

Unlimited digital contributions for a more precise agriculture

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What is Precision Ag?



Precision Ag Definition

“Precision Agriculture is a management strategy that gathers, processes and analyzes temporal, spatial and individual plant and animal data and combines it with other information to support management decisions according to estimated variability for improved resource use efficiency, productivity, quality, profitability and sustainability of agricultural production.”

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Succinct Version

"Precision Agriculture is a management strategy that takes account of temporal and spatial variability to improve sustainability of agricultural production."

Ag fields are not uniform, which offers opportunities and challenges

Precision Agriculture (PA) is crucial for a more sustainable agriculture

From the Ag Digital, expectations are to deepen and expand PA practices, by:

- Data acquisition intensification

- Advanced analysis solutions

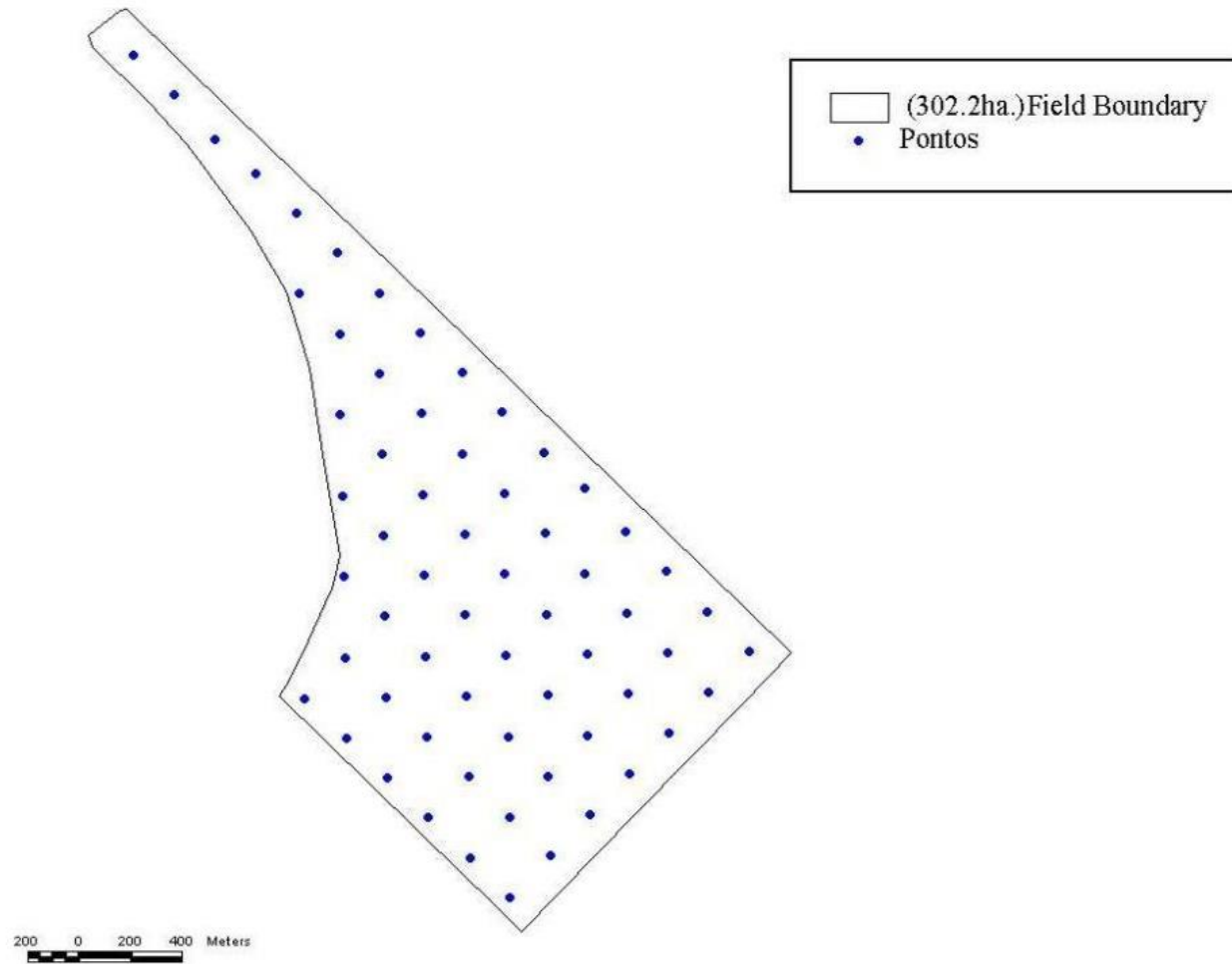
- Better diagnostic and more automatic recommendations

- Adequate apps and platforms for solutions delivery

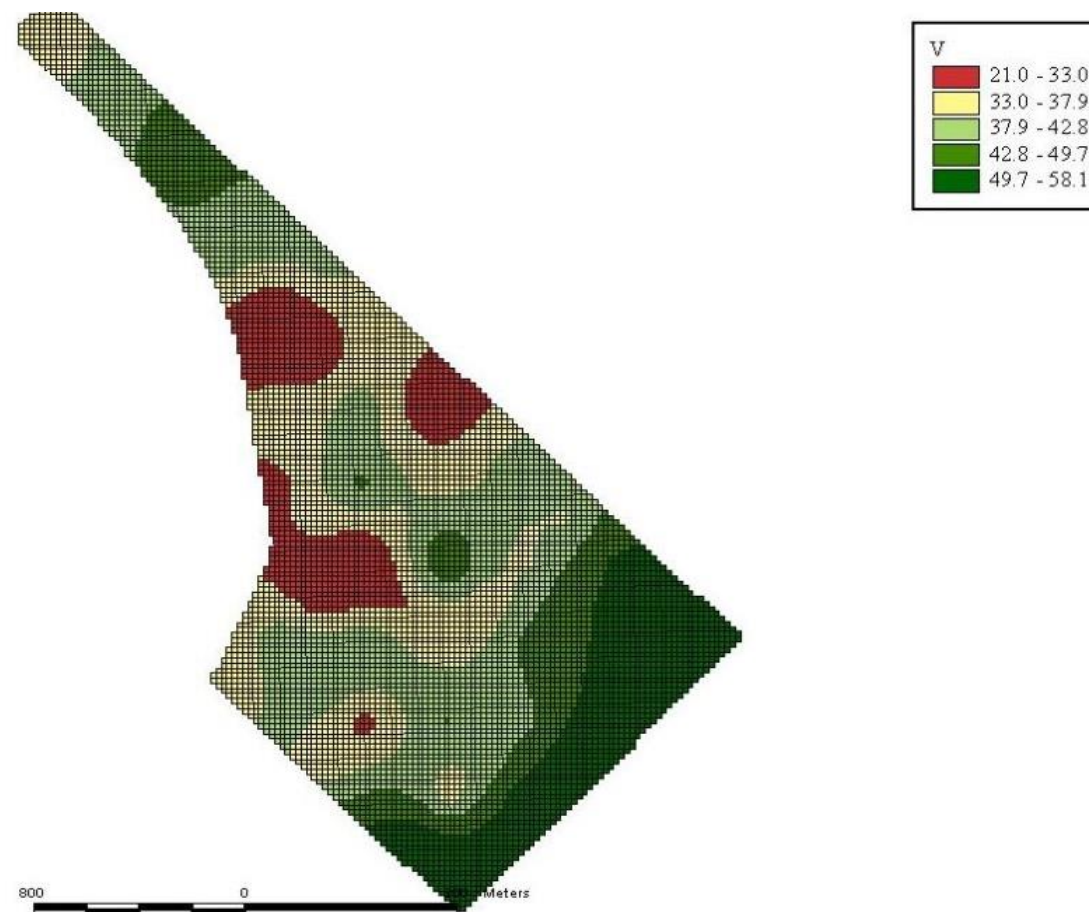
In Brazil:

- we have almost 25 years of PA
- a well organized community composed by academics, industry, service providers (consultants) and farmers, with focus on soil fertility management

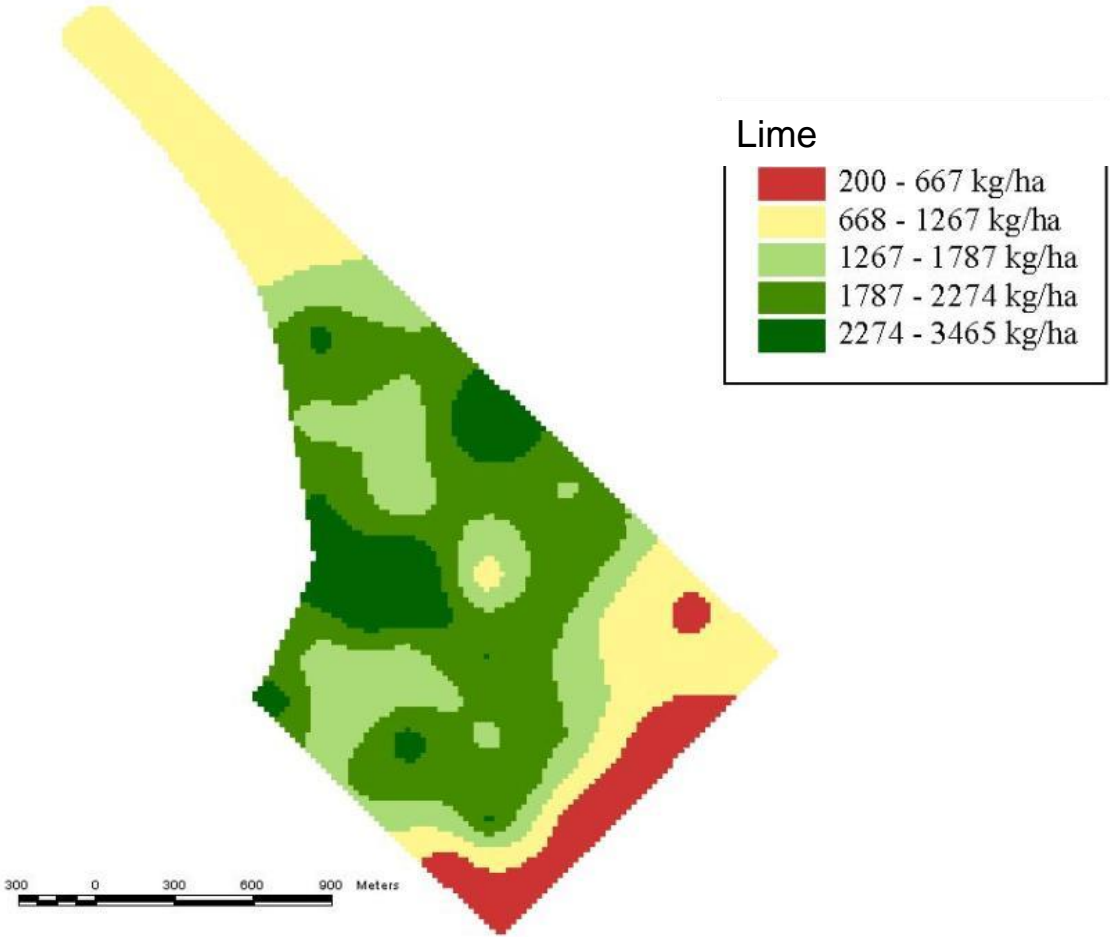
Investigation (soil sampling)

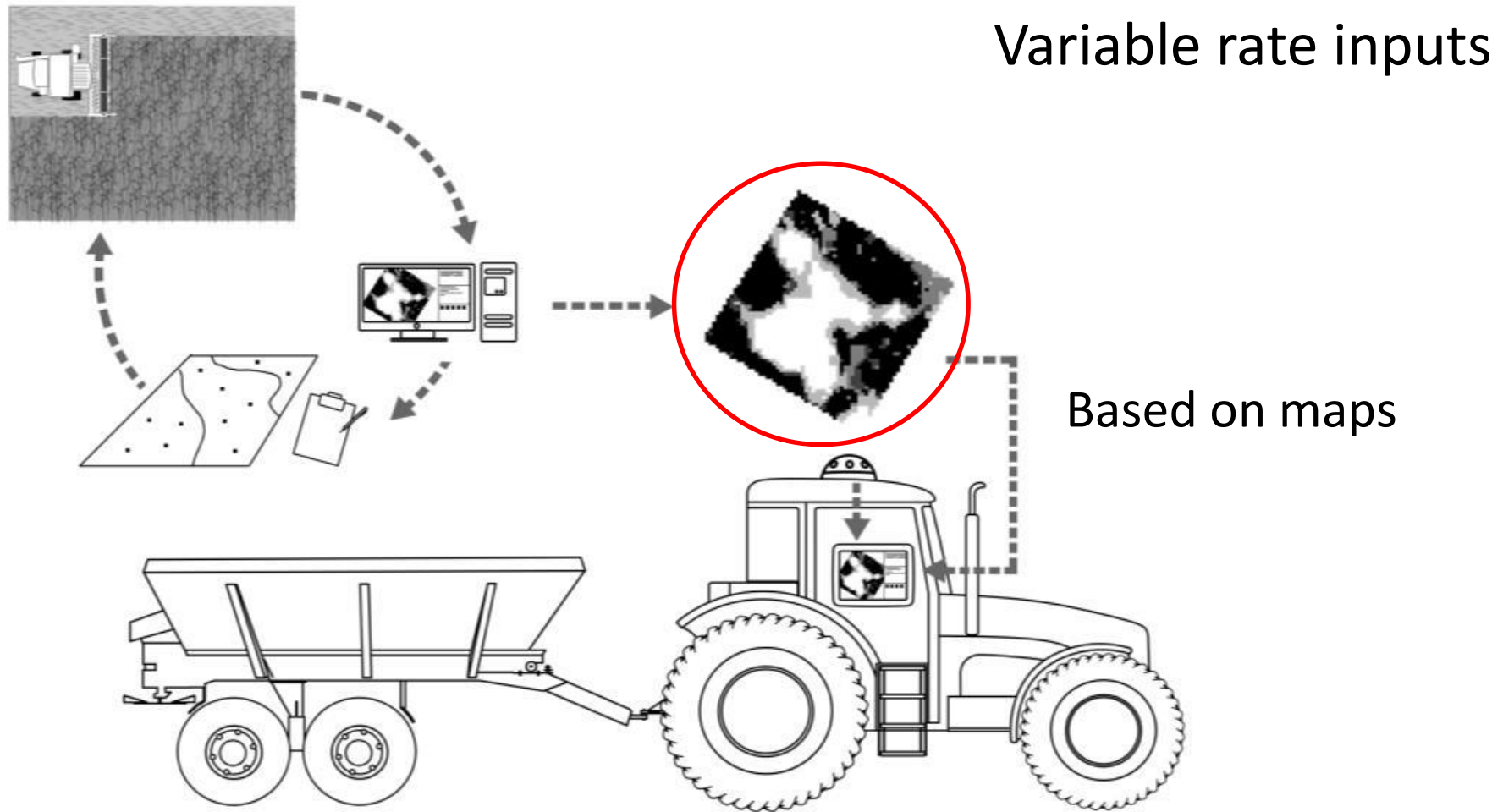


Diagnostic



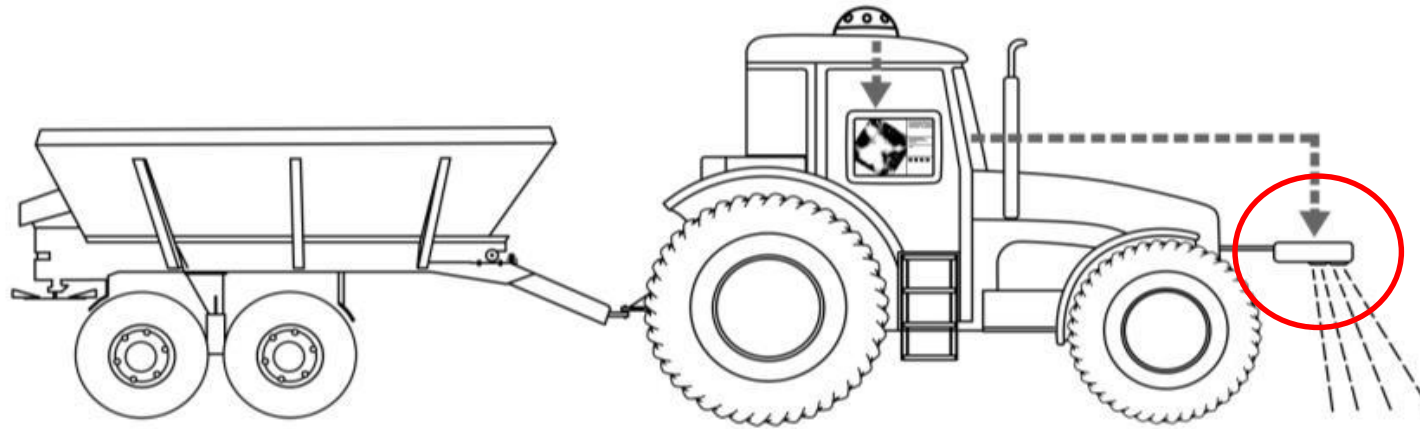
Recommendation

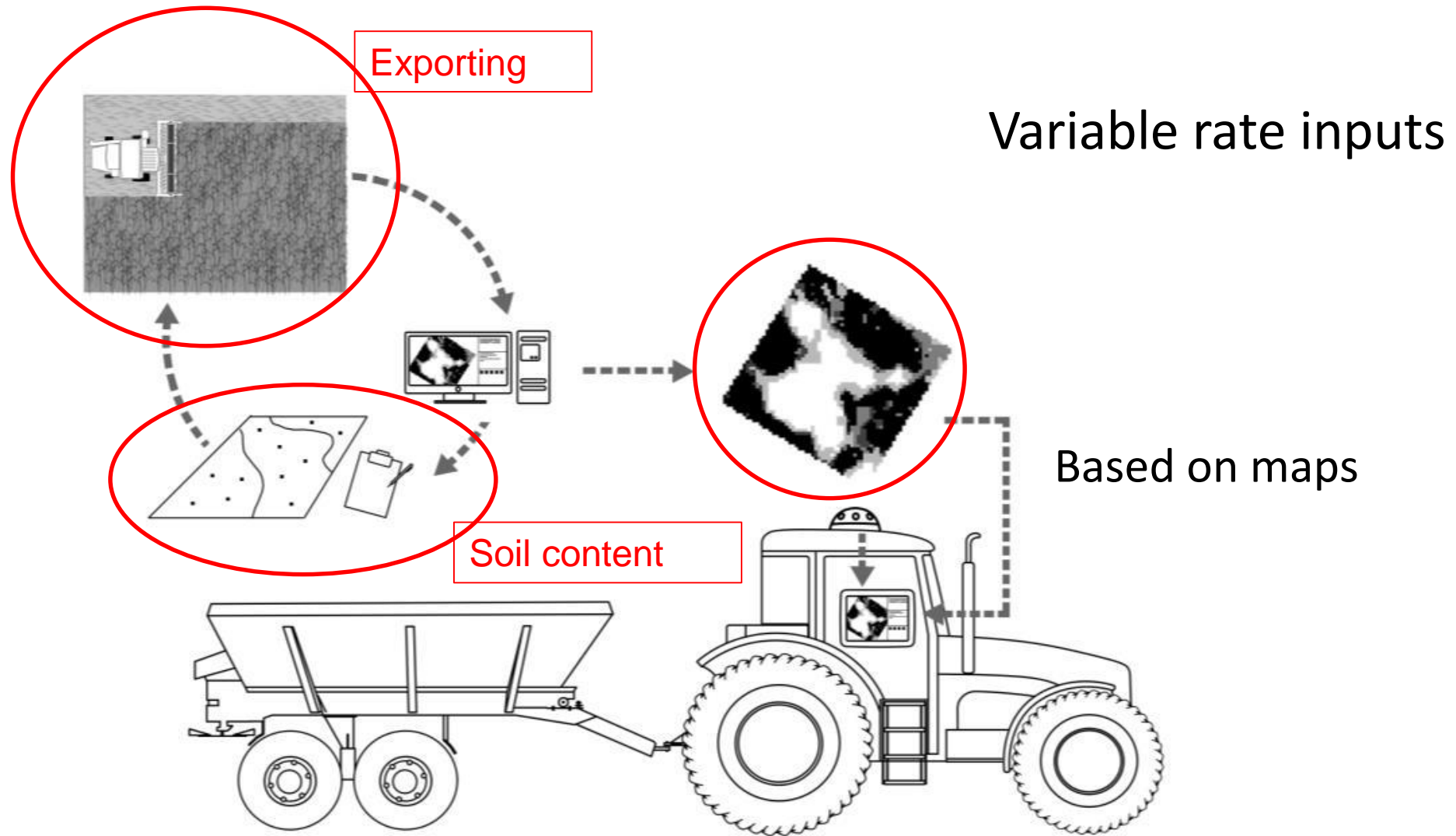




Variable rate inputs

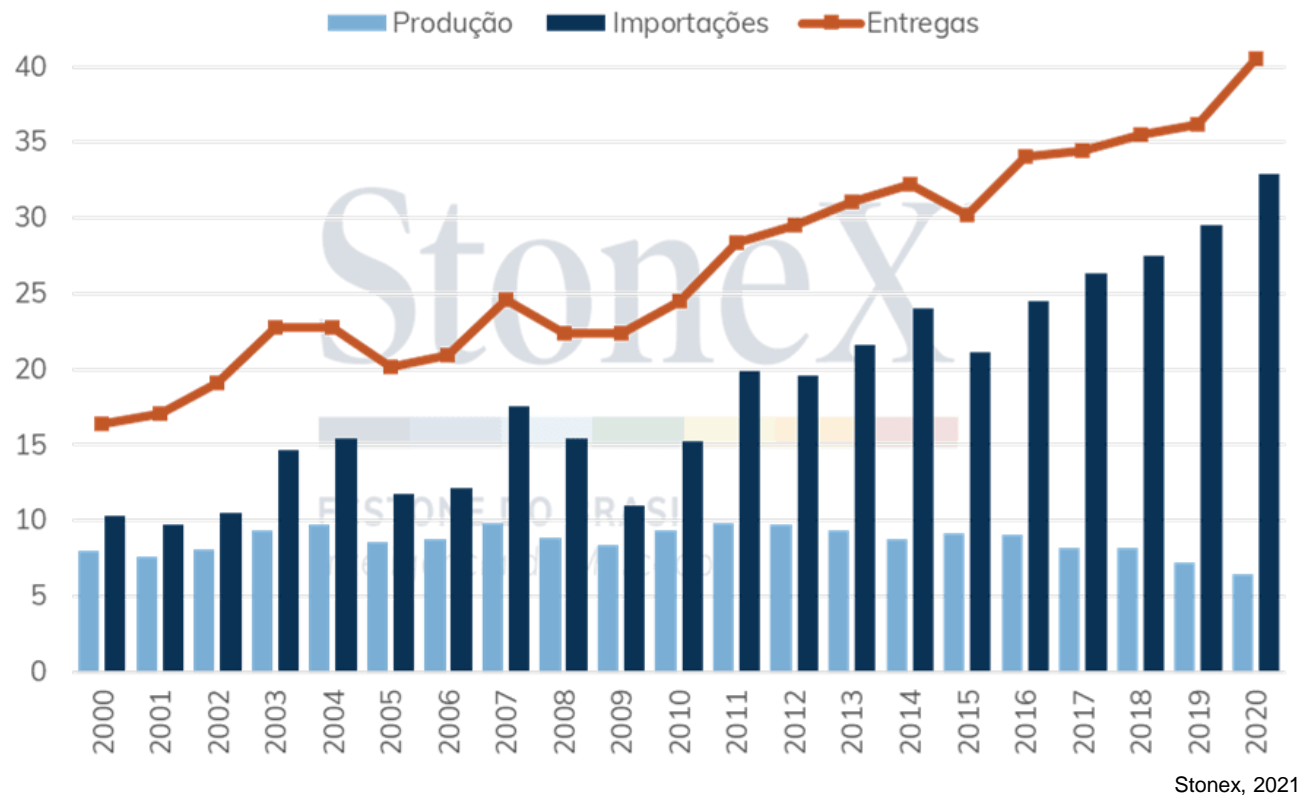
or based on sensors



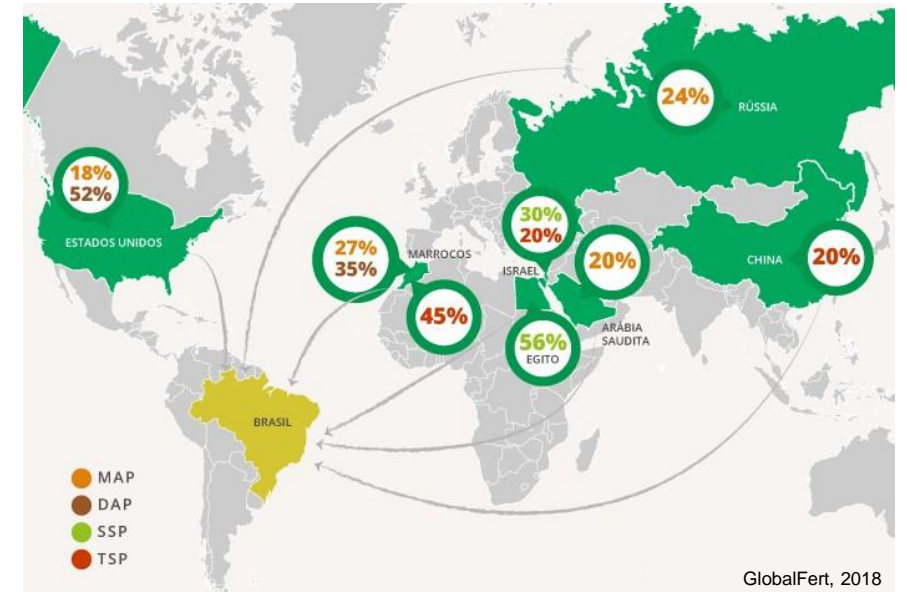


Highly weathered and acidic soils, especially in the tropical area

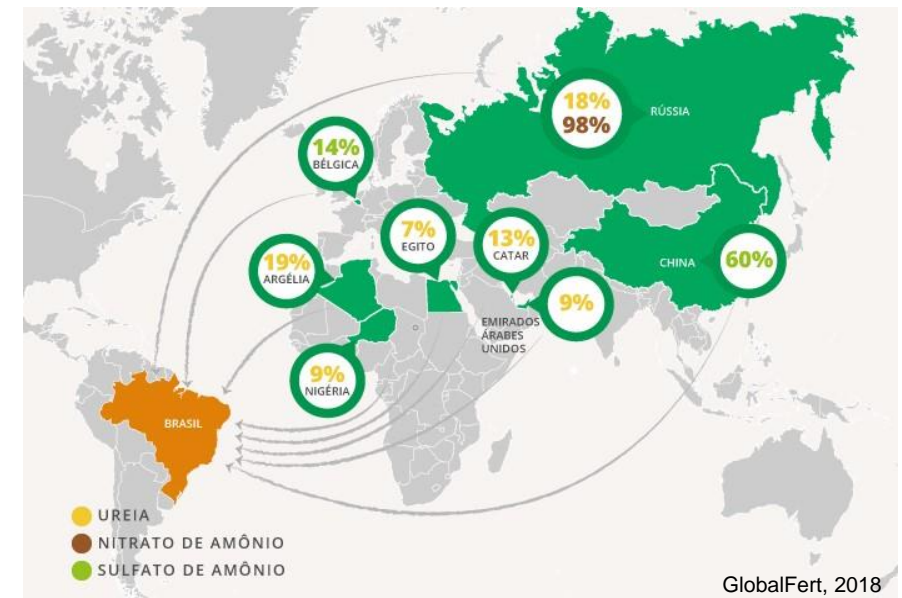
Fertilizers



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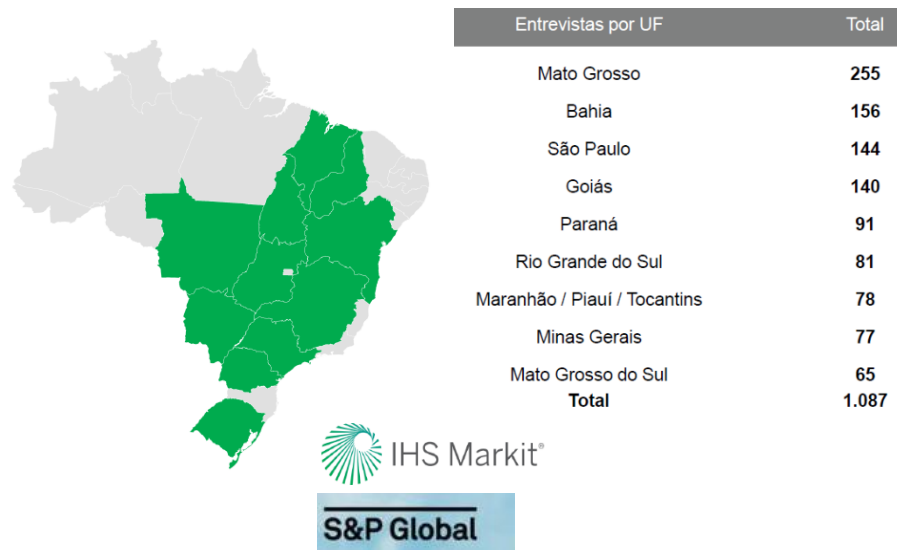


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PA adoption numbers

Basic question: do you use any kind of variable rate application?



Soybean

34%

Sugarcane

14%

Cotton

66%

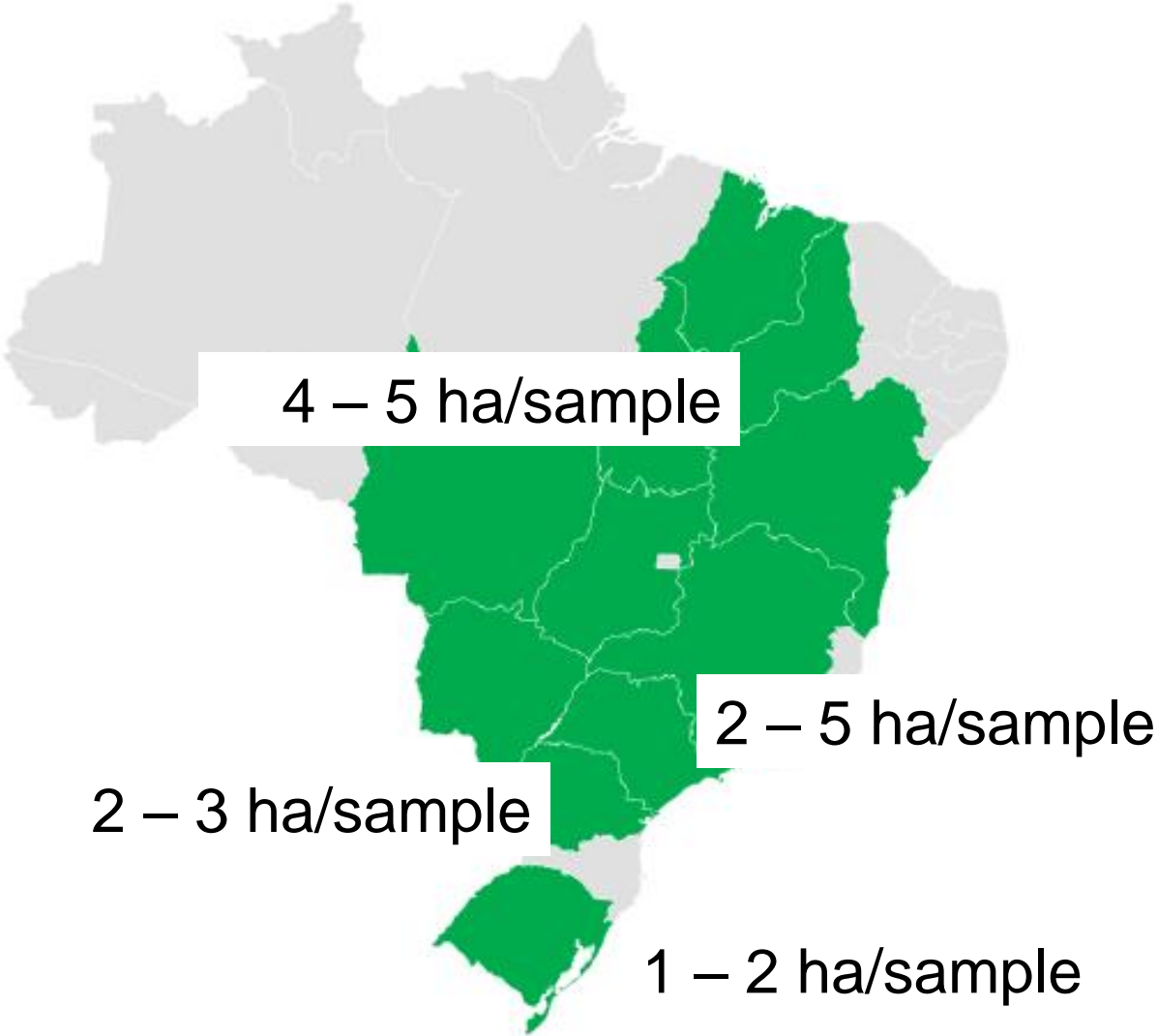
All

33%

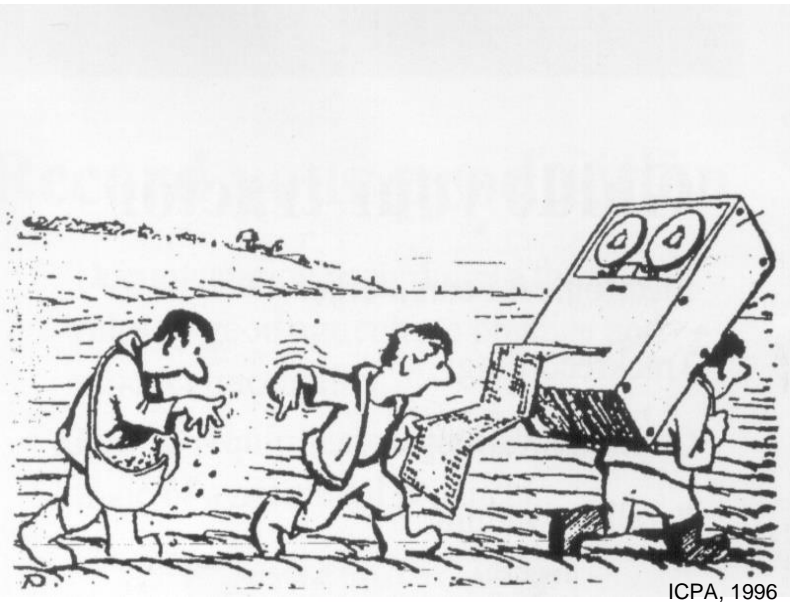
* Recommendations based on grid soil sampling

	Total	Cotton	Sugarcane	Soybean
Lime	85%	78%	84%	86%
Gypsum	38%	11%	57%	39%
Fertilizer on seeding	36%	21%	22%	38%
Top dressing fertilizer	31%	12%	15%	33%
Foliar fertilizer	2%	0%	2%	2%
Pest monitoring	7%	6%	13%	7%
Agrochemical application	2%	2%	8%	1%

Grid sampling size



PA & DA



ICPA, 1996

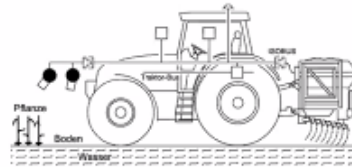


Precision Farming

90's
Site specific
AGS/SC/VRA

Smart Farming

2000s
Decision support
Real-time sensor support



Digital Farming

Now
IoT
Cloud Computing
Big Data & AI
Robots



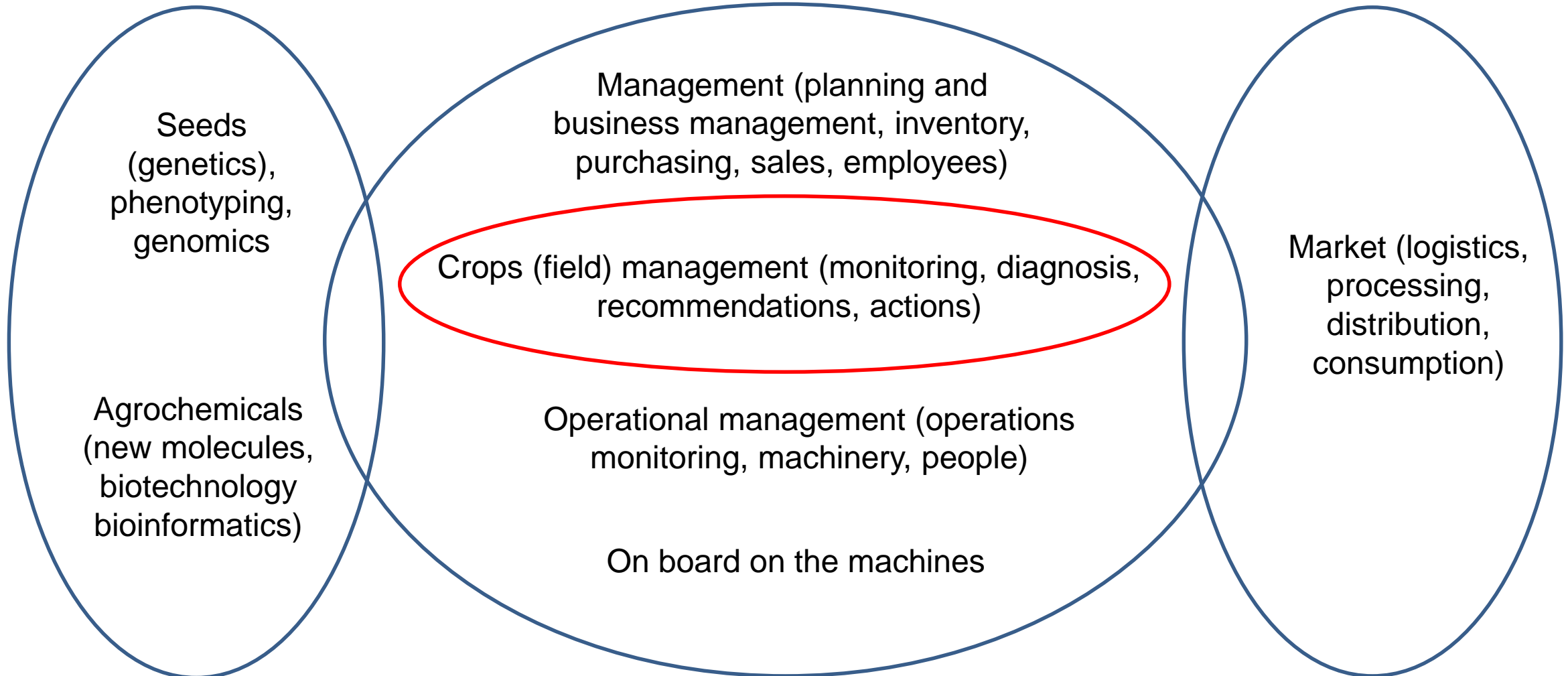
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Ag Digital Solutions

before

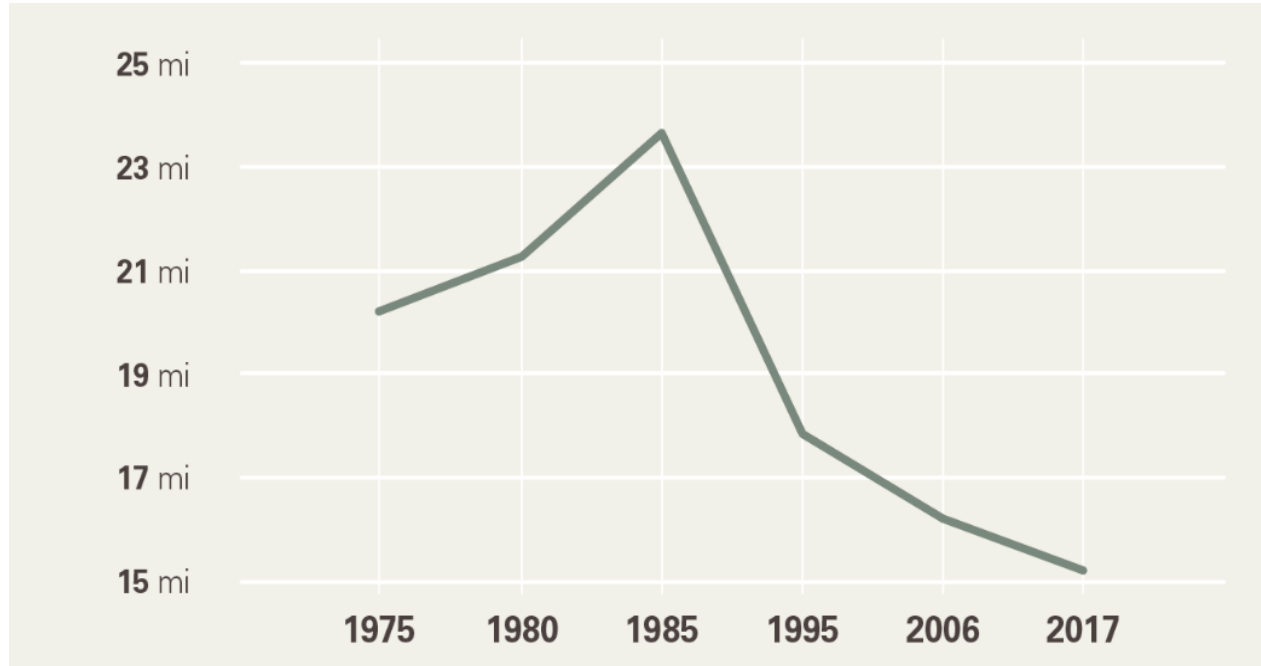
Inside farm

after

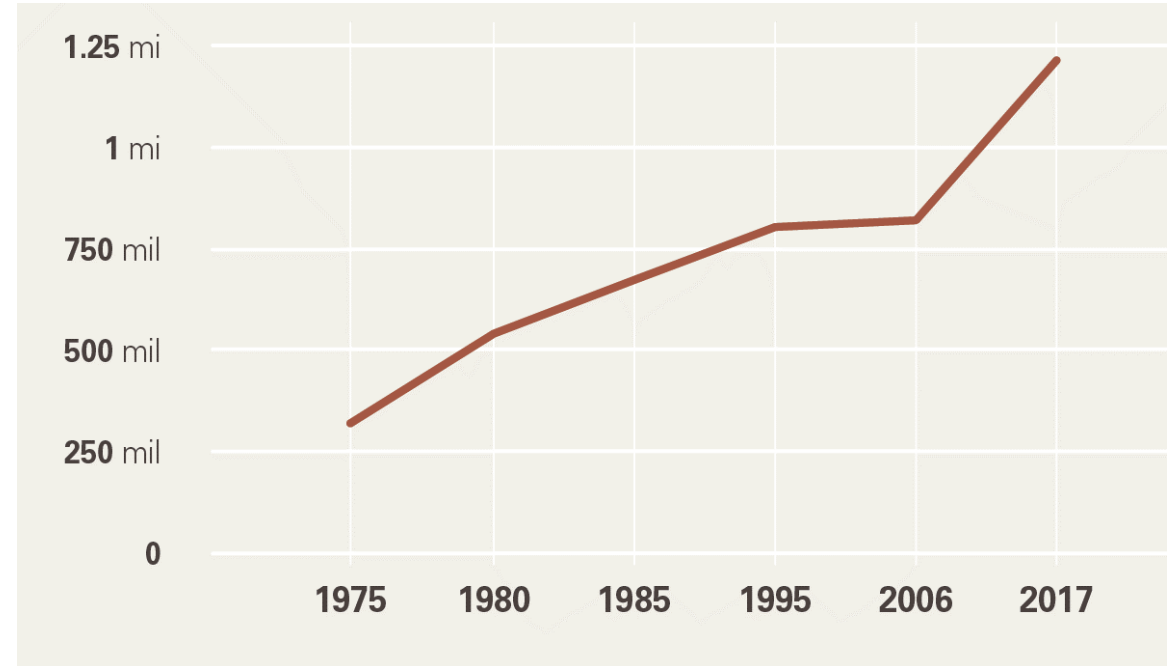


Brazilian Population: 215 mi

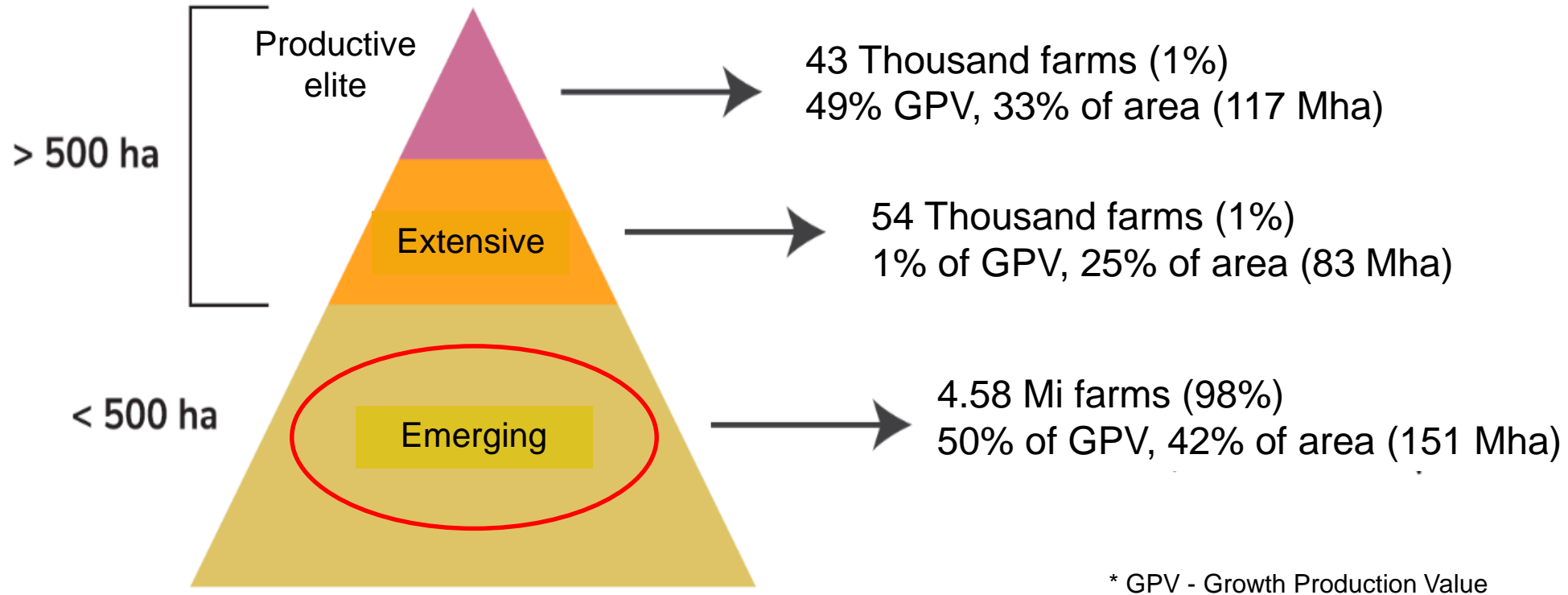
People in agriculture



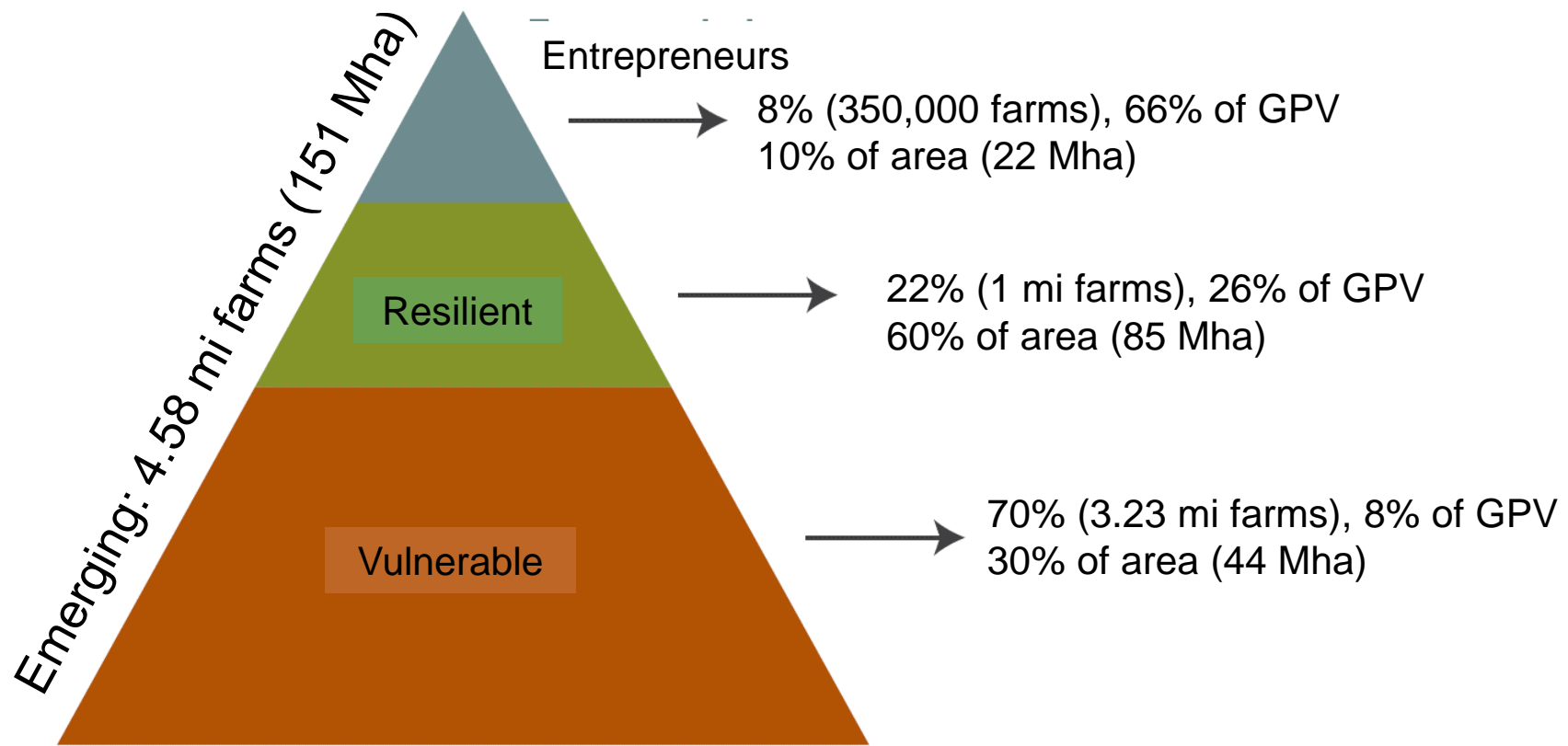
Tractors



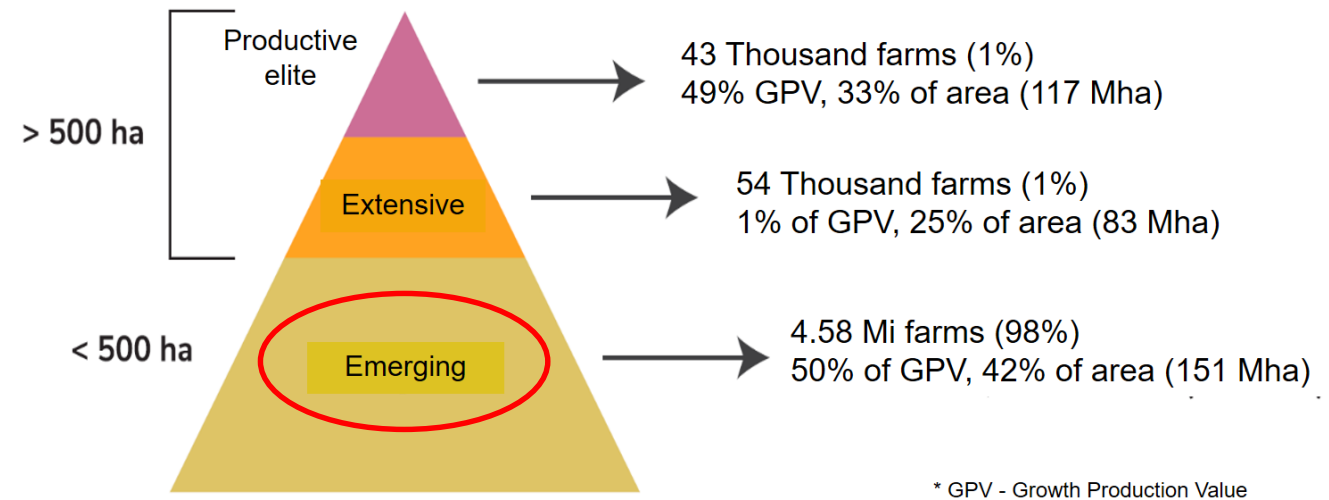
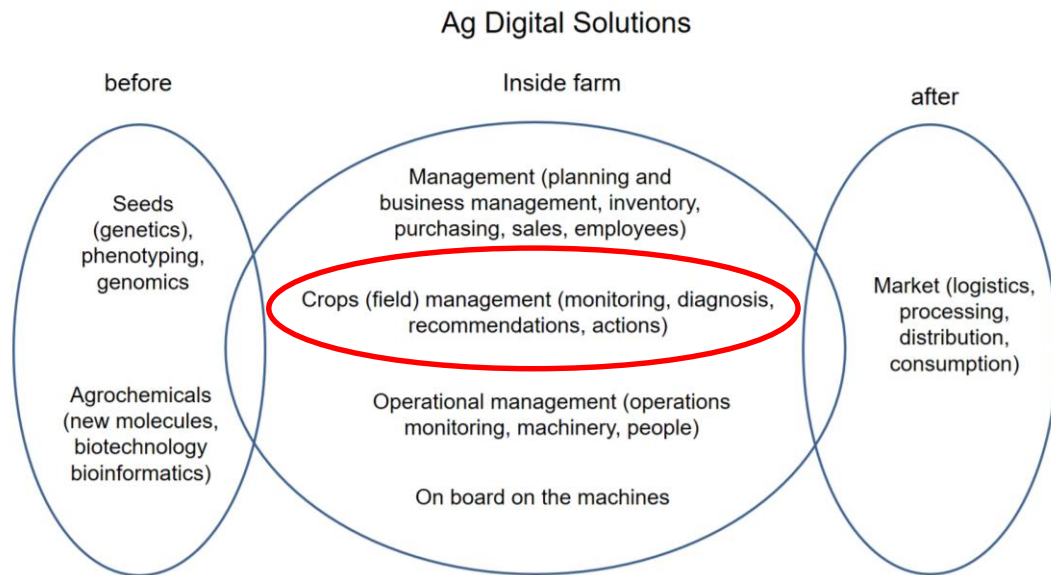
Challenges and risks



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Priorities



Thanks!



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