

PRECISION LIVESTOCK ECOSYSTEMS: INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY, PROCESS & CULTURE

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PREVENTION WORKS



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PLF ECOSYSTEMS: OUR OUTLINE...

• Context

- Need
- Technology
- Structure & Process
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ALWAYS START WITH <u>CONTEXT</u>...



Always design a thing by considering it in its next larger context - a chair in a room, a room in a house, a house in an environment, an environment in a city plan.

— Eliel Saarinen -



Eliel Saarinen, Finnish Architect, 1873-1950



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Livestock & protein production "tools" will radically change over the next several years...

- The change is coming faster than we think possible
- The magnitude of change will be bigger than we imagine
 - The major drivers of that change are coming from outside of traditional livestock arena
 - To survive & thrive as producers, veterinarians and allied businesses, we will all need to proactively anticipate and prepare





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THE FUTURE IS ALREADY HERE. IT'S JUST NOT EVENLY DISTRIBUTED YET.

- William Gibson

North American Writer







The same basic conditions & drivers that already have been radically changing how all people on earth live will radically change how we all do business in livestock production.









Our "Brave New World"... ...will be *needs* driven ("jobs-to-be-done") ...will be technology driven ...will be *value* (not cost) driven

...will *fundamentally change* how we do business





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The 4th Industrial Revolution ...

- SMART automation
- Cloud connected
- •Self-learning...
 - -Machine learning
 - -Artificial Intelligence
- Real-time

Decision-ready







CYBER-PHYSICAL SYSTEMS...

- Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) are the key building block of the 4th Industrial Revolution, connecting:
- Data capture technologies (hardware, software)
- Data synthesis & management
 - software, cloud infrastructure..."big-data"
- Analytics and visualization
 - Machine-learning, Artificial Intelligence
- <u>Result</u> > Real-time, decision-ready, actionable information...





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PRECISION LIVESTOCK FARMING (PLF)

In production livestock... **Cyber-Physical Systems** (CPS)

Precision Livestock Farming (PLF)

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5 trends driving precision livestock farming



The need for precision livestock farming is driven by trends in the industry and society at large. This is according to a new report from Dutch bank Rabobank. read more

The need for PLF is driven by trends in the industry and society at large:

Farms have become larger and more complex in terms of management, with more animals per employee.



There is a need to reduce costs and create more value to improve competiveness.



Productivity needs to be improved to meet rising animal protein demand.



The environmental footprint of farming needs to be reduced.



Farmers need to address societal concerns about animal welfare, improving transparency in the sector.



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- The **singular value** of <u>ALL</u> measurement is the extent to which it supports *well informed* **decision-making**
- In an industrial/operational setting, for the most effective decision-making, information must be:
 - An accurate reflection of reality
 - Real-time
 - Decision-ready







The Global livestock production industries need far better tools & methods to enable:

- faster, better informed local <u>farm-level</u> decision-making for business operations
- better informed overall <u>business-level</u> decision-making for management and leadership
- faster, more seamless multi-business data and information sharing for <u>industry-level</u> decision-making







High quality science supports better **decisionmaking**:

- through developing better ways to measure
- by developing better ways to **analyze**
- by providing more confidence in *interpretation*







Science is good...

...and *institutional-scale* science has always & will always make very valuable contributions to its business & professional constituencies

...but institutional science has limitations...

- Institutional-scale science can tell us:
- What HAS happened (retrospective, observational)

What CAN happen, given a specific and defined condition set (experimental)







We need to <u>complement</u> *institutional-scale* (crosssectional / time-limited / static) science with *industrial-scale* (operational / continuous / dynamic) science...

...science that can tell us what DOES happen... ...EVERY time it happens... ...and that helps us understand WHY it happens...







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We need to complement institutional-scale (crosssectional / time-limited / static) science with industrialscale (operational / continuous / dynamic) science... ...science that can PREDICT what will LIKELY happen... ...and PRESCRIBE what we could/should do about it. In short, we need a continuous stream of "decision-ready" actionable information.



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To become decision-ready, information must be based on data that is:

- Broad & Deep
- Comprehensive & Contextual
- Connected & Continuous
- Granular

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- Accurate & Precise
- Real-time / near real-time
- Inexpensive to acquire

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To be decision-ready, ideally information must:

- Be Trusted
- Be On-demand
- Accurately reflect reality
- Be Predictive (probability-based)
- Be Prescriptive





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• What PEOPLE **do**...

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PLF: THE NEED... "DECISION-READY"

7 STEPS TO EFFECTIVE DECISION MAKING

Decision making is the process of making choices by identifying a decision, gathering information, and assessing alternative resolutions.

Using a step-by-step decision-making process can help you make more deliberate, thoughtful decisions by organizing relevant information and defining alternatives. This approach increases the chances that you will choose the most satisfying alternative possible.

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Innovation is hard because solving problems people didn't know they had & building something no one needs look identical at first.

— Aaron Levie —

Co-founder & CEO, BOX – an enterprise cloud platform



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THRIVE Animal AgTech Landscape Map 2019







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PLF: TECHNOLOGY... Smart Identification PLF & Tracking **Smart Dosing Detection & ECOSYSTEM** Measurement Core SEVEN KEY **Analytics &** Platform Intelligent Decision TECHNOLOGY Support Human AREAS... Communicate **Resources &** & Connect Culture



Smart Sensing,

Data

Management

& Analysis

Platforms

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<u>PLF</u>: TECHNOLOGY...

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- Technology: 4 Dimensions
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 - Diagnostics
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FARMERA IS A DIGITAL PLATFORM THAT GENERATES INSIGHTS TO REDUCE THE TIME TO IDENTIFY AND MITIGATE HEALTH & PRODUCTION RELATED PROBLEMS

FARMERA

Key Capabilities:

. Monitors mortality (user input)

- . Monitors treatment (user input)
- . Reports cough scores (via SoundTalks API)
- . Reports temperature (via Controller, SoundTalks API)
- . Reports humidity (via Controller, SoundTalks API)
- . Reports feed consumption (via Barn Controller API's)
- . Reports water consumption (via Barn Controller API's)

...and more to come.





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SOUNDTALKS

Monitors

Gateway

• App

Web Dashboard







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Sound Talks"







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Determining the optimal placement and configuration of an audio-based sensor platform in large growing pig sites



9th European Conference On Precision Livestock Farming Cork, Ireland *August 26-29, 2019*





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Evaluation of an audio-based sensor platform to classify patterns of clinical respiratory episodes in large growing pig populations



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BLE BEACONS...

"Beacons gave app developers a new way to understand where users were in a physical space."

https://blog.lighthouse.io/exploring-new-ways-touse-beacons-for-people-and-asset-tracking/

iBeacon was developed by Apple & introduced in 2013.





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WE ARE ADAPTING BLE BEACONS FOR LIVESTOCK APPLICATIONS...

- A Cyber-Physical System (CPS) > Precision
 Livestock Farming (PLF)
- technology
- Designed to help producers & veterinarians measure & manage farm site internal risks & external risks









We 1st used BLE Beacons in 2017 to capture personnel & "asset" movement events <u>within</u> pig farms for risk management...

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We are now testing BLE Beacons to capture personnel & "asset" movement events <u>within & between</u> farms and other sites...





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IMPLEMENTATION & PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OF A TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM USING BLUETOOTH LOW ENERGY (BLE) BEACONS, SENSORS & A CLOUD-BASED PLATFORM TO **MEASURE NEAR-REAL TIME MOVEMENTIN A PIG PRODUCTION NETWORK**

9TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON PRECISION LIVESTOCK FARMING CORK, IRELAND AUGUST 26-29, 2019



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TECHNOLOGY: <u>RURAL</u> CONNECTIVITY





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"5G" is not the answer (for now...)

Virginia Beach Chesapeake









TECHNOLOGY: CONNECTIVITY









TECHNOLOGY: CONNECTIVITY NB-IoT LoRa LTE-M Range Geographical Power sigfox Coverage, Penetration Consumption INGENU WEIGHTLESS LPWAN wavi ZigBee 802.15.4 Transmission Bandwidth Latency 3G/4G/5G Number of **Radio Chipset Base Stations** Costs Radio Subscription Costs Boehringer PREVENTION WORKS (D) 1 2 2 2 2 0 Ingelheim

TECHNOLOGY: CONNECTIVITY

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Wireless LPWA Growth Trends



- Cellular ecosystem moves quickly on 3GPP LPWA Asset Management
- LoRa estimated at over 100M units per year 2020s Constrained Devices & Sensors

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"Fools ignore complexity. Pragmatists suffer it. Some can avoid it. Geniuses remove it."

> Alan Perlis American Mathematician & Computer Scientist, 1922-1990





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BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM...



In the **1930s**, British botanist **Arthur Tansley** introduced the term **'ecosystem'** to describe a community of organisms interacting with each other and their environments...

Business strategist **James F. Moore** adopted this biological concept in his **1993** Harvard Business Review article "*Predators and Prey: A New Ecology of Competition*"...



https://www.investopedia.com/terms/b/business-ecosystem.asp

Innovation Ecosystems integrating between exploration (knowledge) and exploitation (business) ecosystems

Focal

company

or

platform

Business Ecosystems focusing on customer value creation



Knowledge Ecosystems

focusing on generation of

new knowledge and

technologies

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BUSINESS ECOSYSTEMS...

Eight Dimensions of Business Ecosystems



Ecosystem:

An adaptive network of interdependent entities that grows by developing and maintaining innovative solutions and technologies through collaboration and coordination...

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PRECISION LIVESTOCK FARMING ECOSYSTEM...



A PLF Ecosystem is the network of organizations (suppliers, distributors, customers, competitors, government agencies, ...) involved in the delivery of products and/or services through both competition and cooperation.

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PRECISION LIVESTOCK FARMING (PLF): ECOSYSTEM MODELS







Design Specifications:

- End-to-end automation
- Integration of best-in-class tools & methods
- Real-time, decision-ready information
- Continuous & dynamic learning
- Pre-defined "best-practice" contingencies







- Design requirements:
 - Definitions
 - Standards
 - Access
 - Security

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PLF: SUSTAINABILITY...

- Relatively *inexpensive* to implement & operate
- Simple & easy to use perpetually
- Deliver ongoing value to all participants



PLF: SUSTAINABILITY...

[3] delivers ongoing value for participants (via

a 'value chain')

- Consumers
- Harvest & post-harvest
- Producers
- Veterinarians
- Testing laboratories
- Industry organizations
- Allied industry



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Lud·dite

noun plural noun: Luddites

1. DEROGATORY

a person opposed to new technology or ways of working. "a small-minded Luddite resisting progress"

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CURRENT MODEL:

- Primary R&D and hypothesis testing are done elsewhere / off-line
- Resulting products & services or learnings are delivered "fully-baked" and ready to apply

NEW MODEL:

- Primary R&D, Proof-of-Concept & Piloting iterations are done **on-line**
- Producers actively participate in the development & testing process



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ACDC = Area Coordinated Disease Control NCDC = Network Coordinated Disease Control ACDC / NCDC is...

...producers & veterinarians **working together** with their neighbors and business partners so that **together** they **achieve greater sustained improvement** in health and productivity in their neighborhood than any one can achieve on their own.







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PLF: ONGOING **ACTION**...



"Don't have good ideas if you aren't willing to be responsible for them."

Alan Perlis

http://www.cs.yale.edu/homes/perlis-alan/quotes.html



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PLF: ONGOING **ACTION**...

- PLF technologies hold the potential to revolutionize livestock production, welfare and health.
- But for that potential to be realized, both the current structural and behavioral/cultural constraints need to be resolved.







PLF: ONGOING **ACTION**...

- Producers
- Veterinarians
- Allied Industry
- Organizations
- Researchers
- Agencies







PLF ECOSYSTEMS: TO CONCLUDE...



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The "4D" Revolution in Livestock Production:

IT & LOGISTICS

The Advent of Precision Livestock Farming (PLF) through a Synthesis of Diagnostics, Devices, Digital Platforms and Data Analytics

40 International Animal Health Journal

Volume 6 Issue 2

Precision Livestock Farming Ecosystems: A Synthesis of Technology, Process and Culture

50 International Animal Health Journal

Volume 6 Issue 3





THANK YOU!

"A year spent in artificial intelligence is enough to make one believe in God..."

Alan Perlis





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