Precision farming: advances in high tech, data driven agriculture at field, farm and regional level

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Millennium goals and challenges for agriculture







Development of agriculture (in nutshell)



- 12.000 years of innovation
 - First revolution (10.000 BC) start of cultivation of land
 - Arab (800-1300) and British (1750-1900) agricultural revolutions
 - Green revolution (1930-1960)
 - Fourth revolution
 - Precision agriculture first mentioned around 1990
 - Later on also digital farming/smart farming/IoT/Robotics
- Note: 1-2 out of 400 generations of farmers apply digital technologies so far on there farms (1 generation is 30 years)



Technological developments



Precision Farming / Smart Farming / Digital farming

- A farming management concept based on measuring and responding to temporal and spatial variability in crops, livestock and the environment
 - Sensing -> decision making ->implementation
 - Operational, tactical, strategical operations
- Many enabling technologies are available:
 - GNSS, sensors, ICT, autonomous platforms, robotics

Expected benefits (in short): More with Less & Better





FUTURE FARMS small and smart

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SURVEY DRONES

Aerial drones survey the fields, mapping weeds, yield and soll variation. This enables precise application of inputs, mapping spread of pernictous weed blackgrass could increasing Wheat yields by 2-5%.

FLEET OF AGRIBOTS

A herd of specialised agribots tend to crops, weeding, fortilising and harvesting. Robots capable of microdot application of fertiliser reduce fertiliser cost by 99.9%.

FARMING DATA

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The farm generates vast quantities of rich and varied data. This is stored in the cloud. Data can be used as digital evidence reducing time spent completing grant applications or carrying out farm inspections saving on average £5,500 per farm per year.

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TEXTING COWS

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Sensors attached to livestock allowing monitoring of animal health and wellbeing. They can send texts to alert farmers when a cow goes into labour or develops infection increasing herd survival and increasing milk yields by 10%.

SMART TRACTORS

GPS controlled steering and optimised route planning reduces soil erosion, saving fuel costs by 10%.



- Right time
- Right place
- Right input
- Right amount



PA Infographic National Geographic

Buying In

With more ability to scale, large farms have higher rates of adoption for the most popular precision agriculture technologies, including soil and yield mapping and guidance systems.

SIZE MATTERS



APPLICATION

Mapping is most practical, applying to both seeding density and fertilizer use. Variable-rate technology (VRT) allows farmers to customize, planting different types of seeds at multiple locations with a single pass of the tractor. But VRT comes at a high cost, requiring specialized machinery for each crop.



Precision agriculture

New technologies allow farmers to harness data in order to increase their land's productivity. Most begin the cycle by collecting information about their crop yields.



EU study: STOA report 2016 "PA Impact on EU Policy"

Business development in agri-food chains

- Food security & food safety
- Transparency of agri-food chains
 Sustainable production
- □ Competitiveness of EU-farming
- Skilled workforces

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- Demographic and rural development
- Climate change and action

Jobs on farms in primary production

Farm holding size and number

Multi-functional agriculture





Barriers

- Skills needed
- Independent data on cost-benefit
- Implementation of technologies in farming practices
- Interoperability
- Standardization
- Smart use of sensor data (adding value to data by generic models and local calibration)





Where is the PF business case in potato?





Quantitative Information French Fries Potato Production in Flevoland, NL, clay so<u>il (Source: KWIN of WUR, 2015)</u>

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¹⁾ Energiekosten bij luchtgekoelde bewaring tot eind januari, inclusief opwarmen voor aflevering.

Frame work for analysis of crop yields





PA 1.0: Global Navigation Satellite systems (GNSS) and Controlled Traffic Farming (CTF)





PA 1.0+ Use of GAOS module for route planning



PA 2.0: yield maps





Kasrtgegevens @2016 Google Afbeeldingen @2016 , Aerodata International Surveys, DigitalGiobe, GeoContent

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Werkdatums: 16-08-2016 - 17-08-2016

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PA 2.0: Crop biomass data from light reflection sensor systems, delivering crop biomass maps





PA 2.0 monitoring: Satellite image of (potato) crops



PA 2.0: Soil sensors systems for mapping of soil properties





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Potato production cycle: VRA haulm killing



















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VRA algorithm Reglone (standard) for potato haulm killing

VRA on the go (2009)

- Leipzig, potato crop, Yara N-Sensor
- Reglone herbicide, standard situation
- Pictures below 4 days after spraying



Uniform dose (flat rate): 2,5 L Reglone/ha @ 300 L water per ha



Variable rate application: gem. 1,5 L Reglone/ha @ 200 L water per ha



VRA task map from drone sensor system (2012) (Reglone task map (av. rate 0.9 L/ha))









Acknowledge ment: TerraSphere, Vd Borne

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Selection of field, biomass data, VRA algorithm and machine gives task map











High resolution biomass map from drone



Drone image and dosing map (2017) (reduction over 50%)



Other examples of PA 2.0+ (monitoring and VRA)

- Grip on Grass
- GAOS route navigation
- VRA Lime
- VRA Topdress Nitrogen
- VRA Soil herbicides
- VRA planting
- Late blight control (here infection risk assessment/timing control most important)
- Nematode control (here population dynamics most important)















Potato production cycle: VRA Topdress N



















From Chlorophyl index map to N-topdress task map



Soil maps input for soil herbicide task maps

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Image: Howard F. Schwartz, Colorado State University

Potato late blight DSS and VRA maps



The NemaDecide Geo supply chain

Potato cyst nematodes, root knot nematodes, root lesion nematodes



Four PA 2.0 applications in potato



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Potato haulm killing

National Fieldlab Precision Agriculture (NPPL)

The project will run 4 years



The project is initiated by ProAgrica and WUR. Financial resources are mainly from Ministry of Agriculture (LNV).

NPPL aims to achieve "more sustainble agriculture" by stimulation of adoption of Precision Agriculture applications.

We aim at farmers in the early adopters and early majority groups







Selection process of six farmers in NPPL in 2018



landbouw samengebracht en bruikbaar gemaakt voor telers. Het project vloeit voort uit de Voedselagenda 🔶

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NPPL website

www.proeftuinprecisielandbouw.nl





NPPL farmers 2018

• Six farms





Techniek



















De Nationale Proeftuin Precisielandbouw is gestart. Zes akkerbouwers verspreid over het land gaan dit jaar met hulp van experts precisielandbouw op hun bedrijven halen. Dit project moet precisielandbouw een impuls geven.

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New applications in 2019 NPPL

- Dairy farming
 - Fertilizer use
 - Irrigation
 - Weed detection
 - Birds protection
 - Route planning
 - VRA fungicides



Inschrijving 2019 geopend!

DOE MEE!

naast akkerbouw nu ook precisietechnieken voor veehouderij

Inschrijven kan t/m 19 oktober 2018



制度的方向几万











Bescherming legnesten en fauna in grasland

Precisiebemesting glasland

Variabel doseren fungiciden in aardappelen en/of bloembollen

Beregeningsadvies op maat

via onkruiddetectie

Plaatsspecifiek onkruidbestrijden

Planning en optimalisatie

rijpaden



Towards PA 3.0 and 4.0

■ PA 3.0

- More `on the go' applications
- More and better sensing at high resolution
 - Crop condition and quality, soil quality, biodiversity
- Better decision making based on site specific data and models
- More robotics / autonomous machines / mixed cropping

PA 4.0

- Data sharing between farmers and chain partners
- Better decision making based on shared data (less field experiments)



PA 3.0 in autonomous machine platforms and actions on-the-go https://www.wur.nl/en/Research-Results/Projects-and-programmes/Agro-Food-Robotics.htm









Robotics assisting in food production chain

https://www.wur.nl/en/Research-Results/Projects-and-programmes/Agro-Food-Robotics.htm







Ongoing PP R&D projects boosting PA



Data Intensive Smart Agrifood Chains

Challenge: yield gap at field level

Method

- Data-set of group of farmers in a region (>20)
 - Crop management data
 - Link with environmental (open) data
- Study at crop rotation level
- Calculate crop yields with mechanistic model (Yp, Yn, Yw, Ywn)
- Compare with actual yield
- Factor and frontier analysis to rank yield determining factors



Impressies van PL2.0

PPS Op naar Precisielandbouw 2.0

Achtergrond

http://www.precisielandbouw-openteelten.nl/disac/44-nederlandstalige-content/pl20



Decision support system for farmers to rank yielding factors



In conclusion

- PA is changing agriculture, food production and landscape (4e revolution?)
- Adoption of guidance systems in modern agriculture is high (PA 1.0), but adoption of variable rate applications at 10-50 m² is still low (PA 2.0, but increasing)
- Adoption of variable rate at 1 m² / plant level requires R&D/innovations on sensing, robotics and ICT (PA 3.0, on the go systems) to become mainstream
- Data-driven ag. (PA 4.0) requires besides R&D/innovations on data analytics also trust in data sharing and compliance to FAIR by aligned parties





Will analytics replace the farmer at the end?



The Analytics Continuum



Figure 1. The Analytics Continuum (Gartner): Developments in data driven research progress from descriptive analytics, to predictive, to prescriptive. The latter facilitates (real-time) automated decision support.



Thank you for your attention

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