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Agricultural Internet of Things technology applications

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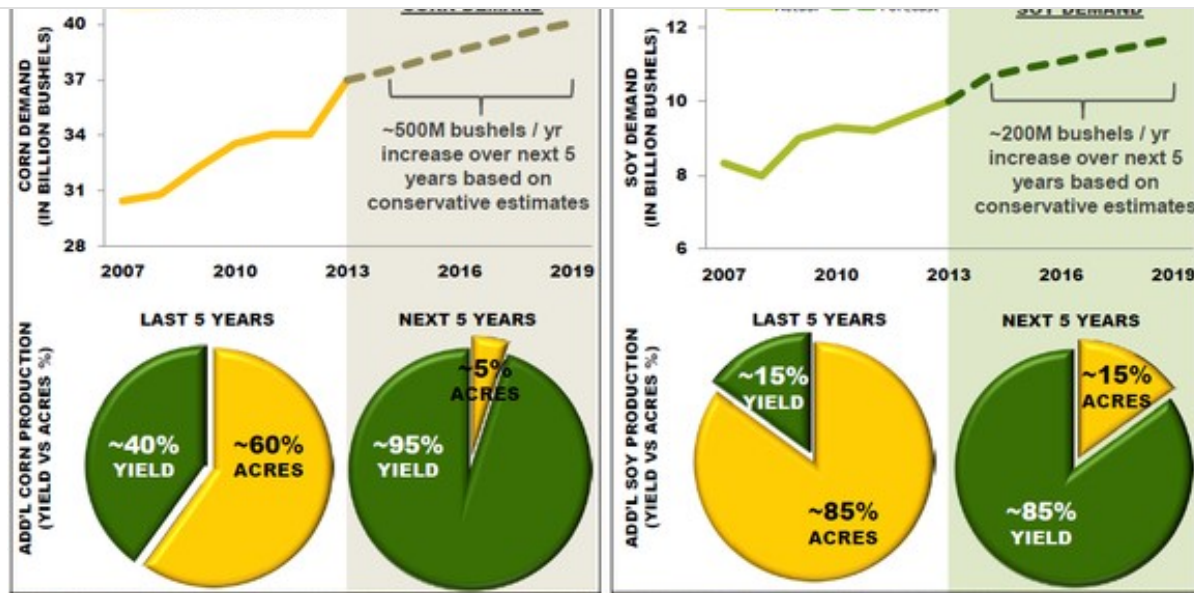
Technological development follows no physical or invisible boundaries and expands its roots in all directions. The Internet of Things has its applications in fields of home security, [Industry \(as Industrial Internet of Things\)](#) and smart city development. Within the Internet of Things, its seeds in the agricultural sector, leading to the development of smart farming, have been sown.

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Agriculture Internet of Things in the near future

Agricultural IoT future (2050) and market size

It is forecasted that by the year 2050, the Agricultural Internet of Things will increase food production to support 9 billion people.

Therese Cory, Beecham Research analyst and author of *Towards Smart Farming*, stated: "The demand for food is increasing due to the challenges of rising climate change and more extreme weather conditions, along with the increased demand for food from intensive farming practices."

Global shift timeline

Considering the growth of IoT since 2000, the use of sensors presents a major shift in agriculture.

- Year 2000 – Globally, there were 525 million farms on record, out of which not a single farm was connected to the Internet of Things.
- Year 2025 – With same base of 525 million farms, there will be 600 million sensors in use at these farms, marking a shift towards technological advancements being applied to agriculture to support the Agricultural Internet of Things.
- Year 2035 – With 525 million farms globally, there will be a more than threefold growth in sensor usage. By 2050, there will be two billion sensors used in 525 million farms.



Electronic agricultural devices

Product quality, higher crop productivity, resource conservation and cost control – these are just a few Internet of Things promises to transform farming and food production in the future. It helps increase crop productivity by controlling such activities in the following ways:

Water supply management

Purportedly, it has the potential to conserve 50 billion gallons of fresh water in a year. Adequate water for crops can be damaged by either water excess or shortage. The Agricultural IoT, integrated with Web Information Observation Service (SOS) provides a solution to managing water requirements or supply for crop irrigation. It monitors crop water requirements and uses water supply resources available to reduce waste.

In areas of drought, the crop water management function of Agricultural IoT can be of great value, as it optimizes water supply by calculating the valve operation timing and building optimum irrigation strategy, resulting in efficient use of water resources.

Precision agriculture

Weather forecasting accuracy and other dynamic data inputs can affect crop productivity to a great extent. With higher accuracy, the lower the chances of crops being damaged; thus, more accurate weather forecasts can lead to higher productivity levels.

important real-time information available to them can better plan their course of activities beforehand and take measures in advance for the future.

Integrated Pest Management or Control (IPM/C)

A farmer's hard work is often destroyed by pests, causing significant monetary losses. To prevent such losses, IoT (Internet of Things) has a system to monitor and scan the environmental parameters and plant growth from pest control sensors which are capable of predicting pest behavior. This information can be used to do pest control on a large scale. Pest Management and Control works on the following fundamental basis:

- Observation
- Inspection
- Identification
- Record Tracking

Food production and safety

Along with attaining optimum, quality food production, the Agricultural IoT aims to ensure food safety and transportation, etc. To do so, it has a monitoring system over various factors like shipping time, storage, and record keeping.

Livestock management

Supporting livestock health fortified with monitoring tools like as ear tags for cattle, capable of detecting disease. If a disease is detected, it sends an alert so the animal can be separated from the herd, preventing the disease from spreading.

Examples of new applications

1. The Phenonet Project by Open IoT – The Phenonet enables plant breeders to evaluate the performance of different varieties with the help of measurements taken from remote sensors. These sensors are capable of measuring soil temperature, humidity, air temperature, etc.
 - This helps to improve quality and helps the plant breeders to monitor and promote plant growth under optimal conditions.
 - The Phenonet Project is a step ahead in the Agricultural IoT, driving improved quality by measuring plant physiology parameters resulting in improved quality.

and reduce grain losses.



CLAAS agricultural equipment

- CLASS has entered a partnership venture with 365FarmNet to facilitate the service to farmers, in v control their agricultural plotting via a computer or smartphone;
- It collects important pieces of information for further analysis. This information may be used in field programs like fertilization and nutrient planning.

3. [Precisionhawk's UAV Sensor platform](#) – Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Sensors efficiently coll analyze it to give farmers relevant information like wind speed, air pressure, etc. This platform can surveying, mapping and imaging of agricultural plots.



Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)

- Precisionhawk UAV uses a drone to carry out its operational data collection and monitoring. It is th over the fields to be surveyed, while also deciding from what altitude.
4. **Cleangrow's Carbon Nanotube Probe** – CleanGrow Ltd., founded 2009, and facilitates making c concentrations in a given liquid. In other words, the firm measures the various nutrient levels pres
- Cleangrow Ltd. uses the Carbon Nanotube Probe as a transducing layer in the sensors, enabling t multiple ions in a solo device. This meter provides instant feedback to the user.



Temputech's Wireless Sensor Monitoring

Venture investment

From 2014 until recently, there was a total venture capital investment of \$269 million in more than 40 food startups, with some of the leading IT giants investing as much as \$15 Billion in Farmers Business

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