projects
- Make recommendations to the committees and/or ISO/TMB for action.
- Work with ISO Communications on the implementation of ISO/TMB SAG-SF General Recommendation 3.1.3
- Pursue families-based methodology for finding intra-standard gaps. (Clause 6.3.3)
  - The way this could take place is that, consulting with TC211 and other TCs as needed, the proposed Technical Committee on Data-Driven Agrifood Systems identify different families of standards that primarily involve measuring things (e.g., TC34 and TC93 analytics standards) as per Clause 6.3.3, and apply a battery of questions to test them for smart-farming-readiness / FAIR data, including:
    - Samples are identified uniquely, and instructions are provided for parameters (e.g., depth below ground at which a soil sample is taken) and the metadata that should accompany the sample.
    - The use of controlled vocabularies of observed properties (this topic is covered in Recommendation 3.4.2)
    - The use of controlled vocabularies of analytical methods.
    - The use of controlled vocabulary for codes representing units of measure.
- Advise the ISO Central Secretariat on ISO interfaces with external organizations in relation to Smart Farming
- SFCC Membership: Chairs and Committee Managers of ISO committees relevant to Smart Farming (see the SAG-SF Consultative Group listing)
- SFCC Leadership: Convenor: To be chosen from among the SFCC members, allowing for the rotation on a regular basis to representatives of the other committees
- Secretary: To be provided by ISO staff
- Duration: Ongoing

Gap / Rationale

- The development of ISO smart-farming digital agriculture standards requires precise coordination among a diverse set of stakeholders, including committees
in ISO and other standardization bodies to ensure both semantic and syntactic interoperability. A steering committee can ensure that conflicts and confusion in standardization and harmonization within ISO are avoided.

- Inconsistent implementation of standards (by market actors) reduces the impact of those standards and causes confusion in the market.
- There are many ISO standards, for example, in TC 34 and TC 93, that define a substance or product, then define properties of those substances or products (e.g., the starch content of barley, or the sugar content of royal jelly), the sampling and analytical methods used to obtain a value for the properties, and then acceptable ranges for those values. These standards currently do not emphasize the digitization of the data and metadata involved in these observations and measurements. This limits the smart-farming-readiness of these standards, but also presents an opportunity in the context of ISO 19156 / 7673-2. Coordination is needed in order to efficiently effect the necessary changes.

**General Recommendation 3.1.5: External Coordination**

The SAG recommends that the ISO/TMB work together with the IEC and the ITU-T to establish a Joint Smart Farming Landscape Group (JSFLG).

**Terms of reference:**

- Develop and maintain a comprehensive Smart Farming standards landscape document across ISO, IEC and ITU-T, and if possible with other relevant global standards developing organizations (for example, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Codex Alimentarius, the Institute of Electric and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), etc.)
- This landscape would include initiatives, standards, and terms / definitions maintained by each organization.
- Take into account the results of the ISO/TMB SAG-SF landscape and the ITU-T landscape document under development by the ITU-T Focus Group on "Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) for Digital Agriculture" (FG-AI4A).
- Promote cooperation and coordination across organizations developing relevant global standards and make recommendations to the appropriate parties (e.g., ISO/TMB, IEC/SMB, ITU-T TSAG).
  - Coordination needs could refer to initiatives, standards, and terms / definitions.
Examples of coordination topics include Cybersecurity (the object of ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC27, yet very significant to food security), electrification (e.g., electrical farm vehicles), on-farm electric power generation, and rural broadband (a necessary condition for successful adoption of many of the technologies described in this report).

- Duration: Ongoing

**Gap / Rationale**

Other organizations, such as IEC and ITU-T have either completed, or have underway, standards projects which address some of the challenges in smart farming. A shared standards landscape will enable strategic planning across the different organizations, reduce overlapping efforts and abate confusion in the marketplace.

**General Recommendation 3.1.6: New Committees**

The SAG recommends that the ISO/TMB advance the suggestions on the creation of new committees as presented in clause 3.2 of this report.

Furthermore, it is recommended that the ISO/TMB SFCC (see General Recommendation 3.1.4) oversee the implementation of these suggestions on behalf of the ISO/TMB.

**Gap / Rationale**

- Bringing smart farming to scale requires coordinated work across the agrifood system value chain. Inconsistent implementation of standards reduces the likelihood of adoption by market actors and causes confusion in the industry.

**General Recommendation 3.1.7: Internal Coordination**

The SAG recommends that the ISO/TMB accept the suggestions on internal coordination of existing ISO projects as presented in Clause 3.3 of this report.

Furthermore, it is recommended that the ISO/TMB SFCC (see Recommendation 4) oversee the implementation of these suggestions on behalf of the ISO/TMB.

**Gap / Rationale**

- Bringing smart farming to scale requires coordinated work across the Agrifood system value chain. Inconsistent implementation of standards reduces the likelihood of adoption by market actors and causes confusion in the industry.
General Recommendation 3.1.8: New Data-Driven Agrifood Standards and Other Deliverables

The SAG recommends that the ISO/TMB accept the suggestions on possible new ISO Smart Farming deliverables as presented in Clause 3.4 of this report.

Furthermore, it is recommended that the ISO/TMB SFCC (see General Recommendation 3.1.4) oversee the implementation of these suggestions on behalf of the ISO/TMB.

General Recommendation 3.1.9: Standards Interoperability

The SAG recommends that the ISO/TMB explore the development of directives and procedures:

- For committees to assess and address the interoperability of their standards with other related ISO standards, during the development of new standards and in the review and revision of existing standards, and

- Provide guidance, in cooperation with ISO/DEVCO (given the importance of this subject area for developing countries), for committees and ISO national standards bodies to engage the relevant stakeholders from within their countries and from other global standards-developing organizations in future ISO standards development related to data-driven agrifood systems in general and smart farming in particular. Appropriate stakeholder categories may include:
  - Companies (for example, crop input manufacturers, distributors, retailers; manufacturers of agricultural, irrigation, sensors; providers of environmental and remote sensing data and services, processors, food companies)
  - Government/regulators
  - Producers (large, medium and small farmers / smallholders), buyers, advisors, test labs
  - Grocery stores, restaurants, consumers
  - Organizations that have regular contact with stakeholders (e.g., smallholders) that would otherwise be inaccessible, such as the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), national agricultural research and extension services, and FAO.

- To instruct committees developing standards in this subject area to have a standing agenda item at their annual plenary meetings in which participating members will share their experiences, challenges and best practices on engaging this range of stakeholders (especially smallholders) in their national mirror committees.
**Gap / Rationale:**

- Traditional liaisons among committees or joint working groups and directives on the drafting of ISO standards may not be sufficient to ensure interoperability between or among standards.
- Future ISO standards related to smart farming will need to engage specialized experts not currently engaged in ISO standards development, including small and medium sized enterprises.

**General Recommendation 3.1.10: Enable User Implementation Interoperability**

The SAG SF recommends that ISO put into place mechanisms, including a cooperative framework with other standards development organizations, governments and agrifood sector stakeholder communities, to enable users to ensure interoperability in their implementation of ISO agrifood-related standards. These mechanisms can take the shape of:

- user communities which ISO can enable and collaborate with
- third-party conformity assessment schemes/programme
- guidance (e.g., in the form of implementation standards and guidelines for self-assessment)
- and simple, inexpensive software tools

**Gap / Rationale**

Maintaining effective implementation interoperability requires an ongoing conformance validation effort. Examples:

- AEF’s Plugfest system for ISO 11783
- ISO TR 28380 Health informatics - IHE global standards adoption

The challenge is to keep a validation system *inexpensive* enough so that even small players can participate.

Explore ways to make self-declaration (i.e. 1st party attestations) viable and practical (e.g., accompanied by integration partner attestations) by accommodating it in the standardization process.
3.2 Recommendations for New ISO Committees

Recommendation 3.2.1: Technical Committee on Data-Driven Agrifood Systems

The SAG-SF recommends that the ISO/TMB implement the process to consider forming a Technical Committee to develop and maintain standards in the field of **Data-Driven Agrifood Systems**

**Terms of Reference:**

- The scope is the big-picture, data-driven, principled-decision-making, multi-objective optimization *perspective* of smart farming, not currently covered anywhere else within the ISO structure.

Recommend liaisons with:

- TC 34 Food Products
  - SC 17 Management Systems for Food Safety (and others)
- TC 207 Environmental Management
- TC 331 SC 2 Biodiversity: Measurement, data, monitoring and assessment
- TC 184 (Automation systems and integration)
- JTC 1 SC 41 (IoT and Digital Twin)
- TC 23 SC 19 (Agricultural electronics)
- TC 154 (Processes, data elements and documents in commerce, industry, and administration)

**Gap / Rationale**

While ISO has multiple Technical Committees and Subcommittees whose work intersects the agrifood systems domain, its current approach is insufficient to provide a comprehensive planning and management perspective that supports data-driven principled decision making in the multi-objective context of Smart Farming.

This lack of a big-picture view poses two key problems:

1. In the absence of an agrifood-data-specific TC there would not be a source for ongoing direction for the Coordination Committee (Proposed in Gen. Rec. 3.1.4).
2. There will be an increasing number of data-related standards in the future; fitting them into the current ISO structure will be suboptimal, as it will tend to place the standards in TCs / SCs that lack a high concentration of agricultural data expertise.
Note that the proposal is for a TC in “Data-Driven Agrifood Systems” as opposed to a TC on “Smart Farming”. The proposed naming is deliberate, explained in Clause 1.2.

Recommendation 3.2.2: Agrisemantics Working Group
The SAG recommends that the proposed TC on Data-Driven Agrifood Systems create a working group on **Agrisemantics** (see Glossary entry in Annex F).

**Terms of Reference:**

- Quickly develop the standards described in recommendations 3.4.2 – 3.4.9.
- Provide continuing expertise and standards development and maintenance associated with semantic infrastructure, semantic resources contained therein, and other relevant Agrisemantics topics.
- Proposed placement is under the proposed TC on Data-Driven Agrifood Systems

**Gap / Rationale:**

Agrisemantics plays a key role in preserving the meaning of data and consequently, making data FAIR. The need for expertise and standards work on this topic will only increase over time. That being said, there is a need for quick implementation of the standards in Recommendations 3.4.2 - 3.4.9, hence the recommendation for the agrisemantics topic to be initially covered by a working group. This could change over time to a subcommittee if demand justifies it.

Recommendation 3.2.3: Subcommittee on Sustainability Models, Metrics and Data
The SAG recommends that the proposed TC on Data-Driven Agrifood Systems create a sub-committee on **Sustainability Models, Metrics and Data**.

**Terms of Reference:**

Broadly, the Subcommittee scope is to enable the development of environmental, economic, and social sustainability models for agrifood systems through data.

- Enable standardization of the inputs (i.e., observations and measurements) and outputs of models used to assess sustainability of agrifood systems or parts thereof, including data models, standardized data exchange messages, and the semantic infrastructure (e.g., data type registry and controlled vocabularies) necessary to support them.
• The scope of this subcommittee includes:
  o Standardizing, jointly with the Agrisemantics Working Group, the different aspects of observations and measurements (features of interest, observed properties, etc.) applicable to sustainability
  o Standardizing the inputs and outputs of simulation models used in the sustainability domain, since these variables fit the data model of observations and measurements and the user community would benefit from having their definitions available through a data type registry.
  o Enable prioritization through the formalization of sustainability indicators (variables) and machine-actionable methods for representing prioritization.
• Proposed placement is under the proposed TC on Data-Driven Agrifood Systems

Recommended liaisons with:
  • TC 207 (Environmental Management)
  • TC 34 SC 17 (Management systems for food safety)
  • TC 331 SC 2 (Biodiversity: measurement, data, monitoring and assessment)
  • TC 184 (Automation systems and Integration)

Gap / Rationale:
One of the key challenges in sustainable agriculture is how to prioritize, measure and report sustainability problem(s), how to implement changes and how to measure the impact(s) when those changes are made. Where measurements or model results do exist today, they are hard to scale, intercompare / interoperate with / use.

When possible and feasible, direct measurements of indicators (i.e., variables) of concern are preferred. However, when direct measurements are not feasible or possible (especially at scale) then surrogate measurements and/or simulation models that are properly calibrated and validated should be used.

There is standardization work to do here that will likely translate into an ongoing effort of identifying properties / variables / indicators of interest, standardizing their definition, standardizing models and machine-actionable descriptions thereof, and so forth.

Recommendation 3.2.4: Subcommittee on Greenhouse, Controlled Environment, and Urban Farming
The SAG recommends that the TC on Data-Driven Agrifood Systems create a subcommittee to create and manage urban and controlled-environment farming-related data interoperability standards.
Terms of reference

- Proposed placement is under the proposed Technical Committee on Data-Driven Agrifood Systems
- Dual scope:
  - Data modelling, representation and exchange standards required for the operational and technological aspects of farming in controlled environments such as hydroponics, aquaponics, aeroponics, etc.
  - Data modelling, representation and exchange standards that can support re-use of urban/industrial land for agricultural purposes (e.g., measurement of pollutants in re-used soil) as far as they are not available yet.
- Recommended liaisons with:
  - JTC1 SC 41 (Internet of things and digital twin)
  - TC 23 SC 19 (Agricultural electronics)
  - TC 34 (Food products), especially regarding food safety
  - TC 268 (Sustainable cities and communities)
  - TC 274 (Light and lighting)
  - TC 184 (Automation systems and integration)
  - TC 299 (Robotics)
  - TC 190 (Soil Quality) especially for the second scope point.

Gap / rationale

Greenhouse, controlled-environment and urban farming (domains loosely represented by Figure 4) are not represented directly within ISO; neither in their operational and technological aspects, which blend automation, control, and agronomy, nor in their social aspects that pertain to land use/allocation in urban settings. Moreover, emerging methods for managing these environments rely on the models and the idea of a digital twin; the combination of these reasons suggests that establishing a long-term pool of expertise on these topics is necessary, including the necessary liaisons (e.g., with JTC 1 SC 41 for digital twin).

![Figure 4: Landscape of Greenhouse, Controlled Environment and Urban Farming.](image)
Recommendation 3.2.5: Subcommittee on Livestock Activities Data Management

The SAG recommends that the Technical Committee on Data-Driven Agrifood Systems create a subcommittee on **Livestock Activities Data Management**.

**Terms of Reference**

The purpose of this proposed subcommittee is to create and manage livestock data interoperability standards, especially related to the tracking and management of individual animal and herd activities (e.g., feeding, movement, diseases, etc.)

Recommended liaisons with:

- TC 34 / SC 5 (Milk and milk products)
- TC 34 / SC 6 (Meat, poultry, fish, eggs and their products)
- TC 34 / SC 10 (Animal feeding stuffs)

**Gap / Rationale**

- Livestock production is a resource-intensive endeavour. Optimizing resource use through standards is a straightforward opportunity to advance SDGs (e.g., 12).
- Requirements and specifications for livestock and dairy data exchange are important not only at the commercial and scientific level, but to provide harmonization to enable governments to ensure and improve productivity. This is only possible through international standards development.
- TC 34 has subcommittees (5, 6 and 10) that create standards related to livestock. However, these standards focus primarily on the determination of properties of products or substances (e.g., milk, rennet). There is no group within ISO that focuses on managing animals or herds (beyond TC23/ SC19 work on RFID identification).
- It is important to emphasize that animal and herd management is an increasingly data-intensive activity, hence its proposed placement under the proposed TC on Data-driven Agrifood Systems.

Recommendation 3.2.6: Enabling a Delegation Model of Technology Adoption

The SAG-SF recommends that the Technical Committee on Data-Driven Agri-food Systems proposed under Recommendation 3.2.1 consider the Delegation Model presented in the rationale below when working on the initiatives proposed under Recommendations 3.2.2, 3.2.3 and 3.2.4.
The new TC is therefore encouraged, when implementing Recommendations 3.2.2, 3.2.3 and 3.2.4, to consider the emergence of specialists who would be engaged by producers to act on their behalf, as distinct from, and in addition to, producers obtaining such expertise from technology vendors.

Specific considerations the proposed TC might consider is how to facilitate and optimise the work of professional service providers deploying the delegation model, in terms of standards, interoperability and outcome optimisation, especially for smallholder farmers where such a model can potentially provide significantly improved outcomes from agricultural technology adoption.

**Gap / Rationale:**

Agricultural technology adoption can be imagined in terms two approaches:

- **Competency transfer model:** The common approach is based on producers acquiring expertise to help them make optimal decisions in agricultural technology adoption and value extraction, based on training, mentoring, coaching, consulting, or other methods of skills enhancement.
  
  - This approach is the “competency transfer model” and moves expertise to the person with the need to fulfil or problem to solve.

- **Delegation model**, which moves the need or problem to the person with the expertise. This less common approach is based on farmers and growers delegating the outcomes they want to achieve to experts, as with the tradespeople and professions mentioned above.
  
  - This approach is the “delegation model” and moves the need or problem to the person with the expertise.

Whereas producers, including smallholder farmers, delegate the remedying of complex problems to sophisticated specialists such as electricians, diesel mechanics, agronomists and veterinarians, there is a lack of similar specialists in agricultural technology in general, and data management in particular, to whom producers can delegate responsibility to achieve the producers’ desired outcomes. This impacts the ability of many, typically smaller producers to derive the full value of data-driven opportunities.
3.3 Recommendations for Internal Coordination

**Recommendation 3.3.1: Coordination with TC 211**

- Establish a mechanism whereby TCs that create / manage standards associated with Observations and Measurements data are made fully aware of the potential of the standards created by TC 211.
- For this purpose, ISO might consider creating training materials (e.g., a series of short videos) to show both experts involved in standards-making on non-211 TCs, as well as digital agriculture practitioners, how to use the ISO 191XX series of standards.

**Gaps / Rationale**

- TC 211 has created, largely through a collaboration with the Open Geospatial Consortium, a series of standards (ISO 191XX) related to geographical data and its representation. Much of the data created in agriculture has a geographical component and fits the TC 211 model well. Moreover, another large fraction of agriculture-adjacent data that one might not automatically associate with geographical data such as that pertaining to manufacturing processes, can still fit the model, referencing assets such as machinery, methods of data capture, etc. as the observations’ feature of interest.
- Of particular importance is standard ISO 19156 related to Observations and Measurements. This abstract standard, and a corresponding agricultural implementation standard being pursued in TC 23 SC/19 WG 1, NWIP 7673-2, provide a model for representing observations and measurements that are pervasive in agriculture. These range from scouting of field conditions to soil and plant tissue laboratory test results, to the conditions of assets such as scales and grain dryers.

**Recommendation 3.3.2: Coordination with JTC 1 SC 41**

- Establish a mechanism whereby TCs that create / manage agronomic or other smart-farming-related standards associated with digital twins are made fully aware of the potential of the standards created by JTC 1 SC 41.
- For this purpose, ISO might consider creating training materials (e.g., a series of short videos) to show both experts involved in standards-making on non-1 JTCs, as well as digital agriculture practitioners in general, how to use the series of standards created by JTC 1 SC 41.
- Explore how JTC 1 SC 41 reference architecture can contribute to a reference architecture for Smart Farming (See Recommendations 3.4.10 and 3.4.11), at least to the IoT and Digital Twin – related capabilities therein.
Gaps / Rationale

IoT Networks

- IoT (the “Internet of Things”) is a pervasive source of Observations and Measurements data in agriculture (e.g., weather data, soil water content, grain scales, sensors in commodity storage /drying assets, etc.)
- Management of IoT networks in agriculture is currently mostly ad-hoc and messy at best. As a result, there is a growing number of networks of vulnerable, difficult-to-service devices being installed in the field.
- JTC 1 SC 41 has done much work on this topic.
- IoT device metadata management at scale is also a limiting factor for agricultural applications of IoT
  - NWIP 7673-2 includes metadata management component, but only pertaining to data model aspects.

Digital Twin

- Simulation of crop eco-physiological processes is a core capability in smart farming
- Doing this at scale is extremely complex. Challenges include:
  - Managing multiple sets of model input data, e.g., for Monte Carlo analysis.
  - Model calibration and sensitivity analysis
  - Model validation
  - Data fusion at different scales

JTC 1 SC 41 has already done work on the digital twin topic. While this work is not specific to plant growth and development, it may be applicable to the management of ecophysiological simulation model parameters.

Recommendation 3.3.3: Coordination with ISO/TC 154

- Establish a mechanism whereby TCs that create / manage smart farming-related standards associated with trade facilitation including, notably, supply chain data standards, are made fully aware of the potential of the standards created by TC 154.
- For this purpose, ISO might consider creating training materials (e.g., video) to introduce both experts involved in standards-making, as well as digital agriculture practitioners in general, to the range of TC 154-managed standards, which may prove useful to them.
- Consider whether any TC 154-managed standards should be promoted in smart farming-related work (e.g., ISO 8601).

Gaps / Rationale
Many agriculture processes and data requirements are unique to the industry. However, many smart farming practitioners are inclined to assume agriculture-industry uniqueness in areas where there is in fact shared process and data characteristics across industries. Such assumptions can lead to "reinvent-the-wheel" scenarios. ISO/TC 154 coordination should reduce the occurrence or severity of some scenarios.

One challenging data-continuity issue in agriculture occurs at the intersection of input supply chain and field operations. From a systems perspective, this is the intersection of ERP / accounting / logistics systems and farm management information systems and/or farm equipment. While smart farming systems and related data management initially focused on field operations, addressing the intersection with input supply chain is becoming increasingly important. Coordination with TC 154 will not provide immediate solutions, but TC 154 has experts that can assist in leveraging the rich set of supply chain-related standards to work toward solutions in a steady and low-risk manner.

### 3.4 Recommendations for New Data-Driven Agrifood Standards and Other Deliverables

Several of the following recommendations for new standards are related; Figure 5 below describes the relationships among them.

![Figure 5: Relationships among semantic infrastructure-related proposed standards (Recs. 3.4.2 - 3.4.9).]
**Recommendation 3.4.1: FAIR Data Principles**

The SAG recommends that ISO launch a project to develop an international standard(s) for assessing the conformance of data, data exchange, and data exchange processes to the principles of findability, accessibility, interoperability, and reusability (FAIR).

This could be implemented either horizontally by Technical Committees as coordinated by the SFCC or within ISO/CASCO in accordance with the World Trade Organization Code of Conduct for the Preparation, Adoption, and Application of Standards.

**Gap / Rationale**

The FAIR principles (Wilkinson et al., 2016) are relatively new, but have become internationally recognized as an important mechanism for maximizing the value of data. The SAG-SF used FAIR as a proxy for assessing the smart-farming-readiness of a given standard; i.e., if the data produced / consumed / modified / exchanged by a system based on that standard is FAIR, then the standard is assumed to be smart-farming ready. The problem, however, is that there does not currently exist a standard for assessing the conformance of data, data exchange, and data exchange processes to the FAIR principles.

Note 1: Implementing FAIR principles is necessary but not sufficient. These principles were developed in the context of publicly funded research data; in a commercial context, data still must be findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable, but in a way that respects data ownership, intellectual property rights, business models, etc.

Note 2: Consistent with the previous note, FAIR data is not the same as “open” data; the latter implies free access to all; the former does not.

**Recommendation 3.4.2: Data Type Registry (Semantic Infrastructure)**

Develop and share a standard that defines and enables the sharing of agricultural data type definitions thorough appropriate data type registries, manifested as APIs, SPARQL endpoints, and other similar technologies. The definitions themselves can follow the model laid out in CD 7673-2 and the registries can follow patterns laid out in ISO 19135 for administration and governance.

**Gaps / rationale**

Preserving the meaning of data in agriculture is an ongoing problem; agricultural management processes are plagued by the use of metadata-poor comma-separated-values (CSV) files and similar formats. This problem is compounded by the usual absence of unit of measure codes in the data, and, especially in the case of observations & measurements.
data, in data formats' inability to capture parameters (such as the depth below ground at which a soil sample is taken) and other semantic refinements.

There is work currently in progress in TC 23 SC 19 WG 1 to produce an implementation standard for observations and measurements (CD 7673-2). While this work should provide a generalized model for data-type definitions, these definitions are only useful if they are shared widely across the industry.

**Recommendation 3.4.3: Model and Controlled Vocabulary of Crops**

- Develop a standard to define a data model for the concept of "crop", representing an extended, albeit analogous version to the machine-oriented idea presented in ISO 11783-10. This standard would recognize (at least) the following aspects of a crop:
  - Botanical component (e.g., one or more botanical taxa)
  - Refinement component: non-taxonomic physical and physiological features of the organism, as well as other attributes that may contextualize it in the food system (e.g., bearing a specific trait/gene, or not suitable for human consumption)
  - Intended use component (e.g., fresh / processing)
  - Geopolitical context
- Enable a controlled vocabulary of these crop objects to be stored inside a registry. Make this available to the public in the form of machine-actionable data, through an electronic registry (e.g., a RESTful API). This implies of creating a relationship with an organization that can host this registry and establish an architecture and governance system as per ISO 19135.
- Help put in place the community to govern the vocabulary
  - There exists a precedent for a similar effort, established by the Verband Deutscher Maschinen- und Anlagenbau (VDMA) to deliver a human-readable data dictionary for the ISO 11783 standard (see www.isobus.net). However, in order to enable smart farming at scale, we propose that the data are made machine-readable and machine-actionable.
  - It is important to recognize that there will be geopolitical context – dependent variations. This semantic infrastructure is meant to be a reference to which other systems can map. The registry should include mechanisms for actors to assert/manage relationships among different entries.
- This standard should be considered a candidate for the IEC-ISO Standards Machine Applicable Readable and Transferable (SMART) program.
Gaps / Rationale

- The inability to unambiguously communicate something as fundamental as the crop being grown on a piece of land severely limits the ability of actors within the industry to exchange data electronically.

- There is a controlled vocabulary of tens of thousands of plant, animal, and pathogen species managed by the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO). These “EPPO Codes” are distributed with a very workable license model that enables users to house the vocabulary in their own systems, and exchange data using these codes in a royalty-free way. Moreover, there exist mechanisms for adding codes to the vocabularies.

- Agricultural reality, though, is that the idea of “crop” represents more than just the botanical / taxonomic component being expressible through an EPPO code. In addition to the botanical component, the idea of a crop also includes refinements that transcend the merely botanical; for example, whether the plants involved are genetically modified, or the type of an otherwise taxonomically equivalent tomato (e.g., round tomatoes, plum tomatoes and cherry tomatoes are considered different crops in many jurisdictions, even if they refer to the same species).

- The intended use of the crop (e.g., grain corn vs silage; fresh vs processing tomatoes, etc.) is also relevant for the producer to properly manage the allocation of land to different uses required by contracts, etc.

Recommendation 3.4.4: Controlled Vocabulary of Phenological Stages

- Develop a standard for a controlled vocabulary and set of machine-readable codes to represent the phenological stages of major food, feed and fiber crops and their pests (e.g., insects).
  - Organize these vocabularies hierarchically by crop (e.g., the phenological stages of maize will be different from those of cotton)
  - Consider an existing dataset such as BBCH as a starting point.
  - Include labels in different languages
  - Note that this is essentially a data type definition, which could be delivered through a data type registry as described in a previous recommendation.

- Deliver the standard through a registry established via a cooperative agreement with another organization

- Help put in place the community to govern the vocabulary
  - There is a precedent for a similar effort, established by the VDMA to deliver a human-readable data dictionary for the ISO 11783 standard (see
The difference is that, in order to enable smart farming at scale, we propose that the data are made machine-readable and machine-actionable.

**Gaps / Rationale**

Many important crop management decisions, especially in crop protection, are contextualized and driven in no small part by the phenological (i.e., development) stage of the crop, and the life stage (“instar”) of observed pests on those crops. While there exist regional variations in the scales used to represent phenological stages, there is prior work on standardizing development scales and codes in a way that lends itself to mapping between these codes and their regional equivalents. Of particular note is the BBCH set of scales available at [http://www.reterurale.it/downloads/BBCH_engl_2001.pdf](http://www.reterurale.it/downloads/BBCH_engl_2001.pdf)

**Recommendation 3.4.5: Controlled Vocabulary of Field Operations**

- Develop a standard controlled vocabulary for different types of field operations (e.g., planting, harvest, tillage).
  - Organize it hierarchically (e.g., disking is a sub-type of tillage)
  - Include geopolitical-context-dependence in this registry, because some field operations may be specific to particular region(s).
  - Include labels in different languages
  - Note that this is essentially a data type definition, which could be delivered through a data type registry as described in a previous recommendation.

- Deliver the standard through a registry established via a cooperative agreement with another organization

- Help put in place the community to govern the vocabulary
  - There is a precedent for a similar effort, established by the VDMA to deliver a human-readable data dictionary for the ISO 11783 standard (see [www.isobus.net](http://www.isobus.net)). The difference is that, in order to enable smart farming at scale, we propose that the data are made machine-readable and machine-actionable.

- This standard should be considered a candidate for the IEC-ISO Standards Machine Applicable Readable and Transferable (SMART) program.

**Gap / Rationale**

- Under the general umbrella of “you can’t manage what you can’t measure”, there is increasing emphasis being placed in the calculation of resource (energy, carbon, water, soil)
footprints for agricultural processes. Field operations such as tillage tend to have large resource footprints: tillage involves dragging a mechanical implement through the soil, thus consuming large amounts of energy; it also has implications on the susceptibility of the soil to erosion, entails the loss of soil moisture, etc.

- While there are models that allow calculating the energy consumption associated with different types of field operations (e.g., the Soil Tillage Intensity Rating, STIR associated with the Revised Soil Loss Equation, RUSLE used by USDA), this calculation cannot be performed at scale if there are no mechanisms in place for the unambiguous, automated identification of the different kinds of tillage (and, more broadly, agricultural-field operations-related) implements.

**Recommendation 3.4.6: Standard machine-actionable set of units of measure codes**

- Develop a standard or technical specification that provides an unambiguous set of machine-readable codes for units of measure, as well as rules and syntax for the composition thereof.
- Deliver the standard through a registry established via a cooperative agreement with another organization
- Help put in place the community to govern the vocabulary
  - There is a precedent for a similar effort, established by the VDMA to deliver a human-readable data dictionary for the ISO 11783 standard (see [www.isobus.net](http://www.isobus.net)). The difference is that, in order to enable smart farming at scale, we propose that the data are made machine-readable and machine-actionable.

- This standard should be considered a candidate for the IEC-ISO Standards Machine Applicable Readable and Transferable (SMART) program.

**Gap / Rationale**

- Codes for units of measure in agriculture are not used or shared consistently. This leads to interoperability problems. The problem becomes more complex when laboratory measurements are involved.
- It is important to note that there is a profusion of units of measure in regular use in agriculture and food industry, and that a system that enables users to make combinations of existing units is highly desirable. For example, to combine basic units of mass or volume and units of area to represent a crop yield per area, etc.
- There already exist mechanisms for doing this. On one hand, ISO 80000 defines a comprehensive system of units of measure. An example of the creation of code systems, the Universal Code for Units of Measure (UCUM) has the capability to provide codes that can be compounded.
Recommendation 3.4.7: Nonstandard unit of measure conversions

- Develop guidelines for how to convert among units of measure that require ancillary information.

- This standard should be considered a candidate for an IEC-ISO Standards Machine Applicable Readable and Transferable (SMART) standard.

Rationale

Conversion among different units of measure is a common practice in agriculture. This is relatively straightforward when the units of measure involved exist in the same dimension, such as converting a value expressed in grams to kilograms. However, there are additional levels of complexity associated with conversions typically found in agricultural laboratory work, where the conversions cannot occur without additional information. Two agricultural examples:

- Conversions of concentrations that require knowing the molecular weight of the analyte.
- Conversions frequently used when making fertility recommendations, where concentrations (e.g., parts per million) are converted to a unit of mass per unit area. This conversion requires knowledge of the bulk density of the soil, the depth of soil represented by the sample, etc.

These conversions are often poorly understood and performed incorrectly by practitioners.

Recommendation 3.4.8: Active Ingredient Reference Data

- Develop a standard or guideline for representing the active ingredients of crop protection products in a machine-readable way.
- Deliver the standard through a registry established via a cooperative agreement with another organization
- Help put in place the community to govern the vocabulary
  - There is a precedent for a similar effort, established by the VDMA to deliver a human-readable data dictionary for the ISO 11783 standard (see www.isobus.net). The difference is that, in order to enable smart farming at scale, we propose that the data are made machine-readable and machine-actionable.

- This standard should be considered a candidate for the IEC-ISO Standards Machine Applicable Readable and Transferable (SMART) program.
Rationale
As the pressure on producers grows to farm sustainably and in compliance with ever more complex regulations, it becomes increasingly important for the producers to accurately document their use of seed, crop protection and crop nutrition products. This is made very difficult by the lack of uniformity in product identification, and by a lack of standardization of in-field data capture.

Recommendation 3.4.9: Crop Input Product Label Reference Data
- Develop a standard for machine-actionable seed / crop protection / crop nutrition product label information regarding composition and instructions / limitations for use.
- This standard should build on the controlled vocabularies proposed in Recommendations 3.4.3, 3.4.4, 3.4.5, 3.4.6, 3.4.7.
- Provide guidelines for implementation of a registry to deliver product reference data.
- This standard should be considered a candidate for the IEC-ISO Standards Machine Applicable Readable and Transferable (SMART) program.

Rationale
As digital agriculture tools get more complex, the need to provide automated advice and warnings on the planned use of a given crop nutrition product increases. There is currently no widely accepted way of expressing product use constraints (e.g., buffer zones, maximum annual active ingredient loads, maximum annual number of applications, crop rotation limitations, etc.) in machine-actionable form. Label data is complex, and the restrictions and directions for use contained therein are typically dependent on crop, pest, phenological stage (of both the crop and the pest), soil type, and geopolitical context (e.g., country). The value of label data to data-driven agrifood systems is maximized if the data are standardized and machine-readable and consistent in that the vocabularies used for the abovementioned attributes are also standardized and machine-readable.

Note: Unlike other reference data mentioned in previous recommendations (e.g., crop, phenological stages), which are relatively infrequently changing and for which it could be reasonably expected to have the data hosted by an industry association or other non-profit organization operating in a pre-competitive space, delivering product reference data is often a for-profit endeavor given that the data are relatively frequently-changing, geopolitical-context-dependent, and require maintenance and upkeep. For this reason, efforts are likely best expended in publishing guidelines for how to stand up a standardized reference data API or other mechanism to access the data, rather than attempt to publish it through a central system.
Recommendation 3.4.10: International workshop for reference architecture in Smart Farming.

- Convene an international workshop to initiate work on a standard for a reference architecture to describe generic smart farming data system characteristics, a conceptual model, a reference model and a number of architectural views aligned with the architecture descriptions defined in ISO/IEC/IEEE 42010.

- The Smart Farming Reference Architecture should outline what the overall structured approach for the construction of smart farming data systems shall be by providing an architectural structure framework. In short, the proposed reference architecture will provide guidance for the architect developing a smart farming data system and aims to give a better understanding of such systems to the stakeholders thereof, including device manufacturers, application developers, customers and users.

- This effort should have the SAG-SF capability model as its starting point. This effort should be followed by the development of a data model (see Recommendation 3.4.11).

Gap / Rationale:

Contemporary data-driven agriculture in general, and smart farming in particular, can be imagined as a system of systems requiring extensive data exchange both within and among systems. Interoperability (and FAIR in general) become especially challenging in this situation in the absence of standardized capabilities and interfaces. A reference architecture enables standardization thereof.

The variety of stakeholders in smart farming is very broad, and only a small subset of them are currently represented as ISO experts. While this is one of the motivations for Recommendation 3.2.1 (the proposed new TC), convening an international workshop would enable reaching a wider audience, both for their input to the critically important idea of a reference architecture for Smart Farming, but also as a mechanism for kickstarting, and recruiting experts to the TC for Data-Driven Agrifood Systems through exposure to ISO and its processes.

Note: Clause 1.2 presented a rationale for why the SAG-SF broadened its scope beyond smart farming to data-driven agrifood systems. In that light it may seem counter-intuitive to convene a workshop and create a reference architecture standard for smart farming, but the current global context requires a bold approach to growing and processing food; enabling the decision support and optimization aspects of smart farming.
farming along with the broader data-driven aspects of agrifood systems seems appropriate.

Recommendation 3.4.11: Standard for reference architecture for Smart Farming

- Develop, following the international workshop described in 3.4.10, a standard for a reference architecture to describe generic smart farming data system characteristics, a conceptual model, a reference model and a number of architectural views aligned with the architecture descriptions defined in ISO/IEC/IEEE 42010, and following the initial work of recommendation 3.4.10.

- We recommend that this standard be developed by the proposed Technical Committee on Data-Driven Agrifood Systems, in consultation with JTC 1 SC 41, and patterned after ISO/IEC 30141:2018 (Internet of Things (IoT) — Reference Architecture) developed by that subcommittee.

  Gap / Rationale

  Contemporary data-driven agriculture in general, and smart farming in particular, can be imagined as a system of systems requiring extensive data exchange both within and among systems. Interoperability (and FAIR in general) become especially challenging in this situation in the absence of standardized capabilities and interfaces. A reference architecture enables standardization thereof.

Recommendation 3.4.12: Enable Food Loss and Waste Management through Data

- Develop a standard for Food Loss and Waste data payloads at different stages of the supply chain. This is meant to be an enabling complement to an MSS standard on Food Loss and Waste from TC 34 SC 20.

- We recommend that this standard be developed jointly between the Agrisemantics Working Group of the proposed TC on Data-Driven Agrifood Systems (given its focus on data) and TC 34 SC 20. A liaison with TC 184 (for aspects related to observations in smart manufacturing) may also be desirable.

- Its scope should include controlled vocabularies and data objects for representing on-farm food loss (and associated disposition events where lost food is allocated to some other purpose or destination such as feeding to animals, plowing underground, composted, sent to the landfill, etc.), as Observations and Measurements as per ISO 19156 / ISO CD 7673-2.

- The scope of the proposed standard should also include disposition events associated with loss and waste at subsequent points of the supply chain (e.g., processors, retailers).
Gap / Rationale

- According to the UN's *The Sustainable Development Goals Report* for 2022, over 30% of the world's food is lost or wasted at some point from harvest onward. Food loss and waste (FLW) contributes to greenhouse gas production (e.g., through disposal in landfills) and food insecurity (e.g., food could otherwise be made available to vulnerable populations).

- Reducing this FLW could thus contribute toward making progress on the UN SDGs (e.g., Zero Hunger, Responsible Production and Consumption).

- Improving management of a problem such as FLW requires accurate data collection, ranging from observations of harvest efficiency to representing complex on-farm dynamics such as feeding a lost crop to livestock, ploughing it into the soil, etc.

- The ISO SAG anticipates an emergent MSS on FLW to be developed in the context of TC 34 SC 20 and believes this to be a critically important standard.

- ISO Management System Standards, however, tend to be abstract in nature, so an MSS on FLW is unlikely to include in its scope detailed data collection, both on-farm and in subsequent stages of the supply chain.

Accompanying an MSS with a data-focused implementation standard is likely to reduce barriers to implementation of the MSS.

Recommendation 3.4.13: Standardize a data model for field boundaries, nomenclature for field boundary use, and data quality measures associated with field boundaries.

- Develop a standard describing a data model to represent field boundaries, their change over time, a nomenclature for their different purposes, and data quality measures usable to assess their fitness for a particular use.

- We recommend that this standard be developed by the proposed TC on Data-Driven Agrifood Systems in consultation with TC 211.

- Consider using the TC 211 concept of a simple feature (defined in ISO 19125-1: 2004) as a starting point for representing the geographical aspects of the problem.

Gaps / Rationale

Although the meaning of the concept of an agricultural field or paddock (henceforth "field") may be highly dependent on a particular producer’s needs, a field may have multiple boundaries (imaginable as a multi-polygon *simple feature*, as per TC 211 nomenclature) that change over time and have different purposes.

Examples of different purposes include:
• nominal boundaries used to represent the idea of the field in a farm management information system,
• operational or prescription boundaries used to control planting, spreading and spraying field operations,
• ex-post boundaries obtained from the spatial footprint of a recorded field operation (e.g., seeding),
• administrative boundaries used to communicate with regulators, and
• spatial allocation boundaries used to allocate incoming geographical field operations work record data to a given field.

A boundary used for each of these different purposes would conceivably have different data quality requirements (e.g., a prescription boundary used to control a spraying operation would typically need to be very accurate compared to a nominal boundary).

The shape of the boundaries may vary over time as a result of changing planting patterns, equipment size, land ownership or usage patterns, and so forth.

Keeping accurate track of these different boundaries, determining their suitability for different purposes, and exchanging purpose information between the producer and other actors (e.g., advisor) is complex, and not currently standardized.

**Recommendation 3.4.14: Enable clear data contract labelling**

Develop a standard for a simple, usable framework for summarizing and communicating terms, conditions and privacy policies used in producer- and service-provider-facing data contracts (e.g., based on a set of graphic symbols). The framework should be able to communicate:

- the types of data involved (e.g., production data, personally identifiable information, geographically explicit data, etc.),
- aspects of intended use (e.g., whether the data are going to be sold / shared with other parties, whether the customer has the right to request deletion of the data, etc.) and
- what the customer receives in exchange for their data.

**Gap / Rationale:**

A lack of legal knowledge and literacy hinders informed consent and transparency (and therefore data sharing / use) associated with digital tools in agriculture, especially when smallholders are the target audience. Promoting transparency and informed consent through a simplification of the language and structure used to communicate aspects of data privacy, ownership and other terms and conditions would likely
increase adoption of smart farming tools by producers, with the concomitant increase in efficiencies and principled decision-making in agriculture.

Recommendation 3.4.15: Enable electronically representing (and exchanging) the terms and features of producer-facing risk-management instruments

Develop a standard for representing and exchanging risk management data, including the terms, features, contract creation and validation inputs of producer-facing instruments.

**Gap / Rationale:**

Risk management instruments (e.g., crop insurance tools based on smartphone-mediated photos, on weather derivatives, or remote sensing data) are a very promising tool for small producers to rise out of poverty and for producers of any size to be more able to invest in crop inputs and protect their business. The lack of standardization and interoperability of the data involved hinders developing and deploying these tools at scale and makes it more expensive and difficult for small producers to participate.

Recommendation 3.4.16: Co-registration of Differential (e.g., RTK) Positioning Networks

Develop a standard for the co-registration of differential positioning networks, providing clear guidance for the determination of a conventional position (including surveying guidelines) for base stations in RTK (and other differential) networks.

We recommend this standard be developed jointly by TC 211, TC 23 and the proposed TC on Data-Driven Agrifood Systems

**Rationale**

A rapidly developing aspect of smart farming is the use of multiple mobile platforms in the field, cooperating in pursuit of a common goal. For example, using unmanned aerial vehicles to observe the presence of weeds in the field, followed by the creation of a prescription, which is then used to guide an autonomous vehicle to target those weeds, either through precision application of a chemical, or through other (e.g., mechanical) means. These operations are inherently geospatial in nature and require the use of accurate and precise determination of the direct position of equipment on the ground. This is typically performed using GNSS equipment, and increasingly, using real-time kinematic (RTK) units. While these differential systems are very precise, the accuracy of their position determinations is only as good as that of the base station used as a differential reference. If the different parts of the system that require positioning data (e.g., the GPS unit used to capture the field boundary, the GPS unit used to determine the position of the UAV, and the GPS unit to position the precision sprayer) are all using the same RTK system and base station, then any inaccuracies
are rendered moot for the purposes of the operation at hand (because all the units will have the same error), but if they happen to use different RTK base stations, as is becoming likelier as the market for RTK services grows, there may be significant errors, as the same feature on the ground is represented by different latitude/longitude coordinates by the different devices.

Recommendation 3.4.17: Observations and measurements associated with dust. Develop a standard for representing and exchanging observations and measurements associated with the phenomenon of dust, both in terms of particles suspended in the air, and particles present on plant surfaces.

This effort is fully compatible with the ISO 19156 abstract standard and the CD 7673-2 implementation standard currently under development, so the proposed standard implies creating controlled vocabularies for dust-related observed properties, features of interest, observation methods, etc.

**Gap / Rationale:**

Agricultural production as well as the environment has faced a serious challenge due to the phenomenon of dust caused by global warming and dehydration or drying of water resources. Dust is one of the most important atmospheric phenomena and source of natural disasters in some regions of the world. It is considered an emergent effect of climate change and is occurring more frequently in recent years, occurring in the western and southwestern regions of Iran and other countries in the region. The destructive effects of dust include reduced light reaching the plant, reducing photosynthesis, preventing the absorption of micronutrients through foliar spraying, and as a result, reducing the yield of agricultural products.

Standardized measurement and (data) representation of suspended particles in the air would help provide practical advice to producers and better detect and communicate when dust systems are passing through their region. (For example, sprinkler irrigation is recommended in those situations to prevent or minimize dust damage).

Standardized measurement and (data) representation of the presence of dust on plant surfaces (which is associated with a reduction of chlorophyll content) can also be used to drive remedial action (e.g., sprinkler irrigation) and delay / pause foliar spraying, which is not recommended under those conditions.
Recommendation 3.4.18: Controlled vocabulary and data model for a hierarchical, geopolitical-context-dependent, mappable reference data system to represent actors and their roles in agrifood operations

- Develop a standard for a controlled vocabulary and data model for a hierarchical, geopolitical-context-dependent, mappable reference data system to represent actors and their roles in agrifood operations (e.g., the actors declared in the stories of Annex E.2, or the agricultural technology advisor mentioned in Recommendation 3.2.6).

- Deliver the standard through a registry established via a cooperative agreement with another organization.

- Each item should include a unique identifier that enables asserting relationships among different entries.

- Help put in place the community to govern the vocabulary
  
  - There is a precedent for a similar effort, established by the VDMA to deliver a human-readable data dictionary for the ISO 11783 standard (see www.isobus.net). The difference is that, in order to enable smart farming at scale, we propose that the data are made machine-readable and machine-actionable.

- This standard should be considered a candidate for the IEC-ISO Standards Machine Applicable Readable and Transferable (SMART) program.

Gaps / rationale:

Keeping track of the identity and role of people involved in agrifood operations is often very important, in applications ranging from payroll to occupational safety and health, to tracing back what happened during a particular operation. Socioeconomic analyses of agrifood systems also draw heavily from representing roles within the agrifood system.

Modeling these roles is somewhat complex, since they are often hierarchical and geopolitical-context dependent, and there is currently no standardized vocabulary for actor/party roles in agrifood systems, although work has been done in that direction (e.g., the CGIAR SocioEconomic Ontology, SEOnt, https://github.com/AgriculturalSemantics/SEONT).

Recommendation 3.4.19: A standard to support data exchange between crop and livestock management systems

- Develop a standard to enable data exchange at different spatial (e.g., farm, field and subfield) and temporal (seasonal, daily) scales between farm and livestock management.
systems. Identify points of contact between these systems, model the data involved, and enable their exchange. Examples include daily pasture biomass production, grazing by the herd, water and nutrient balance, applications of manure, disposition of a lost crop as animal feed, manure pit management, etc.

- This standard would be developed in the context of the proposed subcommittee on Livestock Activities Data Management (Recommendation 3.2.5), in consultation with TC 34.

**Gaps / rationale:**

There is an increasing global emphasis on reducing the resource footprint of agriculture and livestock production. Integrated crop-livestock systems can be a powerful tool to advance this idea, but when lifecycle analyses are performed and sustainability indicators are calculated, it is often the case that they fail to properly account for the transfer of materials and energy between crop and livestock components (e.g., a crop not suitable for sale can be fed to cattle, waste from livestock can be used to reduce commercial fertilizer use, etc.).

This is the result of a lack of standardization and of management information systems for crops and livestock having typically been developed independently and by different providers.

**Recommendation 3.4.20: Standard for representing provenance of agricultural inputs and calculating upstream energy requirements**

Develop a new, or adapt an existing, standard for a controlled vocabulary and framework to describe the sources, provenance, and upstream energy requirements for producing and using agricultural inputs (e.g., fuel, machinery, fertilizer, animal feed, etc.).

**Gap/Rationale**

It is relatively common to evaluate resource footprints associated with the use of agricultural inputs (e.g., diesel consumption associated with each pass over the field, etc.) but there is less emphasis on tracking, and including in decision-making, upstream embedded energy in those inputs. Lack of accounting for upstream processes can have substantial implications on assessments of net greenhouse gas emissions and sustainability.

There are a number of existing ISO standards in the Environmental Management, Carbon Footprint, and Lifecycle assessment domains that take a unique view of upstream emissions relative to non-ISO carbon footprinting standards where these are grouped into a “Scope 3” category that may not require even a qualitative assessment.
The ISO 14064 series requires categorization of upstream emissions as “Controlled”, “Related” or “Affected”, thus identifying a direct link between the management of an agricultural product and its impact. Complexity is reduced by addressing only the conditions where a management change from a baseline condition has a material effect/impact on upstream emissions.

There are, however, many gaps in collecting representative data and in standardizing inputs on a per unit of production basis. These data and quantitative approaches are needed to enable industry and consumers to make informed choices about products relative to the specific regional conditions where they were produced. For example, accurate data and comparable approaches are needed to compare concentrated protein sourced from beef cattle conversions of plant materials (indigestible by humans) on marginal lands, with protein sourced from a range of plant components grown using intensive agricultural production systems. Enhancing the capacity to make informed comparisons will help identify optimal management strategies suited to regional characteristics in support of UN SDGs, specifically 12, 13, 15.

**Recommendation 3.4.21: Standard for Representing the Source, Provenance and Disposition of irrigation water**

Develop a standard for a controlled vocabulary and framework for describing the sources, provenance, and ultimate disposition of water use for irrigation.

**Gap/Rationale**

Irrigation water is an increasingly valuable and scarce resource. Moreover, irrigation water can rarely be used without some kind of environmental impact and/or tradeoff. This impact is contingent on the water’s source (e.g., groundwater, snowmelt, runoff, grey water, etc.) and provenance (where/how the water was received will translate into different embedded energy), so unambiguously representing the sources, origin / provenance and disposition of different irrigation water options would be a helpful way of making these tradeoffs more explicit during decision-making. This would enable documenting and quantifying the sustainability of irrigation with respect to UN SDGs 6, 12, 13, 14 and 15, for example.

**Recommendation 3.4.22: Standardize the data produced and consumed by fine bubble technology in agrifood systems.**

- Develop a standard to represent the data associated with aspects of fine bubble technology that can enable its evaluation / use in agrifood systems. These aspects
include observations and measurements (e.g., of fine bubble concentration in growth solution), and the control variables (e.g., of concentration of fine bubbles in a growth medium or irrigation water) used in managing fine bubbles, as covered by existing ISO/TC 281 (Fine Bubble Technology) standards.

- We recommend that this standard be developed jointly between ISO/TC 281 (Fine Bubble Technology) and the proposed SC on Greenhouse, Controlled-Environment, and Urban Farming Data.

**Gap / Rationale:**

Fine bubble technology is an area of active research in (especially controlled-environment) agriculture, with multiple known applications ranging from promoting germination, to disinfection of surfaces and promoting nutrient uptake. ISO has a technical committee (TC 281) dedicated to this domain, but its standards focus primarily on processes for implementation of the technology, and not on representing the processes or their inputs and outputs in terms of data. Standardizing the data associated with fine bubble systems in agriculture will increase the reach of the existing TC 281 standards, paving the way for further evaluation of the technology in operational systems, as well as its use at scale.

**Recommendation 3.4.23: Standards for machine-actionable a) data product specifications and b) data management plans.**

- Develop a standard to create machine actionable data product specifications, and a standard for creating machine-actionable data management plans.
- We recommend that this standard be developed by the proposed TC on Data-Driven Agrifood Systems jointly with TC 211.

**Gap / Rationale:**

The ISO 19131 standard defines data product specifications as descriptions of a dataset or dataset series together with additional information that will enable it to be created, supplied to and used by another party. That standard provides a framework for representing these documents but falls short of making such documents machine actionable; this limits the scale at which they can be used. Additionally, the velocity and volume of agricultural data that an even modestly sized farm must handle are ever-increasing. The lifecycle management of these data cannot be left to chance because some of it is very valuable and reusable, whereas other datasets may be very voluminous and not be required beyond a certain time horizon. Being able to intentionally manage what happens to the data, where it is stored, for how
long, etc. and to do so in a data-driven way and at scale is the motivation behind wanting a machine-actionable data management plan. A good example is the case of an agricultural technology advisor described in Recommendation 3.2.6. This kind of professional can only deliver services at scale if the data flows are streamlined, the necessary data is readily available, and data that are no longer as relevant are not cluttering available storage. This motivates the need for machine-actionable data management plans.

**Recommendation 3.4.24: Standardized metadata for annotating multi- and hyperspectral imagery**

Create a standard for machine-actionable metadata for annotating multi- and hyperspectral remote sensing (satellite, UAV and ground vehicle) imagery, including specifying the data format (e.g., of tags within imagery files), the semantic resources (data types / variables, the controlled vocabularies required when those variables are enumerated) required, and the semantic infrastructure (e.g., data type registry) needed to distribute the semantic resources. We recommend that this standard be developed by TC 211 in consultation with the proposed TC on Data-driven Agrifood Systems.

**Gaps / rationale:**

Multi- and hyperspectral remote sensing images are used extensively in agriculture and livestock management for a variety of purposes. Moreover, there is an increasing interest in performing data fusion of images taken at different scales with different equipment such as satellites, unmanned aerial systems, and ground-based systems (e.g., sprayers and center-pivot irrigation systems). The interoperability of these images at scale is hindered, however, by a lack of standardization of metadata regarding the spectral bands or derived products represented by the image layers.

**Recommendation 3.4.25: Update and contextualize ISO 22006**

Revise the ISO 22006 standard, emphasizing enhancing and updating Annexes A and B, that provide a set of reference processes and sub-processes for describing crop production (e.g., by including risk management).

We suggest this revision be performed by TC 34, working in consultation with the proposed TC on Data-driven Agrifood Systems.
Gaps / rationale:

Enabling producers to formally represent the processes in their operations unlocks important strategic capabilities such as establishing management systems, from which the producers can derive multiple sources of benefit (e.g., understanding the costs associated with the different processes in their operations, managing working capital, etc.).

Farm management systems typically organize and represent production processes using an ad-hoc nomenclature, which makes it difficult for producers to exchange data with partners such as advisors, bankers, insurers, etc. The current version of the ISO 22006 standard provides an excellent list of processes and sub-processes (for which reason it was used as a starting point by the SAG-SF to contextualize stories, standards and capabilities), but the list is incomplete; e.g., it does not include several data-intensive processes such as risk management. A revision that included data-related aspects would render it even more useful.

Recommendation 3.4.26: Create a Quality management System standard for Livestock Production (analogous to ISO 22006)

Create a standard providing guidelines for the application of ISO 9001 to livestock production. Special case should be taken with the analog of Annexes A and B of ISO 22006, because the providing a set of reference processes and sub-processes for describing livestock production is very valuable, but these processes / subprocesses differ significantly from those of crop production.

We suggest this standard be created by TC 34, working in consultation with the proposed TC on Data-driven Agrifood Systems.

Gaps / rationale:

It is important for producers to understand the costs associated with the different processes in their operations. Farm management systems typically organize and represent production processes using an ad-hoc nomenclature, which makes it difficult for producers to exchange data with partners such as advisors, bankers, insurers, etc. The ISO 22006 standard provides an excellent list of processes and sub-processes (to the extent that it was used as a starting point by the SAG-SF to contextualize stories, standards and capabilities), but it is incomplete. A revision would render it even more useful.
Recommendation 3.4.27: Enable smart spraying

- Develop a standard for a framework for automating the geopolitical-context-dependent and environmental and other context-sensitive decision of whether spraying of a particular tank mix is acceptable ("OK to spray") in a way that can be evaluated during the planning, preparation, and execution of a spraying operation.
  - Planning example: Ensure that the product application would not exceed annual maximum active ingredient load
  - Preparation example: Ensure that the application is consistent with restricted entry intervals that may be active in the field.
  - Execution example: Wind speed has increased during the operation, and the current configuration of sprayer parameters such as boom height, pressure, speed and nozzle package is inconsistent with limiting drift to the field, given the sprayer's current position with respect to the wind and the field boundary.

- This standard should be developed jointly by the proposed TC on Data-Driven Agrifood Systems, and TC 23 SC 6.

**Gaps / Rationale**

Agricultural chemicals are both expensive and have can produce deleterious effects when applied off-target. It is thus a sound practice to optimize product placement, avoiding unintended drift and ensuing efficacy on the intended target.

There is often tension, however, between the timing windows available for producers to apply chemicals in, and environmental and safety considerations, especially regarding the complex and multi-factorial topic of spray drift.

ISO has a tool, ISO TS 11356 that enables accurately capturing the spray parameters during a spraying operation for ex-post analysis. While this may be valuable for understanding how a spray drift event or other problem happened, it does not help prevent such problems.

Contemporary sprayers have the capability to adjust their operating parameters (boom height, pressure, speed, nozzles) to manage drift. In parallel, the availability of IoT-mediated environmental data (wind speed and direction, inversion conditions, etc.) as well as the capability to communicate these in real time and to run models, both on the cloud and on the machine controllers themselves, has grown significantly.

A framework is needed that can bring together the need for a systematic way of representing spray-limiting conditions in real or near-real time, for modelling how the machine parameter reactions can translate into effects under those conditions, and for
solving the resulting optimization problem (i.e., for machines to change their operation parameters in real time in order to remain compliant with regulations and other limitations). This requires integrating multiple capabilities: Configuration management (i.e., correct nozzles), machine communication, near-real-time weather data, model execution, etc.)

**Recommendation 3.4.28: Placeholder for enabling smart apiculture?**

- Develop a standard to enable smart apiculture, through:
  - Creation of a controlled vocabulary of features of interest, observed properties, observation and measurement methods (both in-field and laboratory, and metadata variables of relevance to apiculture.
  - Creation of a data model and standard messages to represent the documents used in apiculture (e.g., colony inspections, management recommendations, etc.).

- We suggest this standard be developed jointly by the proposed Technical Committee on Data-Driven Agrifood Systems and TC 34 SC 19 (Bee Products).

**Gaps / rationale:**

Pollinators are a vitally important part of many agricultural ecosystems. In many cases, producers rely on honey bees that are managed through apiculture (i.e., beekeeping). Data-driven, principled decision-making is a good fit for apiculture, and is likely very urgently needed in many ecosystems, to assist in the management of colony health, for example. Enabling standards are needed that can thus bring the concepts and technologies of smart farming to pollinator management.

**Recommendation 3.4.29: Enable codification of agronomy**

- Create one or more standards for representing, in a machine-actionable way, causal relationships in agronomy and agricultural management. This includes:
  - Representing input and output data variables (in accordance with Recommendation 3.4.2), including limiting factors in a given context.
  - Having a controlled vocabulary for models that act upon the input variables, and a data model and registry that expresses, for those models, different versions, which inputs are required, which are optional, information regarding the sensitivity of the inputs, where to go for more information, etc.
  - The possibility of representing mechanistic/functional models, statistical models, machine-learning models and expert-opinion-driven and indigenous-knowledge-based models in a standard, machine-actionable way (e.g., PMML, DMN, etc.) that enables model-execution-as-a-service.
Gap / rationale

Mathematical models are increasingly used to advise producers and other decision-makers. Using these models at scale to deliver advice in environments where there is scant availability of human capital mediated extension and advisory services is promising, but limited in part by interoperability problems, and a lack of understanding about how representative a model might be to specific conditions, and whether it captures the limiting factors correctly in a given environment. We need standards for both making the structure and functions of models clearer to their potential users and enable their use at scale.

Recommendation 3.4.30: Enable testing and learning through data

Create a standard for representing, in a machine-actionable way, on-farm and on-premise (for processors and manufacturers) experiments, the variables used therein, the hypotheses being tested, and the results and learnings therefrom.

Gap / Rationale:

The goal of the SAG-SF has fundamentally been to make recommendations that enable using data to make better management decisions in the agrifood system. While standardization of agricultural technology is an important aspect of this, it is also important to enable stakeholders to use data to test ideas and to learn from the data. This can take several forms, including:

- Testing emerging digital technologies and learning about their fitness for use in solving specific problems in the context of the user, and
- Testing and learning from on-farm or on-premise (e.g., for a processing plant) agronomic and management experiments.

Having standardized mechanisms for technology providers, advisors, non-governmental organizations, extension services, etc. to integrate the tools and data collection mechanisms supported by them with a learning framework would be very advantageous for helping make data more usable.
4 Fulfilling the TMB Mandate

4.1 Mapping the TMB Mandate to the SAG Deliverables

Planning the work of the SAG-SF required merging two very different categories of actors / stakeholders involved:

- on one hand there are the multiple stakeholders who operate in the *agricultural and food domain*, conducting some form of primary or supporting activity related to farming and the further processing of the products therefrom, a subset of whom is shown in Figure 1 above.

- on the other, there are the stakeholders in the *standards domain*, who conduct standardization processes such as create and review standards.

This dual-domain situation was challenging because the SAG-SF’s deliverable should make recommendations in the *standards* domain, but input about pain points in agricultural processes and food systems due to a lack of interoperability is primarily available through actors that operate in the *agricultural and food* domain. The challenge was to develop a model of knowledge elicitation and representation that lent itself to bridging the two domains.

The multiple differences among the two domains, expressed in terms of who / what / when / where / how and why questions, are shown in Table 2 below.

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<th>Question</th>
<th>Agrifood Domain</th>
<th>Standards Domain</th>
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<td>WHO (actors)</td>
<td>Stakeholders in agricultural and food processes: producers, agronomists, consultants, processors, retailers, etc.</td>
<td>Stakeholders in standardization processes: ISO TCs, SCs, conveners, experts, etc.</td>
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<td>WHAT (artifacts)</td>
<td>Data payloads</td>
<td>Standards</td>
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<td>HOW (processes/activities)</td>
<td>Agricultural processes (e.g., planting, harvest, marketing a crop, examining an animal for clinical signs of disease) and food processes (e.g., further processing, supply chain management, labelling).</td>
<td>Standardization processes (e.g., creating a standard, performing the periodic review of a standard, conducting an international workshop, etc.).</td>
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<td>WHEN (events)</td>
<td>An event occurs in the context of an agricultural (e.g., crop seasons start, conditions are met for planting / harvest, a pest is detected on a crop, etc.) food process (e.g., slaughter of an animal, food contamination, post-harvest, etc.).</td>
<td>An event occurs in the context of a standardization process (e.g., a standard comes up for periodic review and a vote is taken).</td>
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### WHERE (systems)
- Infrastructure used to support an agricultural food process (e.g., equipment, software, databases, infrastructure, reference data APIs).
- Infrastructure used to support standardization creation and implementation processes (e.g., the ISO11783-10 data dictionary).

### WHY (goals)
- Goals of the actors in the agricultural and food domain (e.g., maximize profitability, sustainability, and compliance of their operations, traceability).
- Goals of the actors in the standards domain (e.g., the UN Sustainable Development Goals).

Table 2: Comparison between the agricultural domain and the standards domain.

### 4.2 Bridging the Gap with Capabilities in an End-to-End Model

Bridging the gap between the two domains posed a significant challenge. The SAG determined that business capability was a useful concept to represent the domains of smart farming, as well as that of the Standards domain, and use it to connect the two.

A business capability and maturity model summarized the needs in smart farming, and their relationships to processes, actors, data artifacts, etc. The capabilities identified the core skills, knowledge and access to data that were necessary for an actor within an agricultural domain. Note that these capabilities did not focus on the agricultural or communication technologies per se, as these have evolved over time and will continue to do so. Figure 6 below shows a fragment of the capability model, organized as a hierarchical set of capabilities and containers thereof.

![Figure 6: An example part of the capability model used to organize the roadmap document](image)

Once the capabilities were derived and verified by the process diagrams (Annex E.3), personas and/or causal loop diagrams (Annex E.4), the subgroups mapped the capabilities to standards, SDGs, and organizations both within and outside ISO.
The capability models also enabled the **Organizational Perspective**, which links capabilities to ISO technical committees (TCs) and subcommittees (SCs), or other, non-ISO organizations responsible for existing (or proposed) standards. The Capability Models, then, became the connecting mechanism between the Agricultural Domain and the Standards Domain. This framework, dubbed the “End-to-end model”, is shown in Figure 7 below.

**Figure 7: The End-to-End Model**

### 4.3 The Capability Model

Figure 8 below shows capabilities pertaining to reference data.
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Figure 8: Reference data - specific business capabilities to enable smart farming.

Figure 9 below describes service infrastructure – related capabilities.

Figure 9: Service infrastructure - specific business capabilities to enable smart farming.

Figure 10 below presents a set of core customer-facing capabilities, where “customer” refers to the user of a management information system at the farm or similar level. Note that capabilities that are not specific to agrifood systems (e.g., inventory management) are not shown.
Figure 10: Core-customer-facing-services- specific business capabilities to enable smart farming.

Figure 11 below presents a set of support capabilities, meant to enable the customer-facing capabilities.

4.4 Notable Emergent Properties

Over the course of their work, SAG experts identified several important end results of smart farming. These are not capabilities, however, but rather as emergent properties of the use of the capabilities in an agrifood system. Some of these emergent properties are:
- Food safety
- Food security
- Food system resiliency

4.5 Linking Capabilities and SDG Targets

Once subgroups identified the core capabilities for their domains, they linked those capabilities with the SDG goals and targets. See Annex C for more details.
5 Smallholder Farmers

5.1 Challenges

Smallholder farms (typically <2 hectares, although the exact definition will vary by geopolitical context) account for 84% of all farms worldwide, operating about 12% of all agricultural land, and accountable for 35% of the world’s food supply. In lower-income regions, smallholder farmers operate a far greater share of agricultural land. In Sub-Saharan Africa, for example, the average farm size is only 1.6 hectares, yet these farms account for 35% of food production regionally. (Marie, 2022).

A promise of smart farming is to reduce the barriers to interoperability and make data-driven agronomic advice more affordable to the smallholder, which in turn can lead to higher productivity and income, as well as reducing the food insecurity for the surrounding population.

Structural and socio-economic issues, however, can hobble smallholder farmers from fully reaping the benefits of that promise.

Data-driven services afford multiple opportunities to smallholders:

- Access to financial services, such as banking, money transfer, credit, and micro-loans
- Access to risk management instruments such as crop insurance
- Access to market data, such as product requirements, pricing/selling, buyer location
- Land and crop allocation optimization in planning, field operations and going-to-market
- Weather forecasts and alerts
- Asking questions and receiving expert advice

Large farms globally and smallholder farms in higher-income regions are well-positioned to take advantage of improvements in data interoperability. While broadband access remains an issue for both large and smallholder farms, smallholder producers face unique challenges, including:

- Limited access to capital for investments
- Disproportionate impact of climate change
- Lack of access to high-quality inputs, which can lower the yield and quality of crops
- Limited or single access to markets
- Greater impact from market downturns
- Lack of knowledge/expert service advice to optimize the use of small parcels of land
• Lack of knowledge to fully understand complex legal contracts and agreements
• Limited to no broadband access, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa
• Issues with “last mile” infrastructure needed to bring technological advances to the farm
• Lack of open data standards
• Data that is hard to find, access, interoperate with, and reuse; in other words, un-FAIR
• Limited access to labour. The producer must thus cover all or most of the items in their value chain and are therefore caught in an activity trap and unlikely to be able to perform those functions well.
• Lack of availability and scalability of crop advisor / agronomist services. While there is an emergence of local governmental and extension services available to small holders, the lack of interoperability in the industry limits the geographical area a crop advisor can service, and therefore increases the program costs and/or the price of the services beyond the affordability to the smallholder.

5.2 Opportunities

Smart farming can, through higher efficiency and transparency in the supply chain, improve access to small quantities of crop inputs and provide access to risk management instruments.

Digital solutions at scale can help smallholder farmers achieve greater participation across the Agri-food value chain, from greater access to capital to improved field operations to market access. Standardized data can help provide:

• Greater access to more cost-effective crop inputs (e.g., crop varieties) tailored to a smallholder’s environment and field conditions
• Safer field operations due to better access to product safety data
• Improved soil testing and faster test results
• Better identification of plant stresses, nutritional deficiencies, etc.

DIGITAL DISRUPTION

Digital approaches are needed for accelerated and sustainable agricultural transformation that addresses these internal and external factors. At scale, digital disruption is driven by the collection, use, and analysis of massive amounts of agricultural data that can be digested and interpreted by advanced systems. Accessing data-driven digital transformation for smallholder farmers requires advancements in three areas:

1) last-mile infrastructure,
2) open standards, and
3) contextually relevant software services

• Decision support tools and highly contextualized expert help which are unavailable at scale to smallholders today.

• Understandable contract language, including icons, increasing transparency in business transactions.

Moreover, the impact of higher efficiency and transparency can go beyond the farm, and trickle over to non-farmer consumers. Likewise, access to standardized product data can help local suppliers and agents provide better products and services to their smallholder customers.

6 Background, Structure and Function of the SAG

6.1 SAG Structure

The ISO Strategic Advisory Group on Smart Farming (SAG SF) was approved by the TMB in June 2021 with its mandate and membership defined by TMB Resolution 60/2021.

The SAG SF Secretariat launched 4 calls for nomination in July 2021.

For the SAG-SF core group:
• Call for experts nominated by TMB members
• Call for experts nominated by non-TMB members
• Call for experts nominated by SMB and IEC members

For the SAG-SF consultative group:
• Call for experts opened to all ISO committees listed in TMB resolution 60/2021, in addition to ISO/CASCO, ISO/COPOLCO and interested IEC committees

The calls for experts highlighted the opportunity to include additional experts for domain specific subgroups working on the scope items identified by the SAG SF activities and strived to ensure a balanced geographical representation to promote the participation of developing countries in this important area.

It was composed of over 140 experts from twenty-one national standards bodies, organized into a Core Group comprised of ISO member country representatives, a Consultative Group of representatives from ISO committees, and nine domain-specific subgroups with experts designated by national standard body and ISO committee representatives (see Figure 12).
• There are 21 representatives from ISO member countries in the Core Group (one each from ABNT, AFNOR, ANSI, BIS, BSI, DIN, GOST-R, INSO, IRAM, JISC, KATS, NEN, NZSO, RSB, SA, SAC, SASO, SCC, SNV, SSC, UNI) and one representative of the IEC SMB, for a total of 22 members. See Annex B for the Core Group composition. The Core Group met 15 times over the term of its mandate. It benefitted from the input of its Consultative Group, which met 11 times over the same period.

• The SAG SF had a liaison with CGIAR the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research

• A collaboration with ITU-T Focus Group on "Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) for Digital Agriculture" (FG-AI4A)

• The Consultative Group had representatives from 35 ISO committees (TCs and SCs, see Annex B). The Consultative Group provided valuable input as to how work from ISO TCs and SCs might support smart farming, the availability of standards to support specific business capabilities, and known difficulties and “hotspots” in their domain. See Annex B for the Consultative Group composition

• The nine Subgroups, which were composed of members of the core group and the consultative group, recruited via a call for experts, worked on specific aspects related to Smart Farming. All Subgroups were reporting to the SAG SF core group at each meeting, through their ‘Chairs and co-Chairs’, appointed on a voluntary basis by the SG members. See Annex B for the Subgroups’ composition.

• The domains addressed by the subgroups were (listed by subgroup number, and shown in Figure 13):
  1. Crop Production
  2. Livestock
3. Urban Farming
4. Climate and Environment
5. Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM)
6. Terminology and Semantics
7. Social Aspects
8. Data
9. Supply Chain

Figure 4: Visualization of the structure of the SAG, showing the two different kinds (“vertical” and “horizontal”) of subgroups within the SAG.
6.2 The Role of Standards

Standards are “recipes for reality”. When they are shared across an industry they typically pave the way for scalability in technology adoption. However, and despite decades of good standardization work in multiple agrifood technologies, the data standardization landscape is still fragmented and incomplete.

The SAG focused on tackling the challenge of data interoperability so that smart farming practices and solutions can be brought to scale across agrifood systems.

In this context, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) chartered a Strategic Advisory Group for Smart Farming (SAG). This group of over 140 experts from 21 countries worked over eighteen months to

1. document the landscape of standards pertaining to smart farming
2. document the gaps in that landscape and assess their impact on ISO’s ability to make (and measure) progress toward the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and
3. make prioritized recommendations for action.

6.3 Multiple Methodological Perspectives

Three different perspectives enabled the SAG to structure and view their work through different points of view and activities.

6.3.1 The Scope Item Perspective

Since the definitions of smart farming vary widely and available time was limited, the ISO SAG on Smart Farming decided to take a bottom-up approach in the form of a survey of what should be in scope. To this end, the experts in the Core and Consultative groups provided over 300 topics, or “scope items” (See Annex E.1), that represented ideas they considered to be in scope of smart farming, as well as topics that they excluded. The scope items ranged in complexity and granularity, from “Fertilizer” to “Greenhouse gas emissions (CO₂) / unit of production” to “Methods and models for using ontologies to facilitate interoperability,” but generally aligned to one or more processes / sub-processes (as per the ISO 22006 Annex A/B nomenclature). The scope item perspective seeks to identify underlying processes implicit within a scope item provided and serves as an enabler for the Process perspective as well as a basis for the derived subgroup topics (see Figure 14).
6.3.2 The Process Perspective

Experts in the SAG’s subgroups reviewed the ISO 22006 reference lists of processes and sub-processes (Annex A in that standard) and to propose modifications to those lists as needed to more accurately describe the reality of the domain they were working in. While the SAG’s ultimate aspiration was to have a single list of processes, this may prove of diminishing returns, e.g., attempting to force the processes and subprocesses at work in crop farming and those from livestock production into a single framework. Along with the revision of those processes, the experts were asked to write stories (in narrative form), and to annotate those stories in a way that can answer fundamental who, what, when, where, how and why questions. This work was done using a tool called the Trisotech Discovery Accelerator (Figure 15), which shows the annotations very explicitly.
One of the annotation types in Discovery Accelerator is the *artifact*, which corresponds to the *what* questions, and is used to represent physical objects and data artifacts. One of the objectives pursued by providing experts with the Discovery Accelerator was to motivate discussion and enable the groups to quickly identify and reflect upon the actors (the *who*) involved in the processes, the activities (the *how*) they perform, the events that trigger those activities (*when*), the actors’ goals (*why*), the systems the activities take place in (*where*), and the data payloads (*what*) involved in the processes under consideration.

Figure 6: Example of the Discovery Accelerator Text view from the Crop Production Subgroup.

Once this exercise was completed, a subgroup identified a subset of stories that merited representation in the form of a BPMN diagram (Figure 16), where actors, activities, events, systems and artifacts are explicitly and unambiguously shown. At this point, where data exchanges are laid out explicitly, it is possible to shift to the standards perspective.

Figure 7: Example of a BPMN created by the Crop Production Subgroup
6.3.3 The Standards Perspective

This perspective identified standards which might be relevant to a particular context. These candidate standards were gap-checked against the criteria used to determine relevance to Smart Farming. This perspective was key, as it is the one that all others ultimately lead to.

The Core Group developed hypotheses for determining if a standard is smart-farming-ready:

i. The smart-farming-readiness of a standard can be assessed using a simple set of questions.

ii. Standards can be grouped in families, such that the questions needed to establish smart-farming-readiness are the same for all standards in a family.

iii. Placing a standard within an existing family can be done using a simple set of questions.

iv. Families of standards can be identified by classifying on some set of attributes of the standards contained therein.
7 Key Findings from the SAG Subgroups

7.1 SG1: Crop Production

Scope:
The subgroup identified the standards/definitions required for:

- data categories (reference data, setup/master data, configuration data and field operation data)
- crop types
- soil types
- crop field identification and crop field boundaries
- multi- and hyperspectral imaging
- data structure (class model) for the exchange of crop related operations that were carried out in the field.
- connection to process computers for climate control for storing batches of produce

Insights:
- There are no smart-farming specific standards or definitions existing for reference data, setup/master data, configuration data and field operation data etc. Such definitions and standardisation are required internationally for:
  - data categories (reference data, setup/master data, configuration data and field operation data)
  - crop types
  - soil types
  - crop field identification and crop field boundaries
  - multi and hyperspectral imaging
  - data structure (class model) for the exchange of crop related operations that were carried out in the field.
  - connection to process computers for climate control for storing batches of produce

Items which may be addressed by future ISO efforts:
- consideration of drones in the application of products, as well as other uses in crop production (payload, duration, flight permissions, receive precise maps, applicable to small holders as well as drone and robot information in agriculture)
- continuation of the work that ISO is doing with smart irrigation
- sensors and dosing/fertigation/fertilisation
- water testing/water quality
• integration of environmental data into autonomous control systems
• field sanitation
• data exchange with climate control systems
• trade agreements

Organisations with which ISO should engage to help develop standards in crop production
• AgGateway
• AEF - Agricultural Industry Electronics Foundation CropLife Organisation
• Agro-EDI-Europe
• European Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO)
• Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)
• Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) – Global Sustainability Standards Board (GSSB)
• GS1
• Kuratorium für Technik und Bauwesen in der Landwirtschaft e.v. (KTBL)

7.2 SG2: Livestock

Scope:
• planning
  • livestock systems
  • inventory
• space or housing allocation
• procurement of inputs
  • automated re-ordering from feeding systems
  • ration formulation and feed mixing
  • analysing livestock feed components
• monitoring environmental factors
• reproduction
• traceability of livestock in motion

Insights:
• data standards are needed for reporting historical livestock events such as drug treatments, diseases, and genetic indicators.
  • date and time of movement (loading, herding) and/or
  • date and time of unloading, herding
  • premises of departure
  • premises of destination
  • identification number of the animal
• conveyance identification number

• data for tracing/reporting the movement of animals identified as a group uses the following data scheme:
  • date of movement (loading)
  • premises of departure
  • premises of destination
  • number/quantity of animals sent and received
  • species/production type
  • conveyance identification number
  • daily batch number

7.3 SG3: Urban Farming
Scope:
• production and product processing for the most common/commercialized types of urban/vertical farming types:
  o hydroponics
  o aeroponics
  o greenhouse
  o precision fermentation
  o aquaponics
• production steps
• data collection, processing, and security
• processing and environmental controls
• energy use and efficiency
• supply chain: storage

Insights:
• Urban farming has the ability to bring fresh and readily available food to underserved urban communities. This also extends to urban and vertical farming's ability to serve remote communities that have limited access to fresh food, due to environmental conditions or geographical location.
• Urban farming processes are extremely complex and require a data-driven system.
• There are different levels of maturity in the industry regarding automation, interoperability, etc.
• There are many core linkages and commonalities between the various types of Urban Farming, especially on the most common types, such as those listed above.
• These linkages may also extend to traditional farming, (e.g., sterilization of the soil being analogous to tray sterilization).

• From an automation perspective, urban farming systems, ranging from sunlight / soil-based, to fully artificially lit, have similar data collection and process control requirements, and interoperability challenges. Standardizing the Observation.

Insights in relation to urban farming and smart farming:

• While there are a wide range of urban farming types, higher volume mechanized/automated product (i.e.: hydroponics) have unique aspects and requirements compared with terrestrial or rooftop farming, which are more closely related to traditional broad acre farming.

7.4 SG4: Climate and Environment

Scope:

• inputs / resources, e.g. water, nutrients, energy
• quality / health, e.g. impacts on soil, water, air, biodiversity
• resilience / adaptation / sustainability
• production efficiencies, e.g. grams of protein or CO2e per kilogram of product

This group recognized the overarching or horizontal context of the scope and focused on identifying “hot spots” that overlay the wide range of specific topics identified by the Crop Production, Animal Products and Urban Farming subgroups.

Insights:

Optimizing agricultural systems in unique environmental contexts requires standardization of inputs, processes and outputs to make efficient use of resources while minimizing adverse impacts beyond managed system boundaries. For example, inefficient management of nitrogen inputs results in the release of potent greenhouse gas emissions of nitrous oxides, as well as damage to freshwater systems by eutrophication. Impacts will have varying degrees of severity that will be influenced by the type of hotspot driver, as well as the vulnerability of the broader environmental context, e.g., whether a constraining threshold is exceeded to trigger a non-linear response.

The ISO/TC 207 (Environmental Management) have developed 64 published standards and are developing 14 new standards to address environmental and climate impacts aspects of UN SDG 13. However, their application to agricultural production systems has been limited. In addition, data needed to characterize agricultural production systems in regional contexts is very limited, very diverse, and in some cases, only available behind paywalls. Standards with direct applicability to smart farming / data-driven agrifood initiatives can be found within

7.5 SG5: Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM)

Scope:
- production equipment and sustainable agriculture
- autonomy and interoperability
  - autonomous vehicles
  - drones
  - robotics data
  - co-registration of different sources of position data
  - interoperability and data management
- smart spraying of crop protection products
- machine-to-machine data transfer
- machine-to-cloud data transfer
- equipment compatibility
- sensors, IoT, and AI

Insights:
- The development and application of intelligent agricultural equipment and unmanned agricultural machinery are developing rapidly around the world. The software, hardware, and data interfaces and formats used by various R&D and production institutions vary widely. The development of intelligent sensors, control systems, data, and network, cloud platform and other international standards.
- ISO standards should consider the agricultural development of less developed countries, and relevant standards for low-cost smart equipment should be formulated.

7.6 SG6: Terminology and Semantics

Scope:
- standardized terminology
- vocabulary and syntax
- ontology
- semantics
• sustainability metrics
• (FAIR) data principles (findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable)
• CARE data principles (collective benefit, authority to control, responsibility, ethics)
• units of measure
• certificates

While other subgroups were writing stories about the activities and processes of their stakeholders, this subgroup extracted, developed, and recorded the terminology related to smart agriculture based on the relevant scientific sources and recorded them in the appropriate software. The subgroup assembled over 200 terms in the Trisotech knowledge entity accelerator.

Insights:

• smart farming is dependent upon the ability to provide consistent syntactic and semantic interoperability
• controlled vocabularies are key to allowing for geopolitical context without overburdening a semantic infrastructure

7.7 SG7: Social Aspects

Scope:
• conflicts
• health and safety
• contracts
• education
• training
• access to data
  • market
  • economic
  • agronomic
  • supply chain
  • legal
  • labour policies, practices, and availability
• data ownership and privacy

Insights:
• ISO Agrifood standards should be written with low-income country smallholder farmers and agribusiness entrepreneurs in mind. Application of Agri-technology in the developing world is essential to achieving the SDGs, but standards are often written
for better educated and well capitalized farmers and agribusinesses in industrialized countries.

- Agrifood standards should take into account the health, safety and quality of life concerns of non-farm rural residents and those who come to the countryside for recreation.

- Agrifood standards should explicitly be developed to encourage trust among farmers, agribusinesses and government agencies that could benefit from access to farm data. “Big Data” has the potential to improve food security and environmental performance, but that potential can be achieved only if farmers trust those who aggregate and analyse data. Improved standards for anonymizing data would help; even so, commodity buyers might use supply information to manipulate prices. Input suppliers could target those areas where growers are in urgent need of specific inputs and governments could use the data in regulatory enforcement.

- ISO standards should be developed to enable collection, sharing and analysis of farm data for policy development in areas such as: farm labour, agricultural energy use, water use, greenhouse gas emission, field biodiversity, food waste, and land tenure.

7.7.1 Food Loss/Food Waste

Insights:

- Due to a lack of data and standardized ways to measure food loss, farm-level losses aren’t as visible and have less economic value than consumer food waste. Growers can use data specific to their farm using the same method to determine which of their crops may have the potential for higher utility and possible profit. (Johnson, L.K., Dunning, R.D., Gunter, C. C., Bloom, J. D., Boyette, M.D., Creamer N.D. (2018) Field measurement in vegetable crops indicates need for reevaluation of on farm food loss estimates in North America. *Agricultural Systems*, 167, 136-142).

- Interoperable, shared data is required to meet the preferred paths of preventing food loss. As shown in Figure 17 below.
7.8 SG8: Data
Scope:
- The main task of Subgroup 8 (Data) was to make recommendations on data standardization, activities and priorities in the scope of smart farming, actively working on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), while taking into account the interests of small landowners.
- Subgroup 8 developed a work plan based on a Business Process Modeling and Notation (BPMN) diagram used to create a process model and putting forward the ISO reference framework of “physical layer - base layer - service layer- analysis layer - application layer” for smart farming.
- Subgroup 8 built a capability model (merged into the model of Clause 4.3) and used it to analyze metadata and process views of smart farming.
- The group focuses on data exchange involved in agricultural production, combing and analyzing the current situation and gaps in existing standards.
- Subgroup 8 successfully held 20 group meetings and used Trisotech Discovery Accelerator to write and analyze 86 stories that were created by other ISO working groups (based on ISO 22006); 216 metadata notes and 124 notes on data-related process were preliminarily confirmed, and 173 potential standard gaps were found.
Insights:
Data is the core of smart farming; however, currently, agricultural production needs a complete standard system of data coding, data security and data sharing.

- The lack of a standardized, globally accepted and used data model for agriculture is a major gap. Recommend more focus on this and identification of motives that help to develop and maintain the model.
- Standard(s) for reference data are a key gap.
- Standard system is needed on data coding, data security and data sharing.
- Basic data standards are needed
- Data standards among agriculture, processing industry and commercial are needed.
  - Emphasize on enterprises
  - Emphasize on standardization organization and industry associations.
  - Emphasize on the Media

7.9 SG9: Supply Chain

Domain
A supply chain is a network of facilities that procure raw materials, transform them into intermediate goods and then final products to customers through a distribution system. It includes storage and brokerage. It refers to the network of organizations, people, activities, information, and resources involved in delivering a product or service to a consumer. Supply chain activities involve the transformation of natural resources, raw materials, and components into a finished product and delivering the same to the end customer [adapted from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supply_chain].

Scope:
- food production
- food transfer and distribution
- agriculture
  - horticulture
  - fiber production (e.g., cotton)
  - biofuel production (e.g., ethanol)
  - animal products (e.g., fish, pork, beef, honey, dairy)
Insights:

- traditional agricultural supply chains are well-understood supply
- many of the processes and principles of supply chain for smart farming are the same as for any other industry
- the complexities of the smart farming supply chains are on par with those of other industries
- recent examples of supply chain disruptions indicate the need for supply chains with increasing flexibility

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Annex A: ISO/TMB Resolution 60/2021

TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT BOARD RESOLUTION 60/2021

Creation of an ISO Strategic Advisory Group on Smart Farming (SAG SF)

Adopted at the 81st meeting of the Technical Management Board, Virtual Meeting, 16-17 and 23 June 2021

The Technical Management Board,

Noting the proposal from DIN and ANSI and the draft Terms of Reference as presented in the TMB document for Agenda item 4.2 of the June 2021 TMB meeting;

Agreeing that the scope of “smart farming” covers innovative technical aspects of agriculture and aquaculture as well as the sustainability and improved efficiency of food production and its value chain;

Decides to create a new ISO Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) on Smart farming with a 12-month mandate as follows:

Mandate

- Define a set of parameters for the classification of “Smart Farming” for the purposes of the SAG
- Build a matrix between the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the definition of Smart farming in order to establish an overview of current and potential future challenges in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Recommend actions to address these challenges
- List standards and other documents relevant to Smart Farming that are, or have been, developed by existing ISO Technical Committees
- Analyze any synergies in the current work of existing ISO technical committees relevant to Smart Farming, and consider opportunities to coordinate or collaborate across ISO committees where overlaps exist
- Set up a gap analysis in order to identify areas important for standardization in the field of Smart Farming not currently addressed by an existing ISO committee
- Recommend standardization activities
- Set up recommendations for the structuring of these standardization activities, which includes consideration of existing ISO committees, new technical committees, and ongoing coordination mechanisms
- Establish a priority list of any new work to be undertaken in the short term that should be progressed as an immediate priority
Main output
- The SAG on SF is expected to deliver its summarised findings in the form of a Roadmap on Smart farming.

Leadership
- Co-Convenors: DIN and ANSI
- Secretariat: ISO/CS
- Members:
  - Experts nominated by TMB members.
  - Experts nominated by non-TMB ISO members (selected via an Expression of Interest process to TMB).
  - Experts nominated by SMB and IEC members.
  - Supported by a consultative group composed of experts from relevant ISO/TCs involved in the general realm of Smart Farming (maximum 1 representative per TC).

- ISO/TC 23 Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry (and especially its subcommittee 19)
- ISO/TC 34 Food products
- ISO/TC 126 Tobacco and tobacco products
- ISO/TC 134 Fertilizers, soil conditioners and beneficial substances
- ISO/TC 146/SC 5 Meteorology
- ISO/TC 147 Water quality
- ISO/TC 154 Processes, data elements and documents in commerce, industry and administration
- ISO/TC 172 Optics and photonics
- ISO/TC 184 Automation systems and integration
- ISO/TC 190 Soil quality
- ISO/TC 207 Environmental management
- ISO/TC 211 Geographic information/Geomatics
- ISO/TC 282 Water reuse
- ISO/TC 299 Robotics
- ISO/TC 323 Circular economy
- ISO/TC 326 Machinery intended for use with foodstuffs
- ISO/TC 331 Biodiversity
- ISO/TC 234 Fisheries and aquaculture
- ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 41 Internet of Things
- ISO/TC 308 Chain of custody
Asks the SAG to confirm its membership to TMB by September 2021.

Asks the SAG to report for each TMB meeting and deliver the final report, with a roadmap, for September 2022.
### Annex B: SAG SF Membership

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Annex C: Alignment of Smart Farming Capabilities and SDG Targets

C.1 High-Level Capabilities / Containers

These capabilities correspond to the second-level capability containers shown in Clause 4.3. Clause C.2 and Annex D use capabilities at this level of organization to map to the SDG targets and to existing standards.

- C01: Strategic
- C02: Semantic interoperability
- C03: Product reference data management
- C03: Non-product reference data management
- C04: Service infrastructure
- C05: Farm management
- C06: Decision support
- C07: Livestock activities data management
- C08: Sales & marketing
- C09: Field operations data management
- C10: Observations data management
- C11: Supply chain data management
- C12: Food loss/waste management
- C13: Enable seed product use
- C14: Enable crop protection product use
- C15: Enable data security and privacy
- C16: Enable digital agronomy
- C17: Asset health management
- C18: Value chain enablement
C.2 SDG Targets and Capabilities

The ISO/TMB mandate to the SAG-SF (See Annex A) refers to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, or SDGs. These 17 goals, shown in Figure 9 below, emerged from the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the UN Member States in 2015, and serves as a valuable blueprint and framework for discussing global sustainable development.

![Figure 9: The 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)](image)

The SDGs are part of a tiered system, where each of the 17 goals has one or more targets (see “SDG target” entry in the Glossary for more detail) that may describe either

- desired outcomes (denoted as x.y, where x is the number of the goal and y is a number (e.g., “1.2”)) or
- means of implementation (denoted as x.z, where x is the number of the goal and z is a letter (e.g., “1.a”).

The ISO-SAG was made aware of Guide 82: 2019, Guidelines for addressing sustainability in standards, which led us, seeking to maximize specificity and the usefulness of the corresponding recommendations, to map capabilities and standards to the target level in Annexes C and D rather than to the SDGs themselves. The list of targets, their alignment with the SAG-SF scope, and notes about their relationship with the SAG-SF capabilities and recommendations follows below.
## SDG Targets

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<td>1.2</td>
<td>By 2030, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>Many of the capabilities considered by the SAG-SF, and the recommendations resulting from them, target smallholders directly or indirectly.</td>
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<td>1.4</td>
<td>By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
<td>Many of the capabilities considered by the SAG-SF, and the recommendations resulting from them, target smallholders directly or indirectly. In the case of this particular target, access to new technology, financial services and microfinance (and the data privacy policies and terms and conditions that underlie them) are the object of several recommendations in Clause 3.4.</td>
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<td>1.5</td>
<td>By 2030, build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and other economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>Many of the capabilities considered by the SAG-SF, and the recommendations resulting from them, target smallholders directly or indirectly. In the case of this particular target, increased access to risk management instruments and enabling decision support capabilities are the object of several recommendations in Clause 3.4.</td>
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<td>1.a</td>
<td>Ensure significant mobilization of resources from a variety of sources, including through enhanced development cooperation, in order to provide adequate and predictable means for developing countries, in particular least developed countries, to implement programmes and policies to end poverty in all its dimensions</td>
<td>LOW</td>
<td>Although the topic intersects data-driven agrifood systems, the strong policymaking component made it less compatible with the SAG-SF scope (SAG-SF experts flagged policy and regulation as NOT in scope).</td>
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<td>1.b</td>
<td>Create sound policy frameworks at the national, regional and international levels, based on pro-poor and gender-sensitive development strategies, to support accelerated investment in poverty eradication action</td>
<td>LOW</td>
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<td>2.1</td>
<td>By 2030, end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>Enabling data-driven mechanisms to increase productivity, income, sustainability and compliance at scale for producers both large and small is a core part of the work of the SAG-SF. Increasing access includes out-of-scope policy considerations, but is enabled by capabilities such as improved logistics and supply-chain traceability.</td>
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<td>2.2</td>
<td>By 2030, end all forms of malnutrition, including achieving, by 2025, the internationally agreed targets on stunting and wasting in children under 5 years of age, and address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women and older persons</td>
<td>LOW</td>
<td>Although the topic intersects data-driven agrifood systems, the strong policymaking component made it less compatible with the SAG-SF scope (SAG-SF experts flagged policy and regulation as NOT in scope). The standards-actionable aspects seemed concentrated in 2.1</td>
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<td>2.3</td>
<td>By 2030, double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers, in particular women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishers, including through secure and equal access to land, other productive resources and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
<td>Enabling data-driven mechanisms to increase productivity, income, sustainability and compliance at scale for producers both large and small is a core part of the work of the SAG-SF.</td>
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<td>2.4</td>
<td>By 2030, ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production, that help maintain ecosystems, that strengthen capacity for adaptation to climate change, extreme weather, drought, flooding and other disasters and that progressively improve land and soil quality</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
<td>Enabling data-driven mechanisms to increase productivity, income, sustainability and compliance at scale for producers both large and small is a core part of the work of the SAG-SF.</td>
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<td>2.5</td>
<td>By 2020, maintain the genetic diversity of seeds, cultivated plants and farmed and domesticated animals and their related wild species, including through soundly managed and diversified seed and plant banks at the national, regional and international levels, and promote access to and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, as internationally agreed</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
<td>The SAG-SF emphasis on semantic infrastructure, making data findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable (FAIR), and accurate field operations recordkeeping will enable this target.</td>
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<td>2.a</td>
<td>Increase investment, including through enhanced international cooperation, in rural infrastructure, agricultural research and extension services, technology development and plant and livestock gene banks in order to enhance agricultural productive capacity in developing countries, in particular least developed countries</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>Semantic infrastructure, a core theme of the SAG-SF, increases the value of these resources and perhaps can translate into increased investment.</td>
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<td>2.b</td>
<td>Correct and prevent trade restrictions and distortions in world agricultural markets, including through the parallel elimination of all forms of agricultural export subsidies and all export measures with equivalent effect, in accordance with the mandate of the Doha Development Round</td>
<td>LOW</td>
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<td>2.c</td>
<td>Adopt measures to ensure the proper functioning of food commodity markets and their derivatives and facilitate timely access to market information, including on food reserves, in order to help limit extreme food price volatility</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>Enabling better traceability and data interoperability throughout the supply chain is an emergent property of the recommendations of the SAG-SF. (See Clause 4.4 for more detail on the concept of emergent property.)</td>
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<td>3.9</td>
<td>By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>This target is enabled by interoperability of observations and measurements (in this case, of pollutants in the air, water and soil), and by better tracking of the field operations such as application of crop inputs, both core themes of the SAG-SF.</td>
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<td>Strengthen the capacity of all countries, in particular developing countries, for early warning, risk reduction and management of national and global health risks</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>This target is enabled by interoperability of observations and measurements (in this case, of contaminants, pathogens, etc.), a core theme of the SAG-SF.</td>
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<td>4.3</td>
<td>By 2030, ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable and quality technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university</td>
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<td>4.4</td>
<td>By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>The general recommendations 3.1.3 and 3.1.10 are meant to enable greater understanding by (current and prospective) practitioners of the value and applicability of standards to different parts of the agrifood systems domain. There is also a recommendation (and corresponding capabilities) about enabling better learning from on-farm research and technology adoption.</td>
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<td>4.5</td>
<td>By 2030, eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations</td>
<td>LOW</td>
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<td>4.b</td>
<td>By 2020, substantially expand globally the number of scholarships available to developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States and African countries, for enrolment in higher education, including vocational training and information and communications technology, technical, engineering and scientific programmes, in developed countries and other developing countries</td>
<td>LOW</td>
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<td>5.a</td>
<td>Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws</td>
<td>LOW</td>
<td>Although the topic intersects data-driven agrifood systems, the strong policymaking component made it less compatible with the SAG-SF scope (SAG-SF experts flagged policy and regulation as NOT in scope).</td>
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<td>6.3</td>
<td>By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>This target is enabled by interoperability of observations and measurements (in this case, of pollutants in the water), and by better tracking of the field operations such as application of crop inputs, both core themes of the SAG-SF.</td>
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<td>6.4</td>
<td>By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>This target is enabled by interoperability of observations and measurements (in this case, of water content, pumped water, water levels, and evapotranspiration model inputs and outputs), and by better tracking of the field operations such as application of irrigation water and crop harvest, all core themes of the SAG-SF.</td>
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<td>8.3</td>
<td>Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services</td>
<td>LOW</td>
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<td>Improve progressively, through 2030, global resource efficiency in consumption and production and endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, in accordance with the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production, with developed countries taking the lead</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
<td>This target is enabled by interoperability of observations and measurements (in this case, of nutrient levels, water content, crop and livestock conditions, etc.), and by better tracking of the field operations such as application of irrigation water, crop nutrition and crop protection products, as well as crop harvest, all core themes of the SAG-SF.</td>
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<td>9.3</td>
<td>Increase the access of small-scale industrial and other enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>Many of the capabilities considered by the SAG-SF, and the recommendations resulting from them, target smallholders, their advisers and manufacturers and distributors of inputs and tooling, directly or indirectly. In the case of this particular target, access to new technology, financial services and microfinance (and the data privacy policies and terms and contions that underlie them) are the object of several recommendations in Clause 3.4.</td>
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<td>By 2030, upgrade infrastructure and retrofit industries to make them sustainable, with increased resource-use efficiency and greater adoption of clean and environmentally sound technologies and industrial processes, with all countries taking action in accordance with their respective capabilities</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>The theme of enabling interoperable observations and measurements, standardizing asset health reporting and enabling process formalization through data product specifications are all aspects of the work of the SAG-SF.</td>
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<td>9.5</td>
<td>Enhance scientific research, upgrade the technological capabilities of industrial sectors in all countries, in particular developing countries, including, by 2030, encouraging innovation and substantially increasing the number of research and development workers per 1 million people and public and private research and development spending</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>Standardization contributes to the upgrade of technological capabilities. The capabilities associated with data-driven agrifood systems were the focus of the SAG-SF.</td>
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<td>9.b</td>
<td>Support domestic technology development, research and innovation in developing countries, including by ensuring a conducive policy environment for, inter alia, industrial diversification and value addition to commodities</td>
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<td>12.1</td>
<td>Implement the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns, all countries taking action, with developed countries taking the lead, taking into account the development and capabilities of developing countries</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>This target is enabled by interoperability of observations and measurements (in this case, of nutrient levels, water content, crop and livestock conditions, etc.), and by better tracking of the field operations such as application of irrigation water, crop nutrition and crop protection products, as well as crop harvest, all core themes of the SAG-SF.</td>
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<td>By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
<td>This target is enabled by interoperability of observations and measurements (in this case, of nutrient levels, water content, crop and livestock conditions, etc.), and by better tracking of the field operations such as application of irrigation water, crop nutrition and crop protection products, as well as crop harvest, all core themes of the SAG-SF.</td>
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<td>12.3</td>
<td>By 2030, halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
<td>The SAG-SF considered food loss and waste an important topic, considered in the capability model and in one of its domain recommendations.</td>
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<td>12.4</td>
<td>By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>This target is enabled by interoperability of observations and measurements (in this case, of nutrient levels, water content, crop and livestock conditions, contaminants in the air, soil and water, etc.), and by better tracking of the field operations such as application of irrigation water, crop nutrition and crop protection products, as well as crop harvest, all core themes of the SAG-SF.</td>
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<td>12.6</td>
<td>Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle</td>
<td>LOW</td>
<td>Although the topic intersects data-driven agrifood systems, the strong policymaking component made it less compatible with the SAG-SF scope (SAG-SF experts flagged policy and regulation as NOT in scope). This is enabled by greater interoperability, however.</td>
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<td>13.2</td>
<td>Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning</td>
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<td>13.b</td>
<td>Promote mechanisms for raising capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management in least developed countries and small island developing States, including focusing on women, youth and local and marginalized communities</td>
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<td>15.2</td>
<td>By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally</td>
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<td>This target is enabled by interoperability of observations and measurements (in this case, of nutrient levels, water content, crop and livestock conditions, contaminants in the air, soil and water, etc.), and by better tracking of the field operations such as application of irrigation water, crop nutrition and crop protection products, as well as crop harvest, all core themes of the SAG-SF.</td>
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<td>15.3</td>
<td>By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world</td>
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<td>This target is enabled by interoperability of observations and measurements (in this case, of nutrient levels, water content, crop and livestock conditions, contaminants in the air, soil and water, etc.), and by better tracking of the field operations such as application of irrigation water, crop nutrition and crop protection products, as well as crop harvest, all core themes of the SAG-SF.</td>
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<td>15.6</td>
<td>Promote fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and promote appropriate access to such resources, as internationally agreed</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>The SAG-SF emphasis on semantic infrastructure, making data findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable (FAIR), and accurate field operations recordkeeping will enable this target.</td>
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<td>16.6</td>
<td>Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels</td>
<td>LOW</td>
<td>Although the topic intersects data-driven agrifood systems, and is enabled by better data findability, accessibility, interoperability, and reusability, the strong policymaking component made it less compatible with the SAG-SF scope (SAG-SF experts flagged policy and regulation as NOT in scope).</td>
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<td>17.7</td>
<td>Promote the development, transfer, dissemination and diffusion of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries on favourable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms, as mutually agreed</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>The general recommendations 3.1.3 and 3.1.10 are meant to enable greater understanding by (current and prospective) practitioners of the value and applicability of standards to different parts of the agrifood systems domain. There is also a recommendation (and corresponding capabilities) about enabling better learning from on-farm research and technology adoption.</td>
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<td>17.16</td>
<td>Enhance the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in all countries, in particular developing countries</td>
<td>MEDIUM</td>
<td>This data is enabled by good-quality, timely data. Enabling that agricultural data be findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable (FAIR) is a core theme of the work of the SAG-SF. Refer to General recommendation 3.1.9 and also Recommendation 3.4.1.</td>
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<td>Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships</td>
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<td>Coordination recommendations enable this, but the capability map does not target it. Also, although the topic intersects data-driven agrifood systems, the strong policymaking component made it less compatible with the SAG-SF scope (SAG-SF experts flagged policy and regulation as NOT in scope).</td>
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<td>By 2020, enhance capacity-building support to developing countries, including for least developed countries and small island developing States, to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts</td>
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<td>By 2030, build on existing initiatives to develop measurements of progress on sustainable development that complement gross domestic product, and support statistical capacity-building in developing countries</td>
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<td>The SAG-SF’s internal and external Coordination recommendations enable this, but the capability map does not target it specifically. Also, although the topic intersects data-driven agrifood systems, the strong policymaking component made it less compatible with the SAG-SF scope (SAG-SF experts flagged policy and regulation as NOT in scope).</td>
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Annex E: Artifacts

The artifacts in this annex include:

- Scope items
- Stories
- Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN) diagrams
- Personas and causal / relationship diagrams

E.1 Scope Items

Table E.1 lists the scope items provided by members of the Core and Consultative groups of the SAG-SF in response to the question of what items they considered to be in scope of smart farming.

Table E.1 – Scope items proposed by the SAG-SF Core and Consultative groups, along with the subgroup each scope item was primarily assigned to.

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E.2 Stories

Members of the SAG SF used the Trisotech Discovery Accelerator to create stories to identify the actors, activities, artifacts, etc. that are involved in Smart Farming processes. The Discovery Accelerator allowed subgroup members to answer the Who, What, When, Where, How and Why questions for any given process. These became the basis for generating the BPMN diagrams.

In the stories, an **Activity** denotes how things get done; the **Actor** identifies who is involved in getting things done; the **Artifact** denotes what is involved in getting things done; the **Event** is when are things getting done; the **System** is where getting things done takes place; and the **GOAL** is why things are getting done. The stories led directly to the development of Business Process Management Notation (BPMN) diagrams shown in the section following.

**Story: Expert or crop monitoring services**

**Expert** receives an order from the **farmer** to inspect one or several fields.

**Expert** arranges a date to visit the field.

**Expert** alone or in company of the **farmer** visits the fields and decide what needs to be done and sends the data of what they determine is required to the farmer’s **FMIS** (fertilizer, plant protection product, machines to be used, application rates etc.).

**Crop monitoring data** are sent regularly to the **farmer** as **text message** or are **directly pushed** to the **FMIS** of the **farmer**.

**Story: Application of fertilizer and crop protection products**

**Farmer consults experts** to get an **application map** for **fertilizer** and **plant protection products** application.

**Farmer defines** an **application map** for the **fertilizer** and **plant protection products** in his **FMIS**.
The FMIS connects to a cloud database with relevant data about the crop protection products that are allowed to be used for this specific crop, in this specific time of the year and in this specific region.

Farmer contacts an online forecast service to check the weather.

Farmer exports the application map from the FMIS to the machine terminal.

Farmer identifies the fertilizer or plant protection products when filling the fertilizing or spraying machine by scanning the QR-code on the product label.

Farmer applies the fertilizer or plant protection products on the field based on the application map.

Machine terminal logs data by the machine (e.g. time, geolocalisation, used machine, used product, application rate, temperature, air humidity, crop images etc.) during work.

Farmer imports the logged data of the field work (e.g. machinery used, amount and type of seeds, fertilizer, plant protection product amount and dosage, etc.) into the FMIS.

Used fertilizer or plant protection products are automatically booked out of the FMIS (farm storage).

Story: Supply industry (machinery, fertilizer, plant protection products)

Plant protection product, fertilizer and seed industries produce plant protection products, fertilizers and seeds.

The suppliers deliver the identification data for the different products (e.g. active substances, concentrations, nutrient content etc.) to a central database.

The suppliers send the ordered products to retailers.

Retailers deliver the ordered products to the farmers.

Comment: It needs to be defined as to what exactly has been produced: active substances, nutrient content etc. An ISO standard is needed for this.

Story: Setup and reference data field use

Note: This scenario involves data preparation work prior to the planning, preparation and execution of the field operation, but this work translates into a frictionless experience processing the data afterward.

farmer uses an FMIS for managing field operations
When field operation planning, the FMIS operator exports setup data, reference data and configuration data.

The FMIS operator sends the setup data, reference data and configuration data to the MICS.

During field operation preparation, the machine operator allocates a-priori-identified resources to the field operation on the MICS (fields, products, crops, people, etc.).

The machine operator starts the task on the MICS.

The MICS on the machine logs field operations data; i.e., field operation documentation.

Field operation execution: The machine operator performs the field operation with the machine.

The machine operator ends the task on the MICS.

The machine operator sends the data to the FMIS.

The FMIS notifies the FMIS operator of inbound data, imports the inbound data into the FMIS.

When importing the inbound data into the FMIS, the FMIS recognizes the resource identifiers it exported to the machine.

The FMIS stores the field operations data.

Story: Farmer orders product from retailer

Retailer receives order from farmer.

Order is recorded in retailers database.

Retailer orders products from the supplier.

Order is recorded in retailers database/system and suppliers database/system.

Retailer delivers product to farmer.

Delivery is recorded in retailers database/system and logged in the farmer’s FMIS.

Story: Application of fertilizer and crop protection products

Farmer contacts experts to get their advice for field operations.

Farmer sends field data to the expert.

Farmer and expert visit the field together and determines the need for pest or fertilizer treatments.
Farmer contacts an online forecast service to check the weather.

Farmer defines an application map for the fertilization and plant protection product in his FMIS or writes the application data on paper (or another medium).

The FMIS connects to a cloud database with relevant data about the crop protection products that are allowed to be used for this specific crop, in this specific time of the year and in this specific region. If needed, corrections need to be applied.

Farmer sends orders for services like tillage, fertilization, plant protection or harvest including all the needed products from a supplier.

Farmer executes the different field works (tillage, planting, fertilization, plant protection, irrigation, harvest, in case of perennial crops additional works like tree-cut, fruit thinning etc.).

Farmer loads the application map from the FMIS to the machine terminal.

Farmer determines the coupled machine and the settings of the machine.

When filling the fertilising or spraying machine, the QR-code on the product label is scanned and the product is identified.

Farmer defines the amount of product per field that he has to use in the tractor terminal using the instructions in the FMIS.

During the operations the data may be logged by the machine: time, geolocalisation, used machine, used product, application rate, temperature, air humidity, crop images etc.

If no data are logged, work data are simply registered on paper or typed into the smartphone FMIS app.

After the work the farmer writes the data for the field work (e.g., machinery used, amount and type of seeds, fertilizer, plant protection product amount and dosage, etc.) into the FMIS.

Data are pushed from the machine terminal to the FMIS (ISO-standard of to be recorded parameters for different crops and operations?).

Used products are automatically booked out of the FMIS (farm storage).
Story: No-process-calculations and data transfer to third parties

Farmer calculates the nutrient balance of each single field (Nutrient import – Nutrient export of each single field based on national rules).

Farmer establishes the plant protection protocol of the fields according to the different standards of related organisations, national rules etc. (e.g. product identity, applied amount, time, exact location, weather conditions like wind speed)

Production data are checked by an expert to guarantee that the agreed production standards have been met.

In accordance with the different standards the farmer sends the production data for his fields to the wholesalers, label organisations and the government.

Farmer calculates the revenue and the costs of the different fields.

Farmer calculates the needed working hours of the different fields.

Story: Analytical laboratories

Analytical laboratories are regularly actualizing their identification codes.

Laboratories receive samples (soil, plant, manure, water etc.) from the farmer.

Laboratories analyse soil, plant, manure and water samples.

the standard test results:

for soil: chemical constituents & particle dispersion

for water: ph, ec, organic mater

for plant: dry mater, microbiology, toxins & pesticides

Results are sent to the farm management information system FMIS that deals the payroll, machinery, products and workers, field and geographical information, and decision and task management will all be available to the farmer.

Story: Closed loop spray

The farmer or contractor prepares the spraying operations for pest control in a crop, using a Farm Management Information System (FMIS). The FMIS contains up-to-date and detailed information
about all the crop fields of the farm; field identifiers, types of crop, field boundaries, a record of all the operations that we carried out on this crop field, etc.

The FMIS connects to the cloud application with the actual and forecasted weather conditions. The FMIS connects to a cloud database with relevant data about the crop protection products that are allowed be uses for this specific crop, in this specific time of the year and in this specific region.

All the information is used to generate a planned spray operation for the specified field. The planned operations is transferred as a ‘work order’ to the tractor or spraying machine. When filling the spraying machine with water and the crop production product, the QR-code on the product label is scanned and the product is identified. A final check is done, connecting to the cloud database with crop protection reference data, verifying if the conditions are still met for carrying out the spray operation. The executed workorder is captured by the tractor or spraying machine and fed back to the FMIS to be used for compliance purposes and for agronomic analysis.

Story: Fertilizing

Note: This sub-process may include irrigation, fertilizer, soil amendments, or crop protection chemicals as indicated by the crop plan or the crop field observation report. Equipment associated with inputs should be suitable and calibrated as appropriate to ensure proper application.

- Farmer starts tractor and smart farming platform (SFP), then enters username and password.
- Farmer chooses offline/online mode in SFP, of which offline operations apply to fields with sufficient historical soil and crop yield information and online operations apply to fields without historical data and requiring in-season monitoring.
- Farmer retrieves basal fertilization information for the fields in SFP.
- Farmer operates SFP monitoring module online mode to acquire soil information and crop growth information.
- Farmer chooses a fertilizer recommendation algorithm in SFP.
- SFP determines required nutrition (N) and farmer chooses sensor-based or prescription map-based topdressing.
Farmer prepares the tractor for sensor-based or map-based variable-rate fertilizer application on the go by setting precisely:

**fertilizer type** (compound or straight, solid or liquid)

**AND**

**flow control valve** (amount of fertilizer, determined for a specific fertilizer type)

**AND**

**run time for the fertilizer** (duration of applying this amount of fertilizer).

**Story: Monitoring crops health status and application of phytosanitary products**

Satellite or unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) images are taken measuring the health sensitive vegetation index (HVI) of the crops.

A field is selected, and satellite or UAV images are taken periodically of it and the variation of the HVI of the crop is evaluated, analyzing the different parts of the field.

Sections of the field, whose HVI suffers unusual changes, are observed. An alert is triggered to the monitoring company, who go through the field and evaluate the situation in site.

If it is determined that the decrease in HVI is due to a disease or pest, an order is triggered to the plant protection products application company to apply fungicides through a specific mapping of the field, producing variable application of fungicides, carrying out the treatment only in the affected area.

**Story: Image processing weed control**

An autonomous weed control robot is used in the field to remove weed in a crop in order to maximise crop production.

Weed detection algorithms for autonomous weed control robots are developed and placed on a server in the cloud.

The weed control robot downloads on a regular base the most up-to-data and appropriate algorithm it can use to real time detect and remove in a chemical or mechanical way the weed in a specific crop.

During the operation the robot takes many images to detect the weed. The captured images are, enriched with meta data (timestamp, type of crop, weather conditions, angle of the camera, etc.),
Uploaded to a cloud server where the images are available for improving the algorithm and for other purposes; e.g., to detect fungus infections in the crop.

**Story: Weeding - Selective sprays**

A crop monitoring company is hired to make the monitoring of the plots of a field. They determine the presence of patches of weeds in the field, but not enough to spray it massively, rather selective spraying is required.

An alert is triggered to the farmer, and he contacts the herbicide application company that has a sprayer with the selective application system.

This contractor has mounted on the boom of the sprayer, some infrared sensors that, when detecting weeds (by NDVI), produce the application of herbicides, making selective applications in the places where the weeds are located and not elsewhere, reducing the risk of contamination and producing a more profitable application.

**Story: Proper harvest time**

Adjust harvest timetable and schedule based on actual field, weather and crop conditions. This step is taken whenever adjustments are required to the harvest schedule. These actions ensure final timing and schedule meet contract and yield requirements.

Weather data (solar/soil temperature/rainwater) is sent daily from automatic weather stations (AWS) and collected on a cloud-based server.

An API request calls data from the cloud to the model.

The model analyses the new data and updates the harvest prediction date for each field.

Farmer opens the app (decision support system) and directs harvest teams to field in order of priority. In this way crop yield and quality are maximised and labour allocated more efficiently.

**Story: Grain Harvest**

The farmer gives the contractor the order to harvest a field of wheat.

From the farm management system, the farmer transmits the order with position, field boundaries and obstacles, i.e., the position of a large stone in the field to the contractor.

The contractor uses the guidance system and the field boundaries to plan the tracks of the combine harvester.
The **contractor** transmits all data for the order to the **driver** and the **combine**. These are the job number, the arable crop, the position of the field, the position of the transport trailer at the edge of the field, the tracks and the position of the stone. The driver drives to the field using the position and a **navigation system**. Here he **starts harvesting**.

He **sets the standard value for wheat** on the **combine's terminal** according to the manufacturer's specifications. He drives along the tracks with the **parallel drive system**. The combine adjusts the driving speed according to the amount harvested. The moisture of the wheat and the yield are recorded via the sensors in the combine and documented with the position data on a map.

As it is already **evening** and the straw is getting wetter, the **combine does not clean the short straw as well**. The **driver recognizes** this via the **sensors in the combine** and the straw in the field. He then **adjusts the standard settings** for wheat on the combine and **saves the new setting on the combine** as an alternative setting for wheat in the combine. **After he has finished**, he **completes the job**.

All data is transferred to the contractor via the **cloud**. For the contractor, this is working time, machine utilization and fuel consumption. The **contractor then sends** the map with the yield and moisture measurements to the farmer's **farm management system**.

**Story: Automatic Operation of Harvesting Machines**

**Fruit harvester driver** operates both a trunk and shaker system simultaneously.

When **driver starts harvesting a fruit row**, an **artificial vision system** detects trunk to grab with the trunk shakers arms. Simultaneously, canopy shaker is also self-adjusted through a **pressure sensor** to **approach** the tree canopy itself:

The purpose of the system is to **assist fruit harvester driver to optimize fruit harvesting automatically** in a **specific fruit orchard**. The **fruit harvester driver** should only **select** trunk-shaking time, different vibration events per tree and canopy shaking time to **detach most of the fruits** from each **fruit orchard**.
E.3 Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN) Diagrams

Members of the SAG used Business Process Management Notation (BPMN) diagrams to map out processes, identifying actors and data flow. These diagrams are shown in the figures below.

Figure 10: Supply Industry (machinery, fertilizer, plant protection products)
Figure 11: Supply Industry: Produce code development

Figure 12: Agricultural Retailer
Figure 13: Crop Monitoring by Expert or Service

Figure 14: Irrigation using multi-spectral analysis
Figure 15: Application of fertilizer
Figure 16: Apple Processing
Figure 17: Farm Waste Management

Figure 18: Urban Farming Hydroponics general process

Figure 19: Hydroponics preparation and sanitizing
Figure 20: Hydroponics germination

Figure 21: Hydroponics Propagation

Figure 22: Hydroponics harvesting
Figure 23: Hydroponics storage and distribution
E.4 Personas

The following personas and relationship diagrams were developed by the SG7 on Social Aspects to determine how the social forces impact their ability to practice smart farming. Some of the personas are accompanied by causal diagrams, that express relationships between entities in the systems the personas are a part of.

Danial - Smallholder Farmer – non-mechanized in Fariman, Iran.
Product: Organic Saffron

Danial is concerned about the following Items:

- climate change and drought
- low speed of Internet
- high wages of labourers
- high costs of special fertilizer
- limited time for harvesting
- staying with limits of pesticide use
- guaranteed purchase contract of the product
- providing specialized training for harvest, post-harvest and planting the next product
- having specialized advice from experts at the production site
- assistance in the payment of financial aid before harvest
- specialized sales and supply of inputs and raw materials and, if necessary, deducting the amount from the final threshing place
- creating a virtual information and educational system for labourers
- creating an integrated system for the management of farms and cultivated areas
- preparing a comprehensive database of users
- getting assistance in water supply or implement a new irrigation system in saffron fields
- getting timely supply and cash purchase of products through payment by the bank
In-season, Danial will need to:

- prepare and disinfect corm for cultivation
- cultivation of saffron corm (end of June to end of September)
- control pests and weeds
- fertilize
- irrigate (First time Oct-Nov, second time: after harvest, third time: after Weeding and fertilizing, Last time: end of growth time April – May)
- transfer the standards and technical knowledge needed to produce products with higher added value (organic saffron, or products made from petals and other parts of saffron)

Harvest

- hire and supervise laborers for picking saffron flowers by hand, early in the morning
- separate stigma of saffron from flower as soon as possible in order to keep the high quality
- provide specialized and professional devices for drying saffron
- dry saffron stigma by oven, portable and special heater
- store saffron for use during the year

Post-Harvest

- pack and stock saffron in safe place and stock
- apply the and renew for organic certificate
- sample and test for organic certificate
- sell part of product to process factories or exporters
- participate in the final added value
- prepare the field for next crop

Data needs

- list of fertilize and suppliers
- limit of pesticides for organic saffron
- legalization of EU for certifying Organic Products
- list of buyers
- database for hiring laborers
- database of BDS (Business Developers)
- hygiene and health instructions
Information sources

- Agricultural Organisations
- Union of Saffron Growers
- Service Providers
- Saffron Exporters

Figure 24; Danial Data Relationships

Dimitar: Fruit Picker

He is a Bulgarian citizen with a visa under the UK Seasonal Worker scheme. He works six months of the year in the UK, Kent. He is not fluent in English.

Dimitar is concerned about these things:

- keeping his job
- earning enough money
• safety at work

He is dependent on his employer for:
• housing
• training
• knowledge of health and safety rules and procedures

Dimitar is preparing to go into the field to pick fruit. He needs to:
• understand his responsibilities
• pick fruit quickly and without damage
• ensure he works with the team to transport the fruit to designated parts of the field

While picking:
• he pays attention to ripe and unripe fruit
• he tries to keep hydrated but is dependent on management for break time
• his pace of picking is actively monitored by management
• he understands which part of the field he is responsible for
• he co-ordinates picking and transport logistics with the rest of his team
Souleymane has a shop selling fertilizer, seed and pesticides in the market at Ouahigouya, Burkina Faso. Primary crops produced by his customers include sorghum, millet, and cowpeas. He would like to offer his customers a one-stop app that would help them diagnose plant disease, insect and other soil nutrient problems.

He has a bachelor’s degree from the local lycée. He is literate in both French and Mooré. He has taken a coding class in school but has no practical experience in coding.

Souleymane is concerned about:

- building strong relations with his customers
- providing accurate diagnoses
- cyber security for his customers and his business
- He is often approached by NGOs and by companies with apps that they want him to use. Those apps are incompatible, too narrowly focused, untested, require too much memory space and require signing away data rights.

In planning for next season, Souleymane needs to:

- understand which apps are available and their memory space requirements
- determine which apps are compatible with each other
- data privacy policies of each app developer

In-Season, Souleymane will need to:

- help his customers use the apps he recommends
- have the pesticides and fertilizers on hand which the apps are likely to recommend

Post-harvest, Souleymane, will need to:

- evaluate the apps used this crop season
Social Capabilities Needed:
- Match customer & consumer needs to products, apps, and services
- Build trust with customers
- Provide correct agronomic advice
- Understand Gov’t regs and guidelines
- Communication

Potential Standards:
- Format and metadata rules to govern crop & livestock production descriptions
- Format and metadata for crop inputs (e.g., pesticides, seed, fertilizers, etc.)
- Data ownership standards
- Reliability standards for app based diagnostic tools.

Figure 25: Souleymane Data Relationships
Eve - Manager/owner, small family fruit farm in Hampshire, UK

Third generation owner of a small family fruit farm: strawberries, raspberries and blueberries. She is a UK citizen managing the farm with her husband. She hopes to pass it on to one or both of her two daughters. Eve has overall responsibility for:

- business management and planning
- recruitment and employment
- sales and customer relations

Eve is concerned about:

- providing good quality work with a need for fifty seasonal staff and five full-time staff.
- maintaining a thriving business.
- profit is important, but other values such as sustainability and family succession are vital

Eve is preparing the farm plan for the next year. She needs to:

- decide what to plant, where, and in what quantity
- predict and plan recruitment
- sustain relationships with customers

While planning, she pays attention to:

- she pays attention to costs and expected income
- tries to create good quality, well paid work
- tries to negotiate a good price for produce
- assesses all options to improve efficiency, including technology, variety, and husbandry
- consults business advisers, agronomists and her family
- engages the local community to discuss issues such as expansion of polytunnels in the local area
Sofia, Smallholder Farmer – Non-Mechanized; lives in the Rio Negro Province of Argentina

Her primary and most valuable crop is pears
She uses computers to run the farm business, but not much technology for orchard operations

Sofia is concerned about:

- increased drought due to climate change
- currency fluctuations
- speed of mobile internet is slow
- unexpected weather events (e.g., spring frost, followed by hailstorm)
- high international freight costs are squeezing margins

In planning, Sofia needs to:

- acquire market data
- have a soil analysis completed
- create a planting plan

In-season, Sofia will need to:

- drip irrigate and fertilize
- control pests and diseases
- prepare for, and respond to, to weather events

At harvest, Sofia will need to:

- hire and supervise laborers

For post-harvest, Sofia will need to:

- pack and prepare for shipping to Thailand
- reduce her exporting costs and/or or secure government funding
Figure 26: Sofia Data Relationships
Wolfgang, Smallholder Farmer – Mechanized; Farms in Rotenburg, Germany

Wolfgang is very comfortable with technology; he uses computers, laser beams, drones, etc. He is changing his crop from rye to feed maize to take advantage of the biogas market.

Wolfgang is concerned about:

- downward price pressure from retailers
- inflation on parts and labor
- new restrictions on use of fertilizers and insecticides. He does not trust the official nitrate monitoring data.
- at the same time, he would like to support a bio-diverse environment

Wolfgang is preparing for the next season.

In Planning, he needs to:
- acquire the latest relevant data for the biogas market
- have a soil analysis completed
- create a planting plan

In-Season, Wolfgang will need to:
- irrigate and fertilize his crops
- control for pests and diseases
- respond to weather events

At Harvest, Wolfgang will need to:
- harvest and store maize
- record his yield
- report his use of nitrates and insecticides

Post-Harvest, Wolfgang will need to:
- arrange for transport to the biogas processor
Ian – IT Worker and Rambler; Lives in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, UK

Ian is a British citizen of West Indian origin who grew up in London. He is a devoted rambler who spends at least one day a week year-round in the countryside for mental and physical health. He is a responsible rambler and is aware of the UK Countryside code; he stays on the path when it is clearly marked. While he loves the countryside, he has very little knowledge about agricultural practices, nor does he always understand the practices that he sees. He is concerned about personal safety while hiking.

Ian is planning his walks for the upcoming season. He will need to:

- obtain up-to-date maps of walking paths that are affected by farming operations
- sign up for path related text or email alerts from farmers and local councils
- create a walking plan

While walking, Ian will need to

- pay attention to signs
- monitor his cellphone for path condition alerts

Figure 27: Ian Data Relationships

Capabilities Needed:
- Plan a Hike
- Avoid hazards
- Receive real-time updates

Farmer
- Plan field operations
- Follow regulations & guidelines
- Operate equipment with safety of ramblers in mind
- Provide real-time updates
- Communication

Potential Standards:
- Location of livestock, crop robots or other potential hazards
- Recent or planned crop protection applications
- Methods for communicating potential hazards (signage, text messages, website, app, etc.)
- Information about the crop and livestock plans to help the rambler and rural residents better understand farm activities.
Stavros - Olive Grower; lives in Greece

Stavros inherited an orchard from his father. He works another orchard that belongs to his brother who lives abroad.
May owe back taxes/increased taxes due to rural land reforms requiring all property to be surveyed using GPS coordinates

Concerned about these things:
- price of inputs (water, fertilizer, etc.)
- government taxation – does not trust government; is penalized with double tax rate for being more productive.
- disposal of agricultural waste.
- insurance coverage – does not trust government or private insurer
- wildfires

Needs to:
- maintain health of trees throughout the year
- source labor to harvest olives in the wintertime, typically crews of Serbians and Bulgarians
- dispose of agricultural waste without causing a widespread fire
- sell olives
  - some sold for cash locally
  - bulk sold to wholesalers (domestically and abroad)
- produce oil
  - some for personal use
  - some to sell for cash
  - some to sell to domestic wholesalers
  - some to sell to wholesalers abroad (typically send to Italy).
Colleen – Household Consumer of Organic Produce; lives in Richmond, Virginia USA

Colleen is solidly middle class. She
- has no scientific background
- has no tie to agriculture or farming
- is very health conscious
- environmentally conscious

When buying groceries, Colleen:
- will patronize farmer’s market as a social activity, not as part of her regular shopping
- does not doubt claims that produce marketed as organic is indeed so.
- does not understand that organic does not necessarily mean pesticide- or fungicide-free
- is confused by competing labelling systems
- shifts burden of educating herself by purchasing organic products at retailers like Costco, Trader Joe’s, and Whole Foods
- thinks there should be a scientific test to determine whether a fruit or vegetable is “organic” or not.

While shopping:
- Colleen does not consider where organic produce is sourced from (domestically versus internationally) and therefore does not consider CO₂ emissions from packaging and transport.
- Colleen does not know that produce are treated with fungicide to enable lengthy international travel
- Colleen is unaware of where organic produce is grown (greenhouses versus vertical farms versus fields) and who is doing the growing
- Colleen has no way of understanding what labor force is involved to pick and pack her produce and who is performing the labor and under what conditions.
- Is baffled that produce shipped from abroad is often cheaper than American-grown produce
**National Farmers’ Federation of Australia**

The following set of personas was developed by, and included with permission from, the National Farmers' Federation of Australia.

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**Certification Framework Design: Personas**

**Farmer 1: Paul, 64 yrs old, sugar cane grower in QLD for 40 yrs. Employs 2 staff. Uses some technology on farm but only what’s necessary. (Represents approx 60-80% of farmers)**

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<td>- Don’t read software T&amp;Cs because they are difficult to read</td>
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<td>- Mistrust about data having value but doesn’t understand how it applies to him</td>
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<td>- Gets benchmarking reports from their RDC</td>
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<td>- Assumes it is illegal for someone to share their data without permission</td>
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<td>- Can’t negotiate software T&amp;Cs, and can’t get data out of his machines without accepting the T&amp;Cs</td>
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<td>- Reporting biosecurity data and audits</td>
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<td>- Has had his email hacked once</td>
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<td>- Can’t get production data from the processing plant</td>
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<td>- Has to provide financial data and production data to the bank</td>
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<td>- Has to provide information about the farm to the insurance company or get charged a higher premium</td>
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<td>- Has a lot of old paper records which are difficult to share</td>
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<td>- Unsure whether providers manage data as they say they will</td>
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Farmer 2: Jude, 41 yrs old, cattle farmer in WA for 5 yrs. Employs 10 staff. Cautiously excited about AgTech, seeks innovation. (Represents approx 5-15% of farmers)

**Motivations**
- Family, community, country lifestyle
- Helping her industry grow
- Growing the business
- Health animals
- Sustainability
- Retaining control of her data

**Jobs**
- Raise cattle
- Improve/upgrade equipment
- Employ staff
- Market produce
- Manage the farm business
- Manage production

**Behaviours**
- Purchase decisions based on research
- Involved in several farmer groups
- Reads about new technology and goes to AgTech demos at field days
- Looks for software with good tech support
- Participates in research projects and AgTech pilots
- Aware about data sharing issues
- Shares her data with a benchmarking group
- Shares data with an advisor via an app
- Sees AgTech/precision agriculture as a way to reduce the risks inherent in farming: data helps you make better decisions
- Sells livestock at 20% premium because it has good data attached to it (e.g., weight history, fertility history)

**Pains**
- Produce prices, export conditions
- Weather
- Time poor
- Had her farm data accidentally shown in a demo at a field day
- Getting data from one software to another with limited technical skill
- Long and difficult to read software T&Cs, and no specific legal help available to read them
- Lost data due to an AgTech start-up closing down
- Run out of feed one year due to incorrect information provided by software that was being piloted
- Research project contracts obscurely include data in IP clauses
- Research project results take long to get and are not always reliable

Jude, Cattle Farmer, relies on both onsite and external data to achieve profitability.

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Figure 28: Jude Data Relationships
### Grower Group Manager: Lucy, 50 yrs old.

**Motivations**
- Advocating for and helping her grower community

**Behaviours**
- Unsure how to help growers with AgTech, data, and IT

**Jobs**
- Administrate grower group – e.g. meetings, membership, budgets
- Select projects to fund
- Promote the grower group
- Works with research/tech providers

**Pains**
- Gets approached by researchers and AgTechs wanting access to her grower group members
- Doesn’t have legal knowledge or IT knowledge to be able to vet the providers or contracts
- Doesn’t have the capacity to run precision agriculture projects in-house so needs to engage providers
- Unsure whether providers manage data as they say they will

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### Agronomist: Sam, 46 yrs old. Has 10 farm clients. Interested in precision agriculture.

**Motivations**
- Family, community, country lifestyle
- Keeping clients happy
- Expanding his knowledge of precision agriculture to give more value to clients
- Good profit

**Behaviours**
- Uses multiple software programs to track clients’ farm data
- Don’t read software T&Cs because they are difficult, doesn’t have legal help available, can’t change T&Cs
- Clients share their farm data with him
- Data doesn’t often come up in conversation with clients
- Unaware he might have a responsibility over clients’ data

**Jobs**
- Visits clients on their farms, collects data (on paper and on apps), checks on crops, answers questions
- Takes samples and sends to labs
- Analyse farm data and provide insights and recommendations for methods and products

**Pains**
- Paper records that are hard to analyse historically
- Fixing issues created by a AgTech start-up that gave incorrect recommendations
- Data duplication issues when using multiple apps for one farm and/or multiple contractors collecting data about one farm
- Farm software often not designed for Australia, difficult workflow, and expensive
- Farm software has limited functionality – he creates his own spreadsheets to compare and overlay data
- Quality/timeliness of data collected/provided by farmers
AgTech company 1: small start up “WeGrow”, 10 staff, 1 yr old. Product aggregates data and provides sowing recommendations.

**Motivations**
- Growing the company
- Increase revenue/investment
- Innovation

**Jobs**
- Product design and development
- Customer acquisition
- Public and Investor relations
- Scaling processes and team

**Behaviours**
- Most staff are filling multiple roles and are stretched in many directions
- Assume that they own data they processed, aggregated, and derived
- Don’t understand the potential negative consequences for the farmer of sensitive/identifying data being shared
- Business model is built on selling insights about farmers to third parties
- Use data to improve their products

**Pains**
- Cashflow is tight
- No company history - difficult to get customers to trust you
- Competing with established companies
- Australian ag market small – only 2% of global – can’t make enough
- Time to be viable
- Difficult to get investment funding in Australia
- Limited legal expertise, often use contract templates or write own contracts
- Review cycles in agriculture – one harvest per year means product development and testing is slow
- Difficult to find data management standards
- Data quality and structure – it takes effort to make data usable
- Farm data difficult to completely de-identify
- Cybersecurity threat
- Approached by other organisations for access to farm data e.g. banks

AgTech company 2: global company “AgriCo”, 8000 staff, 25 yrs old. Product is rain and soil sensor device that provides land management recommendations.

**Motivations**
- Increase profit
- Increase market share
- Protecting reputation
- Limiting legal exposure

**Jobs**
- Product development and maintenance
- Customer management
- Public and investor relations

**Behaviours**
- Hierarchical structure with busy executives
- Assume that they own data they processed, aggregated, and derived
- Don’t understand the potential negative consequences for the farmer of sensitive/identifying data being shared
- Has a large legal team that creates long contracts and T&Cs
- Does not negotiate on T&Cs with individual users
- Update T&Cs only every 6-12 months because they are onerous to draft and to get all users to accept
- Share users’ farm data with subsidiaries that generate benchmarking reports
- Use data to improve their products

**Pains**
- Easy target for negative media, which creates distrust
- Farm data difficult to completely de-identify
- Data quality is challenging and not possible to correct as there is no process to talk to individual users
Researcher: Phillip, 59 yrs old. Has worked for RDCs and Universities for 25 yrs.

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Annex F: Glossary

The glossary that follows was constructed by the SAG-SF’s Terminology and Semantics subgroup, with the intent to help the reader unambiguously interpret the text of this report. It is not meant to be used as a proposed glossary for the smart farming domain. That being said, wherever possible the definitions were taken from relevant ISO standards.

**actor**
**Definition**
An Actor specifies a role played by a user or any other system that interacts with the subject.

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**actuator**
**Definition**
device that provides a physical output in response to a input signal in a predetermined way

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**agricultural domain**
**Definition**
The realm encompassing the art and science of cultivating the soil, growing crops and raising livestock including the preparation of plant and animal products for people to use and their distribution to markets.

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Andres work-in progress

**agricultural waste**
**Definition**
Agricultural waste is waste produced as a result of various agricultural operations. It includes manure and other wastes from farms, poultry houses and slaughterhouses; harvest waste; fertilizer run-off from fields; pesticides that enter into water, air or soils; and salt and silt drained from fields.

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**agrisemantics**
**Definition**
Agrisemantics describes technologies, processes, and digital content that address an important problem in digital agriculture: the communication of meaning (semantics) among farm management information systems and equipment such as farm machinery, sensors, and other connected devices. Agrisemantics addresses developing, implementing and maintaining infrastructure to provide the agrifood industry with controlled vocabularies, variable-type registries and other tools and services seeking to enable the communication and preservation of the meaning of digital agriculture data as it is exchanged among various agriculture-related parties. This includes but is not limited to things like observations and measurement codes (codes to enable accurately expressing what is being measured or observed in operations like crop scouting, field instrumentation, and so forth; for example, mean daily air temperature, volumetric soil water content at 38 cm, and so forth), and representations (variables that are used in some systems to represent machine-logged data and other variables).

**ajwa**
**Definition**
Date paste used in traditional sweets in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
animal food
Definition
-single or multiple product(s), whether processed, semi-processed or raw, which is (are) intended to be fed to non-food-producing animals

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Note 1 to entry: Distinctions are made in this document between the terms food(3.18), feed(3.16) and animal food(3.19):

- food is intended for consumption by humans and animals, and includes feed and animal food;
- feed is intended to be fed to food-producing animals;
- animal food is intended to be fed to non-food-producing animals, such as pets.

[NOTE: CAC/GL 81-2013, modified — The word “materials” has been changed to “products”, “non” has been added and “directly” has been deleted.]

ISO 22000:2018(en), 3.19

application
Definition
(crop production) treatment of the crop, soil or other medium with an input designed to aid in meeting requirements

EXAMPLE Treatments include fertilizers, insecticides, or fungicides.

artificial intelligence agent
Definition
automated(3.1.7) entity that senses and responds to its environment and takes actions to achieve its goals

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authorization
Definition

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granting of rights, which includes granting of access based on access rights

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biodiversity conservation
Definition
active management of the ecosystem to ensure the survival of the maximum diversity of species and the maintenance of genetic variability within them

broker
Definition
entity that acts as a middleman or intermediary

Note 1 to entry: Such organizations take multiple orders from multiple sources and consolidate them into a single order for a provider or they take single orders from an originator and split them among multiple providers or they just pass orders through between originators and providers.

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butcher
Definition
a person who may slaughter animals, dress their flesh, sell their meat, or participate within any combination of these three tasks

Note: A butcher may prepare standard cuts of meat and poultry for sale in retail or wholesale food establishments. A butcher may be employed by supermarkets, grocery stores, butcher shops and fish markets, slaughter houses, or may be self-employed.

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cadastral survey
Definition
topographic survey(3.6.70) to determine and record the boundaries of properties

Note 1 to entry: The accuracy of the determination depends on the scale and purpose of the mapping.

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capability
Definition
measure of ability to perform and support a function

certification
Definition
issue of a statement by third party, based on a decision following a review, that fulfilment of specified requirements has been demonstrated

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chain of custody
Definition
process by which inputs and outputs and associated information are transferred, monitored and controlled as they move through each step in the relevant supply chain

Notes
Each organization active in the apparel chain of custody ensures that the minimum supply chain requirements for the segregated model are met. The specified characteristic in this example is 100% recycled material, being input that has been recovered from post consumer use at some point.

**climate change mitigation**

**Definition**

human intervention to reduce GHG emissions[3.1.13] or enhance GHG removals[3.1.14]

[SOURCE:ISO 14080:2018, 3.1.2.1, modified — The preferred term “mitigation” has been added, and the words “to reduce the sources or enhance the sinks of greenhouse gases (GHGs)” have been replaced with “to reduce GHG emissions or enhance GHG removals” in the definition.]

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**competent authority**

**Definition**

1) organization or organizations which implement the requirements of legislation and regulate installations which must comply with the requirements of legislation
2) veterinary authority or other governmental authority of a country having the responsibility and competence for ensuring or supervising the implementation of animal health and welfare measures, international veterinary certification and other standards and recommendations in the OIE TAHC


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**configuration data**

**Definition**

Data that describe aspects of the state or context of one particular instance of a thing (for example, GPS offsets on a machine or implement)

**conveyance**

**Definition**

- means of transport
- vehicle or trailer used to transport from one place to another

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**crop**

**Definition**

1) plants cultivated collectively for an intended use or purpose
2) product of a particular kind or geographical location which is an element in the definition of the product
3) growing season or year which is an element in the definition of the product
4) wild harvest not formally planted or managed

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**customer**

**Definition**

1) individual or organization that purchases or receives a product

Note 1 to entry: The term customer includes but has a broader meaning than consumer[3.14.7].
2) (crop production) party that receives the output(s) of the product(s) [crop(s)] or services of farm operations
NOTE The customer can be internal or external to the farm operation and may include the end-user of the product(s) of farm operations. Other bodies, such as government or industry organizations, when they stipulate product or process requirements, can be considered to be customers.

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cybersecurity
Definition
safeguarding of people, society, organizations and nations from cyber risks[3.7]
(ISO/IEC TS 27100:2020(en) Clause 3.2)

Notes
Note 1 to entry: Safeguarding means to keep cyber risks at a tolerable level.

data
Definition
reinterpretable representation of information in a formalized manner suitable for communication, interpretation, or processing (ISO/IEC 25024:2015 clause 4.5)
Note 1 to entry: Data can be processed by humans or by automatic means.

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data dictionary
Definition
listing of data variables and their identifiers. (ISO 11783-10, clause 3.11)

data interoperability
Definition
the capacity to which data can be analyzed and/or merged with similar data. Data interoperability relies on data standards, data documentation, and metadata to indicate to researchers which data sets or variables are comparable.

data repository
Definition
-set of files (1) <document(s)> or databases[3.1.13.03] combined with a storage (1) <placement> system, a processing system and a retrieval system
- functional unit that stores and retrieves data

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data type
Definition
domain of values (ISO 10303-11:2004, clause 3.3.5)
**data type definitions**

**data type registry**

**Definition**

information system for registering data types.

**diffuse source pollution**

**Definition**

pollution of surface or ground waters which arises not from a single point but rather in a widespread manner

**EXAMPLE:**

Leaching from the land

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**digital farming**

**Definition**

Greater emphasis on using data to drive
decision-making. Greater use of farm management systems,
scouting solutions. Goal is primarily to maximize profitability.

**effluent**

**Definition**

flow of waste material discharged into the environment

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From ISO/TR 27912:2016(en), 3.28

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**equipment reference data**

**evapotranspiration**

**Definition**

process by which water is transferred from the land to the atmosphere by evaporation from the soil and
other surfaces and by transpiration from plants

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**event**

**Definition**

1: noteworthy occurrence that happens at a point in time or during a temporal interval
2: A message sent from one node to another as defined by a route. Events signal external stimuli, changes to
field values, and interactions between nodes. An event consists of a timestamp and a field value

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**external operator**

**Definition**

person or organization having responsibility for the operation of the equipment

**Note:** No definition for external operator. This definition is for 'operator'.

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FAIR Principles
Definition
FAIR Principles: the ‘FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship’ are a set of technical attributes published in Scientific Data in 2016 to increase the Findability, Accessibility, Interoperability, and Reusability of data, emphasizing machine actionability due to our increasing reliance on computational systems when dealing with data.

- **Findable**: data and metadata are online and openly searchable with a persistent link that is uniquely attached to each specific dataset.
- **Accessible**: data and metadata are retrievable in machine-actionable form, with downloading options clearly described (including any needed authentication).
- **Interoperable**: data and metadata are consistently structured and described, both syntactically and semantically, so that algorithms can parse and ensure like data are accurately compared to like.
- **Reusable**: data and metadata are sufficiently annotated so machine and human users can determine fit-for-purpose in the context of their analysis.

Farm
Definition
tract(s) of land or facilities under a farm management system devoted to agricultural or horticultural production

Farm Consultant
Definition
lives in a rural community and acts as a resource for farmers on a range of topics from agricultural technology to the issues facing the modern rural family

Farm Management
Definition
person or group of people that manage a farm on a day to day basis

Farm Management Information System FMIS
Definition
office computer system used by a farmer or contractor that includes the software for farm management, such as book keeping, payroll, resource management for machines, products, workers, field management, geographical information system, decision support systems and task management

Notes
FMIS is an evolving technology, that has in broad terms gone through three generations:

- **First-generation Farm Management Record Systems (FMRS)** are simple computer or cloud repositories of farm records that otherwise would have been recorded in notebooks, diaries etc. A key concept is that FMRSs do not provide any information that farmers did not already know.
- **Second generation**: In addition to storing records uploaded by farmers, these systems also ingest data from IoT sensors and the like and make those data available to farmers and their advisors, on which they can make better informed decisions.
- **Third generation Farm Management Decision Systems** are FMISs with the added capability to ingest data and make decisions algorithmically, which can then be made available to farmers and growers and their advisors, usually in three categories after the system reaches a decision, (a) the system alerts the farmer and awaits a response before action e.g. a predictive irrigation schedule is generated but nothing happens until the farmer approved the schedule (b) the system alerts the farmer advising an action will be implemented until cancelled e.g. stock water is low but daily water
consent limits are about to be breached or (c) the system determines an action needs to be taken, and takes that action and advises the farmer accordingly e.g. a travelling effluent irrigator distributing effluent onto pasture has jammed and stopped moving and will imminently over-apply in one place in the field, thus breaching allowed application rate limits and leaching contaminants into the water table, so the system shuts off the effluent pump.

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**farm operation**
*Definition*
farm and the activities used by the farm to produce crops
Note 1 to entry: A farm operation refers to all of the management and physical activities related to the production of various crops.

**farm worker**
*Definition*
person engaged in agriculture, whether as a wage earner or a self employed person such as a tenant, sharecropper, or smallholder
Note 1 to entry: Agricultural workers are defined in ILO Convention 141 [15].

**farming plan**
*Definition*
plan for crop production on a specified farm
Note 1 to entry: A farming plan is a set of instructions or activities to be implemented and intended to lead to the production of a crop. The farming plan normally defines the application of the components necessary to produce the crop, e.g. land use, resource management and application of best farm management practices. A farming plan may consist of procedures, flow diagrams, field maps, manuals or outlines.

**feed**
*Definition*
single or multiple product(s), whether processed, semi-processed or raw, which is (are) intended to be fed to food-producing animals

**feeding system**
*Definition*
feed composition, delivery equipment, monitoring, automation and data exchange associated with livestock nutritional requirements.

**fertilizer**
*Definition*
substance containing one or more recognized plant nutrient(s), designed for use or claimed to have value in promoting plant growth

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**field observation**
**Definition**
specialized type of field inspection

NOTE In the context of production agriculture, this term refers to a method of inspecting a field for pests or other production problems before or during the growing season. It is possible for farm management or farm people to perform this activity themselves or to hire a qualified individual to conduct field observation activities, depending upon the skills required and level of expertise available. Fields can be scouted several times during the growing season, or at specific times to identify pests or to assess crop conditions.

**food**
**Definition**
substance (ingredient), whether processed, semi-processed or raw, which is intended for consumption, and includes drink, chewing gum and any substance which has been used in the manufacture, preparation or treatment of “food” but does not include cosmetics or tobacco or substances (ingredients) used only as drugs

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**food business operator FBO**
**Definition**
The entity responsible for operating a business at any step in the food chain

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**food chain**
**Definition**
sequence of the stages in the production, processing, distribution, storage and handling of a food and its ingredients, from primary production to consumption

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**food grading**
**Definition**
the inspection, assessment and sorting of various foods regarding quality, freshness, legal conformity and market value.

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**food hygiene**
**Definition**
All conditions and measures necessary to ensure the safety and suitability of food at all stages of the food chain.
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**food hygiene system**
**Definition**
Prerequisite programmes, supplemented with control measures at critical control points, as appropriate, that when taken as a whole, ensure that food is safe and suitable for its intended use.

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**food loss**
**Definition**
decrease in the quantity or quality of food resulting from decisions and actions by food suppliers in the chain, excluding retailers, food service providers and consumers.

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**food safety**
**Definition**
assurance that food will not cause an adverse health effect for the consumer when it is prepared and/or consumed in accordance with its intended use.

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**food waste**
**Definition**
decrease in the quantity or quality of food resulting from decisions and actions by retailers, food service providers and consumers.

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**forage**
**Definition**
plants or plant parts other than separated grains that are fed to or grazed by domestic animals.

Note 1 to entry: Forage may be fresh, dry or ensiled, e.g. pasture, green chop, hay(3.2.31), haylage(3.2.32).

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**forage crops**
**Definition**
Legumes, grasses (including all cereals), and other crops, either fresh or wilted.

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**geographic information system GIS**
**Definition**
computer system(3.1.13) capable of assembling, storing (1) <placement>(3.9.1.01), manipulating, and displaying(3.1.11.14) geographically referenced information(3.1.1.21), i.e. data(3.1.1.20) identified(3.2.1.26) according to their locations.

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global navigation satellite system GNSS
Definition
satellite based navigation system that provides autonomous global positioning of a receiving device.
Note 1 to entry: Global positioning system (GPS), and global navigation satellite system (Glonass), Galileo and BeiDou are typical examples of global navigation satellite systems.

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global positioning system GPS
Definition
The Global Positioning System (GPS), originally Navstar GPS,[2] is a satellite-based radionavigation system owned by the United States government and operated by the United States Space Force.[3] It is one of the global navigation satellite systems (GNSS) that provides geolocation and time information to a GPS receiver anywhere on or near the Earth where there is an unobstructed line of sight to four or more GPS satellites.[4] It does not require the user to transmit any data, and operates independently of any telephonic or Internet reception, though these technologies can enhance the usefulness of the GPS positioning information. It provides critical positioning capabilities to military, civil, and commercial users around the world. Although the United States government created, controls and maintains the GPS system, it is freely accessible to anyone with a GPS receiver.

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good agricultural practice GAP
Definition
certification system for agriculture, specifying procedures (and attendant documentation) that must be implemented to create food for consumers or further processing that is safe and wholesome, using sustainable methods.

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GPS unit – reference Global Positioning System
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grade
Definition
reshaping the surface of land to planned grades for irrigation and subsequent drainage.

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greenhouse gas emissions
Definition
release of a GHG(3.1.12) into the atmosphere.
NOTE GHG is the gaseous constituent of the atmosphere, both natural and anthropogenic(3.1.36), that absorbs and emits radiation at specific wavelengths within the spectrum of infrared radiation emitted by the Earth’s surface, the atmosphere, and clouds.

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harvester
Definition
(crop production) person involved in harvesting a crop

hazard and critical control point system HACCP
Definition
systematic methodology that recognizes and reviews the hazards(3.32) throughout a process and identifies critical control points(3.16) where preventative measures or set-points can be established and controlled to ensure product quality
Note 1 to entry: The main objective is to establish a monitoring program that can effectively manage the risks(3.64) of each individual system in a process, and establish effective procedures to react to excursions of critical control points(3.16) to ensure end-product quality.

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health sensitive vegetation index HVI
Definition
A satellite based determination derived from the normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI) for estimating weather impacts on vegetation, e.g., for example drought.

hydrology
Definition
study of the movement of water on and within the Earth’s crust
Note 1 to entry: See also hydrogeology(3.11.4).
Note 2 to entry: For additional terms related to hydrology, see 3.12.
[SOURCE:BS 3618-5:1971, modified - Note 2 to entry added.]

identifier
Definition
data string or pointer that establishes the identity of an item, organization or person alone or in combination with other elements (ISO 5127:2017, clause 3.1.12.19))

indicator
Definition
Device, technology, biometric or sensor that uniquely identifies an animal in a data repository
Note: device which can change its state to give information

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infrastructure
Definition
(crop production) system of facilities, equipment and services needed for the operation of a farm
NOTE This term includes, for example, equipment, facilities, agricultural land, buildings, vehicles, computers, communication systems, hand tools, production machinery, and utilities needed to produce a crop.

input
Definition
(crop production) product or service used by crop production processes to achieve intended results
NOTE Inputs in crop production systems are the “ingredients” for the crop(s) produced. Soil amendments (fertilizers),
seed or rootstocks, crop protection chemicals, and fuel are examples of direct inputs into the crop production system.

Labour, custom work, and crop consultants, for example, can also be considered as inputs.

irrigator
Definition
assembly of pipes, components, and devices installed in the field for the purpose of irrigating a specific area

ISO/CASCO
Definition
CASCO is the ISO committee responsible for conformity assessment in ISO.
Notes
CASCO develops policy and publishes standards related to conformity assessment, but it does not perform conformity assessment activities.

ISO component organization
Definition
Refers to ISO Technical Committees and Sub-Committees

ISO/DEVCO
Definition
The Committee on Developing Country Matters is an ISO committee that identifies the needs and requirements of members in developing countries; provides a forum for members to discuss standardization and related matters of interest to developing countries; recommends the ISO Action Plan for developing countries to Council for approval, and monitors its implementation; advises the ISO leadership on matters affecting members in developing countries relative to ISO governance and policy decisions, and provides guidance on issues of specific interest to developing countries.

ISO Sub-Committee (SC)
Definition
ISO sub group with a scope consistent with an existing technical committee established by the ISO technical management board where the development of ISO technical work takes place

ISO technical committee TC
Definition
ISO sub group established by the ISO technical management board where the development of ISO technical work takes place

khalal
Definition
of, relating to, or constituting the second of four recognized stages in the ripening of a date in which it reaches its full size ...

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land cover
Definition
observed (bio)physical cover on the Earth’s surface
[SOURCE:UNFAO LCCS 2:2005]
Note 1 to entry: Land cover is distinct from land use[4.1.9].
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legislation
Definition
directives, acts, ordinances, and regulations
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livestock
Definition
domesticated animals, usually kept on a farm
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logistics
Definition
science and practice of interconnecting, and finding the best way of goal attainment, for bringing material objects or living beings in sufficient quantity to the right place in the right time
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lot
Definition
defined quantity of a products produced and/or processed and/or packaged essentially under the same conditions
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machine actionable
Definition
structuring data and content to make it possible for computational systems to find, access, interoperate, and reuse data without significant human intervention

machine readability
Definition
pertaining to data in a form that can be automatically generated by and input to a computer.

malaxate
Definition
to soften and incorporate (as plaster, clay, or drug ingredients of pills) by rubbing, kneading, or rolling, and simultaneously mixing with a thinner substance

management
Definition
direction, control, and coordination of work performed to develop a product or perform a service [SOURCE: ISO/IEC/IEEE 24765:2017, 3.3064, modified — In the term, "process" has been removed.]

management software
Definition
computer program that is designed to streamline and automate management processes in order to lessen the complexity of large projects and tasks, as well as encourage or facilitate team cooperation, collaboration and proper project reporting.
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management system
Definition
set of interrelated or interacting elements of an organization to establish policies and objectives and process to achieve those objectives
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mathematical model
Definition
sets of equations that describe the behaviour of a physical system
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methane
Definition
comprises the contribution of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from ruminant production systems
Note: consists of enteric methane emissions
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normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI)
Definition
a dimensionless index that describes, in relative form, the difference between the near-infrared and red reflectance of land cover areas. It can be used to assess the vegetation cover over an area, because healthy vegetation has a high reflectance in the near-infrared band and low reflectance in the red band.

operational scenario
Definition
description of an imagined sequence of events or activities that includes the interaction of the product or service with its environment and users[3.1.35], as well as interaction among its product or service components when there is end-use significance
Note 1 to entry: Operational scenarios are used to evaluate the requirements[3.1.19] and design of the system and to verify and validate the system.
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operator
Definition
person or organization having responsibility for the operation of the equipment
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organic fertilizer
Definition
material containing carbon or one or more elements other than hydrogen and oxygen mainly of plant and/or animal origin added either directly to the plant or to the soil
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organization
Definition
person or group of people that has its own functions with responsibilities, authorities and relationships to achieve its objectives

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**paddock**
Definition
a) A usually enclosed area used especially for pasturing or exercising animals
    e.g., *led the sheep into the paddock*
    especially: an enclosure where racehorses are saddled and paraded before a race
b) Australia and New Zealand: an often enclosed field

**persona**
Definition
model of a user with defined characteristics, based on research

**pest**
Definition
An organism that is detrimental to agricultural production.

**plan**
Definition
-account of intended future course of action aimed at achieving specific goal(s) or objective(s) within a specific timeframe - ISO 19156 Industrial automation systems and integration — Formal semantic models for the configuration of global production networks
- information item (3.1.12), that presents a systematic course of action for achieving a declared purpose, including when, how, and by whom specific activities are to be performed

**post harvest**
Definition
any handling activity that may be necessary for the delivery or sale of the product that does not alter the natural state of the crop

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**precision agriculture**
Definition
Precision agriculture (PA) is a farming management concept based on observing, measuring and responding to inter and intra-field variability in crops. First conceptual work on PA and practical applications go back in the late 1980s.[2] The goal of precision agriculture research is to define a decision support system (DSS) for whole farm management with the goal of optimizing returns on inputs while preserving resources

**precision farming**
Definition
New set of enabling technologies.
Successes included auto-steer and fertility management based on soil tests.

**premises**
Definition
physical location, buildings and supporting structures used to conduct receipt, storage, manufacturing, packaging, control and shipment of product, raw materials and packaging materials

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**primary producer**

**Definition**

person or persons carrying on a business of: a) cultivating or propagating plants, fungi or their products or parts (including seeds, spores, bulbs and similar things), in any physical environment; or b) maintaining animals for the purpose of selling them or their bodily produce (including natural increase); or c) manufacturing dairy produce from raw material that is produced; or d) conducting operations relating directly to taking or catching fish, turtles, dugong, bêche-de-mer, crustaceans or aquatic molluscs; or e) conducting operations relating directly to taking or culturing pearls or pearl shell; or f) planting or tending trees in a plantation or forest that are intended to be felled; or g) felling trees in a plantation or forest; or h) transporting trees, or parts of trees, that are felled in a plantation or forest to the place: i) where they are first to be milled or processed; or ii) from which they are to be transported to the place where they are first to be milled or processed.

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**primary production**

**Definition**

Those steps in the food chain up to and including storage and, where appropriate, transport of outputs of farming. This would include growing crops, raising fish and animals, and the harvesting of plants, animals or animal products from a farm or their natural habitat

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**process**

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**processor**

**Definition**

An entity which through various manipulations converts livestock to packaged meat and meat by-products for consumption.

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**procurement**

**Definition**

activity of acquiring goods(3.7) or services(3.23) from suppliers(3.3)

Note 1 to entry: The procurement process considers the whole cycle from identification of needs through to the end of a services contract or the end of the life of goods, including disposal.

Note 2 to entry: Sourcing is a part of the procurement process that includes planning, defining specifications(3.26) and selecting suppliers.

**product**

**Definition**

(crop production) end result of farm processes
product reference data

proof of application

radio frequency identification RFID
Definition
wireless non-contact system that uses radio-frequency electromagnetic fields to transfer data from a tag attached to an object, for the purposes of automatic identification and tracking

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reference data
Definition
Data that describes all instances of a thing or idea.

resource
Definition
a thing that might be identified

scope item
Definition
One of a set of ideas the SAG-SF convenors requested from the experts of ISO SAG-SF Core and Consultative groups, regarding what these experts considered to be in/out of Scope of Smart farming. This was part of a time-saving constructionist alternative to formally defining Smart Farming a priori.
See Scope Item Perspective

scope item perspective
Definition
A methodology within the SAG seeking to identify processes / sub-processes that are in the context of one or more scope items.

SDG indicator

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SDG target
Definition
Each goal typically has 8–12 targets, and each target has between one and four indicators used to measure progress toward reaching the targets. The targets are either "outcome" targets (circumstances to be attained) or "means of implementation" targets.\[11\] The latter targets were introduced late in the process of negotiating the SDGs to address the concern of some Member States about how the SDGs were to be achieved. Goal 17 is wholly about how the SDGs will be achieved.\[11\]
The numbering system of targets is as follows: "Outcome targets" use numbers, whereas "means of implementation targets" use lower case letters.\[11\] For example, SDG 6 has a total of 8 targets. The first six are outcome targets and are labeled Targets 6.1 to 6.6. The final two targets are "means of implementation targets" and are labeled as Targets 6.a and 6.b.

segregation
Definition
separation of nonconforming products from products that conform to the customer's order
EXAMPLE Separation of different quality types or varieties.

sensors
Definition
device that observes and measures a physical property of a natural phenomenon or man-made process and converts that measurement into a signal.

Note 1 to entry: Signal can be electrical, chemical, etc.

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setup data
Definition
Data that describe one particular instance of a thing or idea, but not including its state.

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slurry tanker
Definition
thick, flowable mixture of solids and a liquid, usually water

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smart farming
Definition
Andres note: We need to harmonize (likely replace) this with the problems-centric (as opposed to technology-centric) definition being used by the SAG.

Smart farming is a management concept focused on providing the agricultural industry with the infrastructure to leverage advanced technology – including big data, the cloud, and the internet of things (IoT) – for tracking, monitoring, automating, and analyzing operations. Also known as precision agriculture, smart farming is software-managed and sensor-monitored. Smart farming is growing in importance due to the combination of the expanding global population, the increasing demand for higher crop yield, the need to use natural resources efficiently, the rising use and sophistication of information and communication technology, and the increasing need for climate-smart agriculture.

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smart farming platform SFP
Definition
The Smart Farming Platform is an integrated platform providing a number of tools for disseminating and making easier the use of Smart Farming technologies.

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soil map
Definition
two- or three-dimensional representation of soil or its properties for a geographic extent

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Soxhlet extractor
Definition
piece of laboratory apparatus[1] invented in 1879 by Franz von Soxhlet.[2] It was originally designed for the extraction of a lipid from a solid material. Typically, Soxhlet extraction is used when the desired compound has a limited solubility in a solvent, and the impurity is insoluble in that solvent. It allows for unmonitored and unmanaged operation while efficiently recycling a small amount of solvent to dissolve a larger amount of material.

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**spatial feature collection**
Definition
feature collection(3.5) that includes one or more features(3.4) that have properties whose value is a geometry

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**standard**
Definition
document, established by consensus and approved by a recognized body, that provides, for common and repeated use, rules, guidelines or characteristics for activities or their results, aimed at the achievement of the optimum degree of order in a given context
Note 1 to entry: Standards should be based on the consolidated results of science, technology and experience, and aimed at the promotion of optimum community benefits.

**standards domain**
Definition
area of control or a sphere of knowledge covered by a standard
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Andres work-in-progress

**standards perspective**
Definition
The impetus for standardization comes from the marketplace – from the stakeholders of ISO and from its broad base of public and private sector organizations that have liaison status. ISO is careful to make sure that the standards it develops are there to meet the needs of the market, not the needs of ISO itself.

**sub-process**
Definition
a process that is included within another process.
Notes
The Sub-Process can be in a collapsed view that hides its details. A Sub-Process can be in an expanded view that shows its details within the view of the Process that it is contained in. A Sub-Process shares the same shape as the Task, which is a rectangle that has rounded corners.

**supplier**
Definition
⟨crop production⟩ provider of inputs used in crop production
EXAMPLE Crop producers, those supplying seed and plant material, fertilizer, equipment, chemicals, and others
providing inputs or services (including consultants and advisors) to farm operations.

**supply chain**
Definition
linked set of resources and processes that upon placement of a purchase order begins with the sourcing of raw material and extends through the manufacturing, processing, handling and delivery of goods and related services to the purchaser
Note 1 to entry: The supply chain may include vendors, manufacturing facilities, logistics providers, internal distribution centres, distributors, wholesalers and other entities involved in the manufacturing, processing, handling and delivery of the goods and their related services.

Notes
The supply chain can be differentiated from the value chain using the Porter model.

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**supply chain sustainability**

**Definition**
supply chain sustainability refers to companies’ efforts to consider the environmental and human impact of their products’ journey through the supply chain, from raw materials sourcing to production, storage, delivery and every transportation link in between

The goal is to minimize environmental harm from factors like energy usage, water consumption and waste production while having a positive impact on the people and communities in and around their operations. These concerns are in addition to traditional corporate supply chain concerns around revenue and profit.

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**sustainable development goal SDG**

**Definition**
The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity. The 17 SDGs are integrated—they recognize that action in one area will affect outcomes in others, and that development must balance social, economic and environmental sustainability. Countries have committed to prioritize progress for those who’re furthest behind. The SDGs are designed to end poverty, hunger, AIDS, and discrimination against women and girls. The creativity, knowhow, technology and financial resources from all of society is necessary to achieve the SDGs in every context.

**time-phased budget**

**Definition**
allocation of the cost to accomplish the work over established periods of time or phases

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**top management**

**Definition**
(crop production) single person or group of people who directs and controls farm operation or farm cooperative operations at the highest level

EXAMPLE Farm management, single owner, owners, proprietor, farm coop management board, partners, president, chief executive officer, managing director, chairman, board of directors, executive directors, managing partner(s), or third party advisors that provide high level control over the farm operation by establishing policy and setting objectives for the farm operation.

NOTE In small organizations, farm management and top management may be the same person.
topography
Definition
general configuration of a land surface or any part of the Earth's surface, including its relief and the position of its natural and manmade features
Note 1 to entry: The natural or physical surface features of a region, considered collectively as to form the features revealed by the contour lines of a map. In nongeologic usage, the term includes manmade features (such as are shown on a topographic map).
Note 2 to entry: For additional terms related to topography, see 3.6.

traceability
Definition
ability to follow the history, application, movement and location of an object through specified stage(s) of production, processing and distribution

transportation
Definition
movement of people and goods from one location to another performed by modes, such as air, rail, road, water, cable, pipeline and space and the field comprises the attributes of infrastructure, vehicles, and operations

travelling irrigation machine
Definition
irrigation machine designed to irrigate a field sequentially, strip by strip, while moving across the field

umanned aerial vehicle UAV
Definition
An umanned aerial vehicle (UAV), commonly known as a drone, is an aircraft without any human pilot, crew, or passengers on board. UAVs are a component of an unmanned aircraft system (UAS), which includes adding a ground-based controller and a system of communications with the UAV. The flight of UAVs may operate under remote control by a human operator, as remotely-piloted aircraft (RPA), or with various degrees of autonomy, such as autopilot assistance, up to fully autonomous aircraft that have no provision for human intervention.

value chain
Definition
sequence of activities and operations leading to the delivery of a valuable product
Note 1 to entry: In the context of the guidance principles, the value chain covers the circular flow which starts with the disposal of waste that containing recycleable or resuable material or collection of waste and end-of-waste fractions that contain recycleable or reusable materials to the purchase of products made from recycled or reused materials by final consumers.
Andres needs / is working on this. Intent is to base it on Porter’s value chain model, and to differentiate between this and a supply chain.

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**variety**

**Definition**

unique and uniform member of a species of plant (except for hybrid species) that retains its characteristics from generation to generation through its natural mode of reproduction

Note 1 to entry: The concept of “cultivar” is essentially different from the concept of the botanical variety “varietas”, in that “cultivar” is an infraspecific division resulting from controlled selection, even if empirical; “varietas” is an infraspecific division resulting from natural selection. The terms “cultivar” and “variety” (in the sense of cultivated variety) are equivalent. In translations or adaptations of botanical nomenclature for particular uses, the terms “cultivar” or “variety” (or their equivalents in other languages) may be used in text.

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**Verband Deutscher Maschinen- und Anlagenbau (VDMA)**

**Definition**

German Mechanical Engineering Industry Association.

**veterinarian**

**Definition**

1) person designated by the relevant competent authority as suitably qualified for the responsibility delegated to him or her relating to ante- and post-mortem inspection of animals and/or relevant certification

Note 1 to entry: Under certain jurisdictions, it is a requirement that the veterinarian be a professionally qualified person in veterinary medicine.

Note 2 to entry: Under certain jurisdictions, the function of inspection and of certification can be carried out by different individuals. In such cases, the certificate can be signed by a person who is not designated by the competent authority. This function is covered in the quality management system of the medical device manufacturer.

2) a medical professional who is qualified to treat diseased or injured animals.

Veterinarians manage a wide range of health conditions and injuries in non-human animals. Along with this, vets also play vital role in animal reproduction, animal health management, conservation, husbandry and breeding and preventive medicine like animal nutrition, vaccination and parasitic control as well as biosecurity and zoonotic disease surveillance and prevention.

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**water-soluble nutrient**

**Definition**

nutrient completely soluble in water

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**work environment**

**Definition**
set of conditions under which work is performed

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