

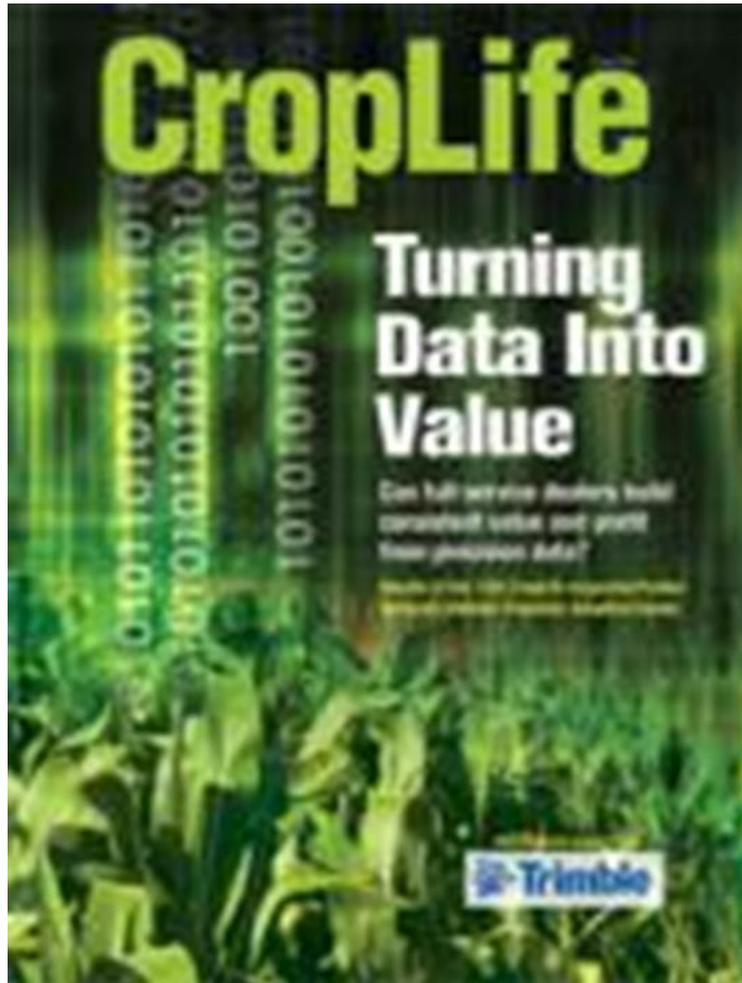


Precision Farming Adoption Trends and Analysis

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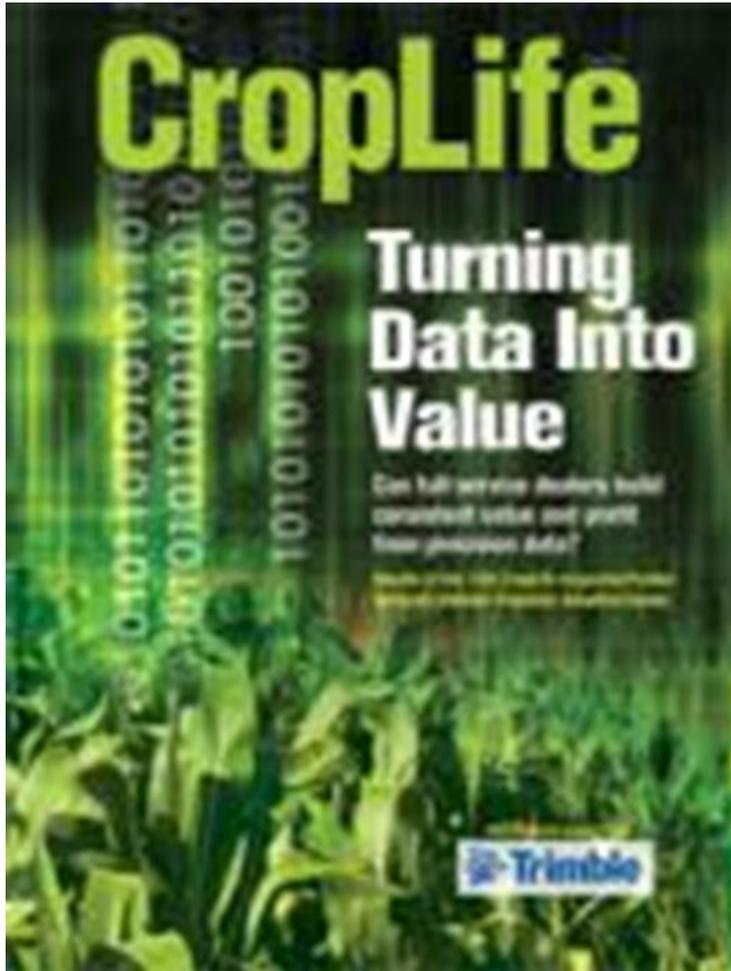
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CropLife/Purdue Precision Dealer Survey



- Originated 1996
- 2015 was 17th survey
- Working now on 2017 survey
- Adoption information difficult to obtain

CropLife/Purdue Precision Dealer Survey



**2015
PRECISION AGRICULTURAL SERVICES
DEALERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS**

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Today's Precision Farming

Position Dependent

- Depends only on field position to make decisions
- Main benefit cost savings
- Adoption easy

GUIDANCE

SECTION CONTROLLERS

Position and Data Dependent

- Depends on field position and field characteristics
- Benefits cost savings and yield increases
- Adoption more difficult

SOIL MAPPING

YIELD MAPPING

VARIABLE RATE TECH

BIG DATA

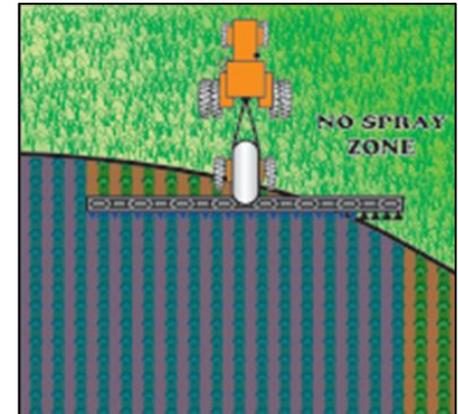
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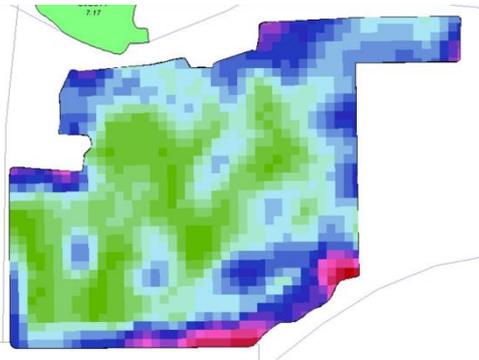
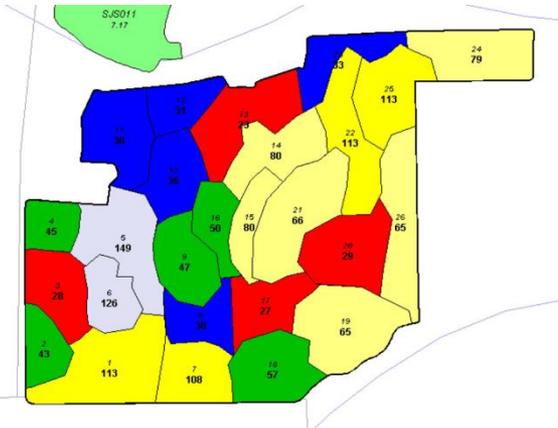
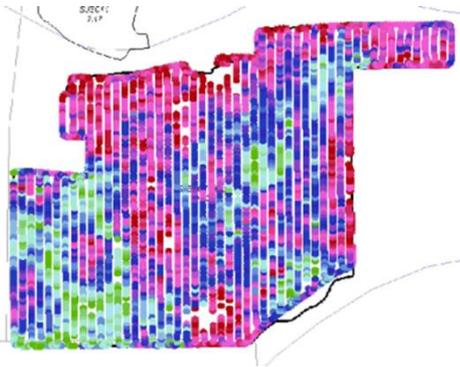
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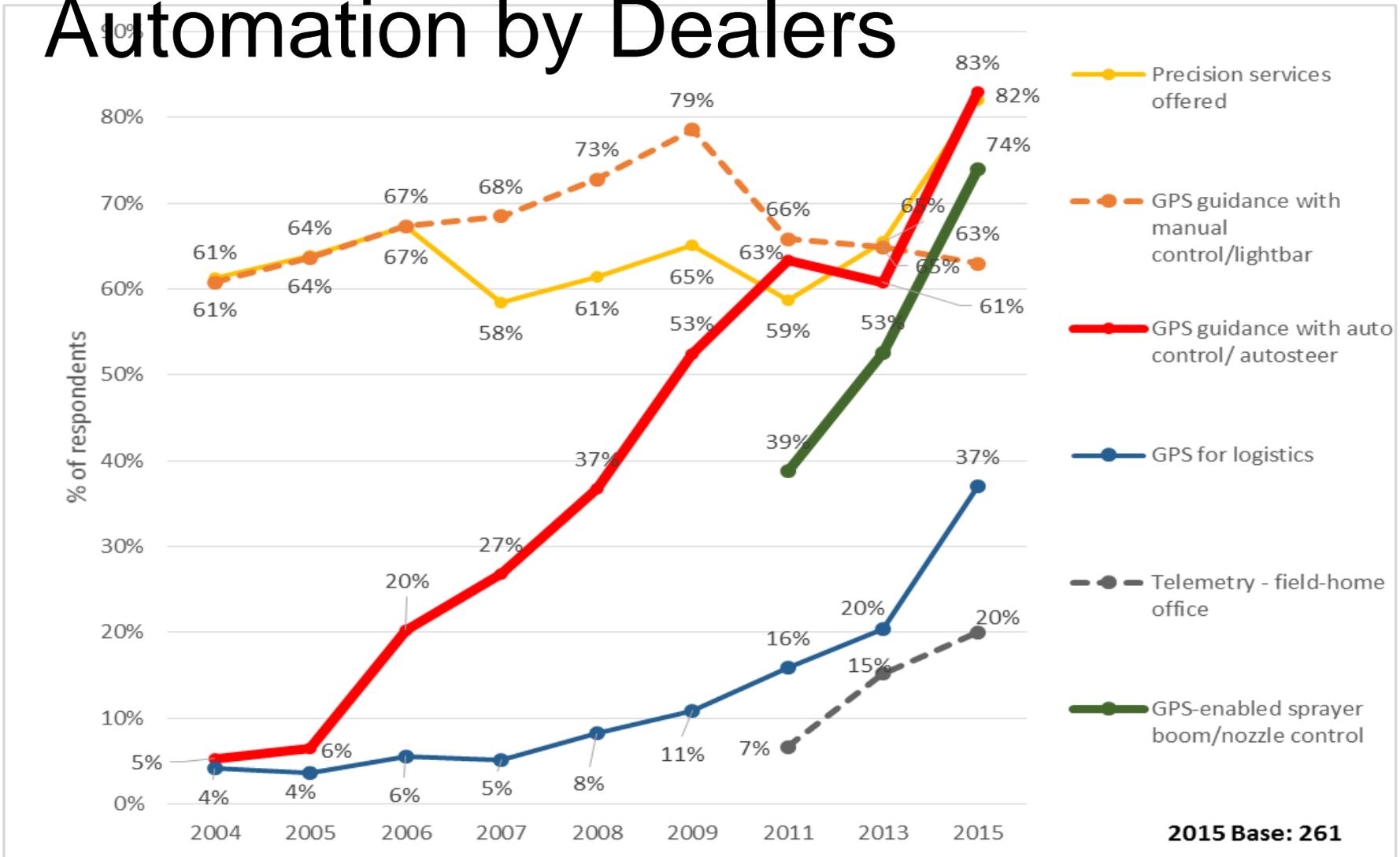
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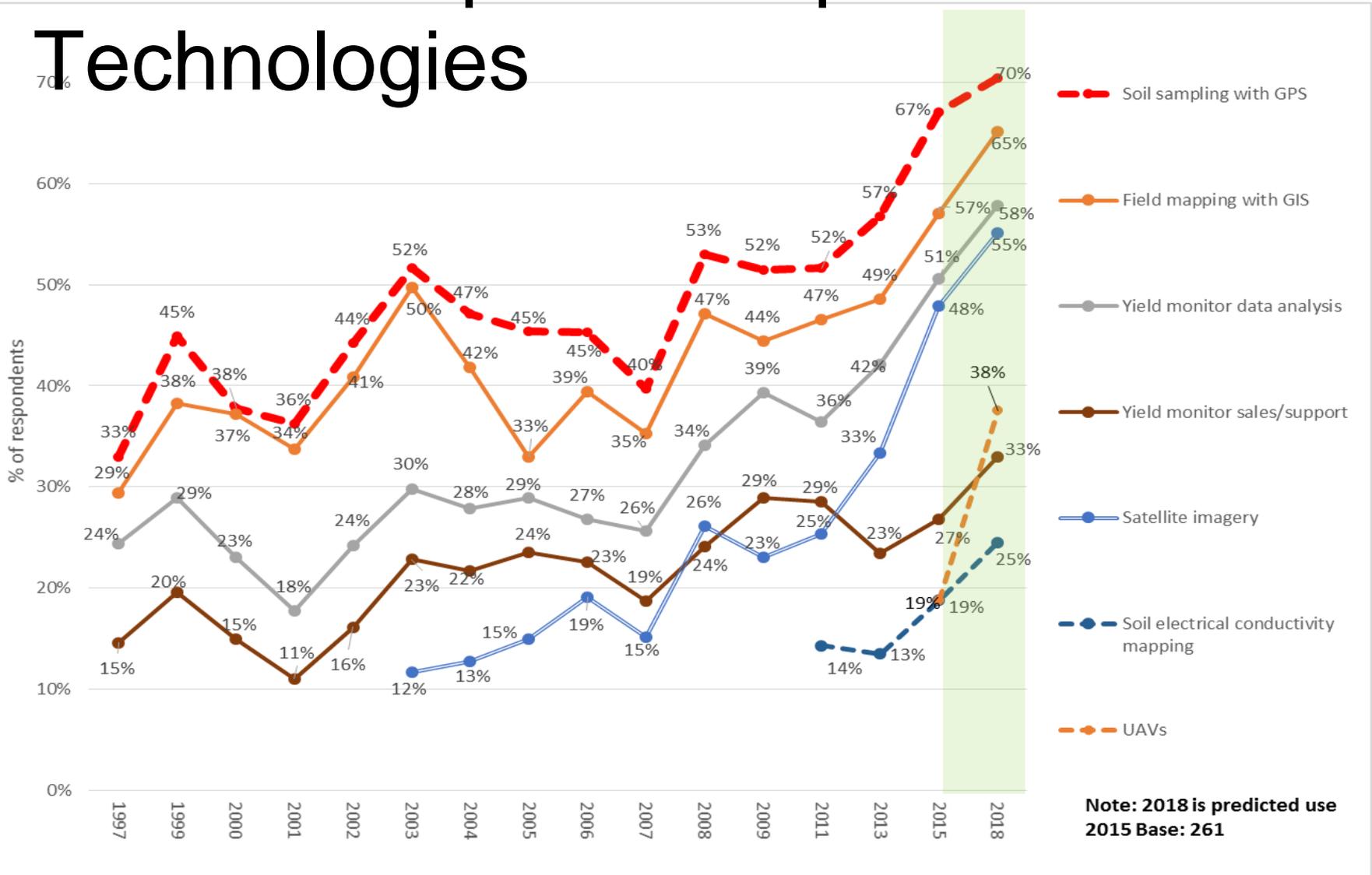
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Rapid Adoption of Guidance and Automation by Dealers



Slower Adoption of Spatial Technologies



Benefits of Guidance and Section Controllers Vary with Field Size and Shape, Equipment Configuration

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Economics of Precision Agricultural Technologies Across the Great Plains

By Craig M. Smith, Kevin C. Dhuyvetter, Terry L. Kosteas, Dietrich L. Kosteas, and Logan M. Smith

ABSTRACT

Precision agricultural technologies, such as guidance systems and automatic section controllers, have given farmers the ability to more effectively apply crop inputs such as fertilizer, pesticides, and seed. More efficient use of inputs often can be translated into higher yields and/or lower costs, but the costs and benefits likely vary across regions. Our research incorporates over 500 real-world cropland fields from farms in Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska to help answer the research question: What are the economics of investing in guidance systems and automatic section controllers for sprayers, and how do these vary across different regions of the Great Plains?



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Guidance: Biggest Advantage with Small Implements in Large Fields



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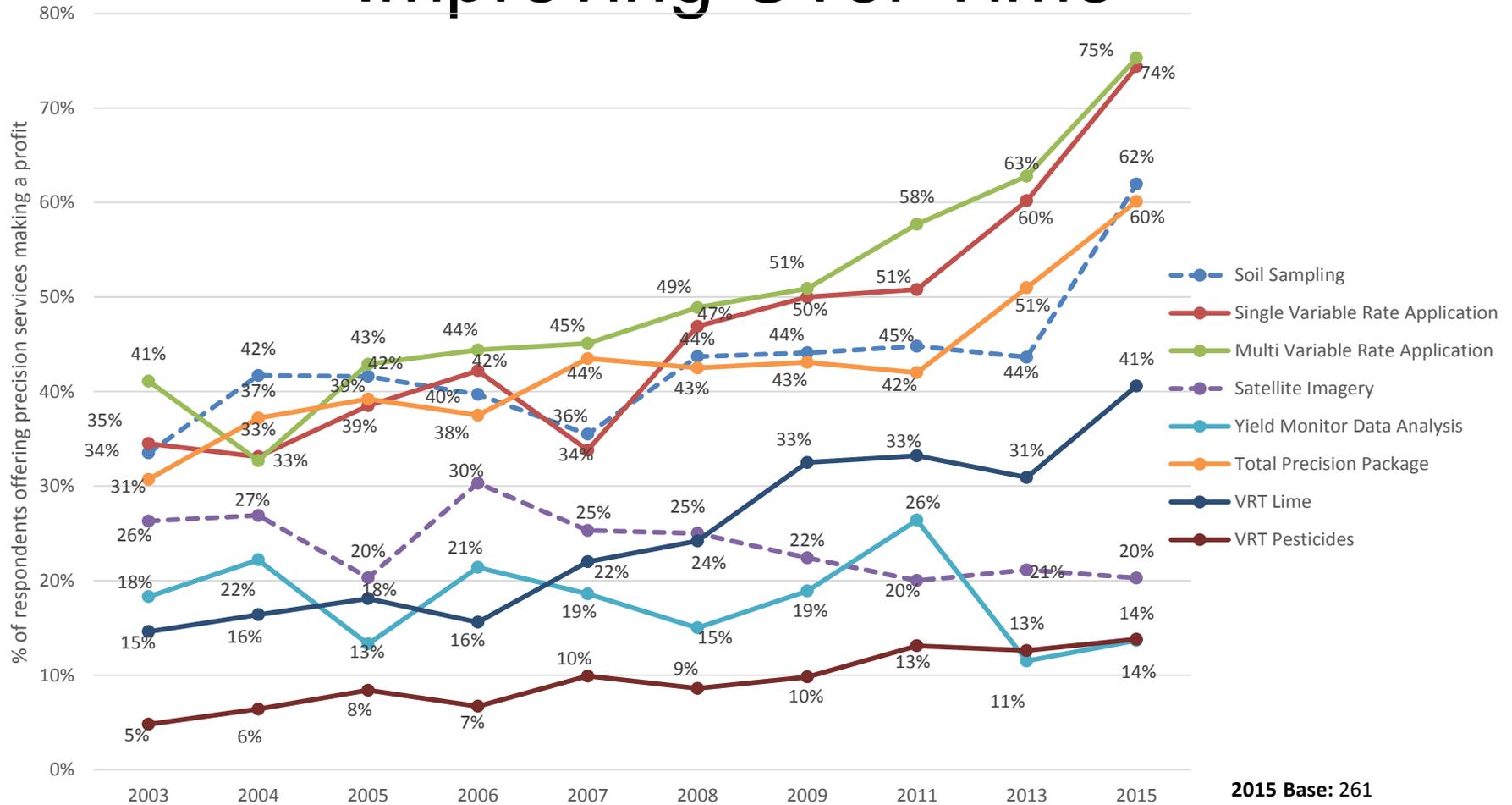
Section Controllers: Biggest Advantage in Smaller Fields, More Irregular Field Edges



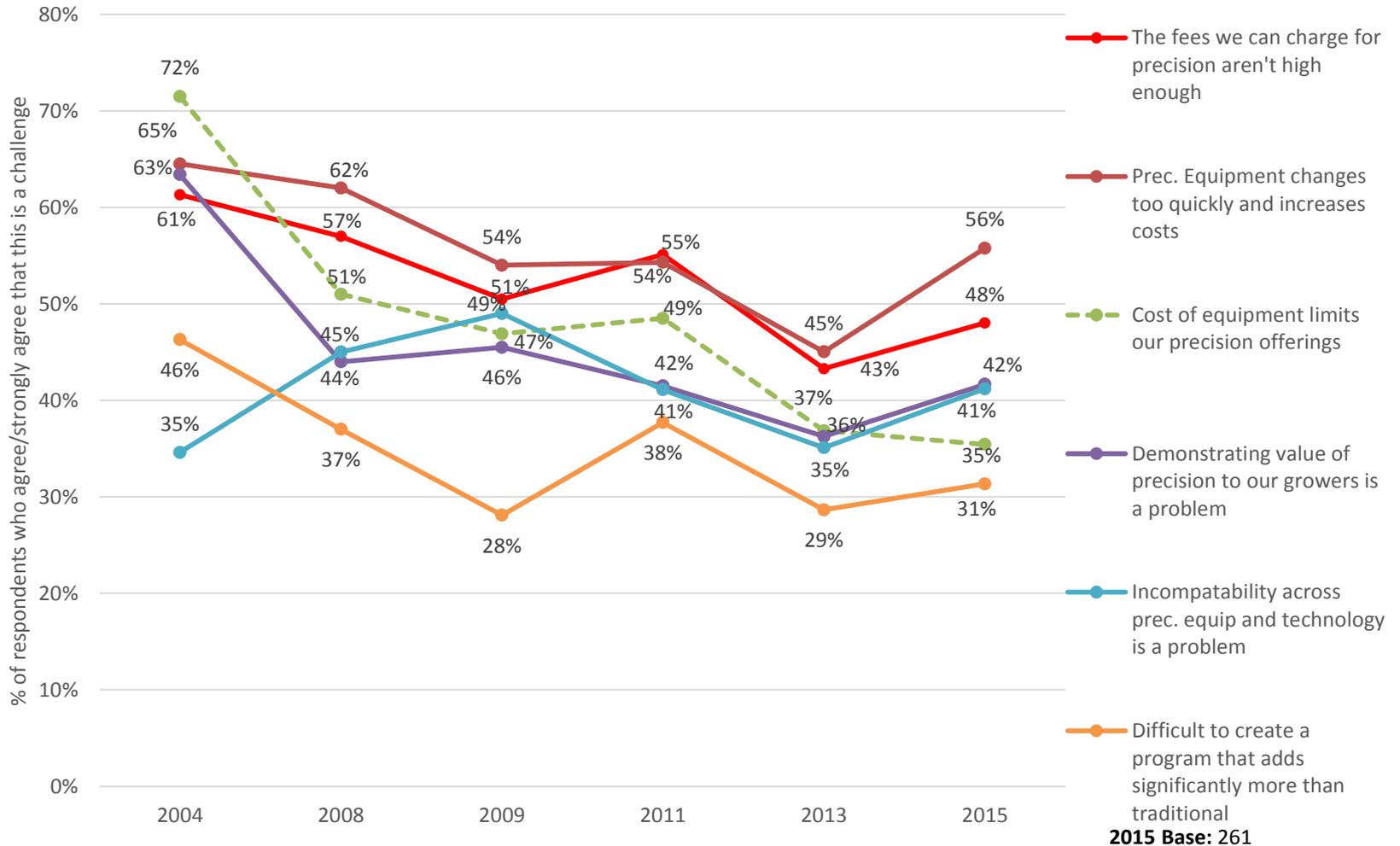
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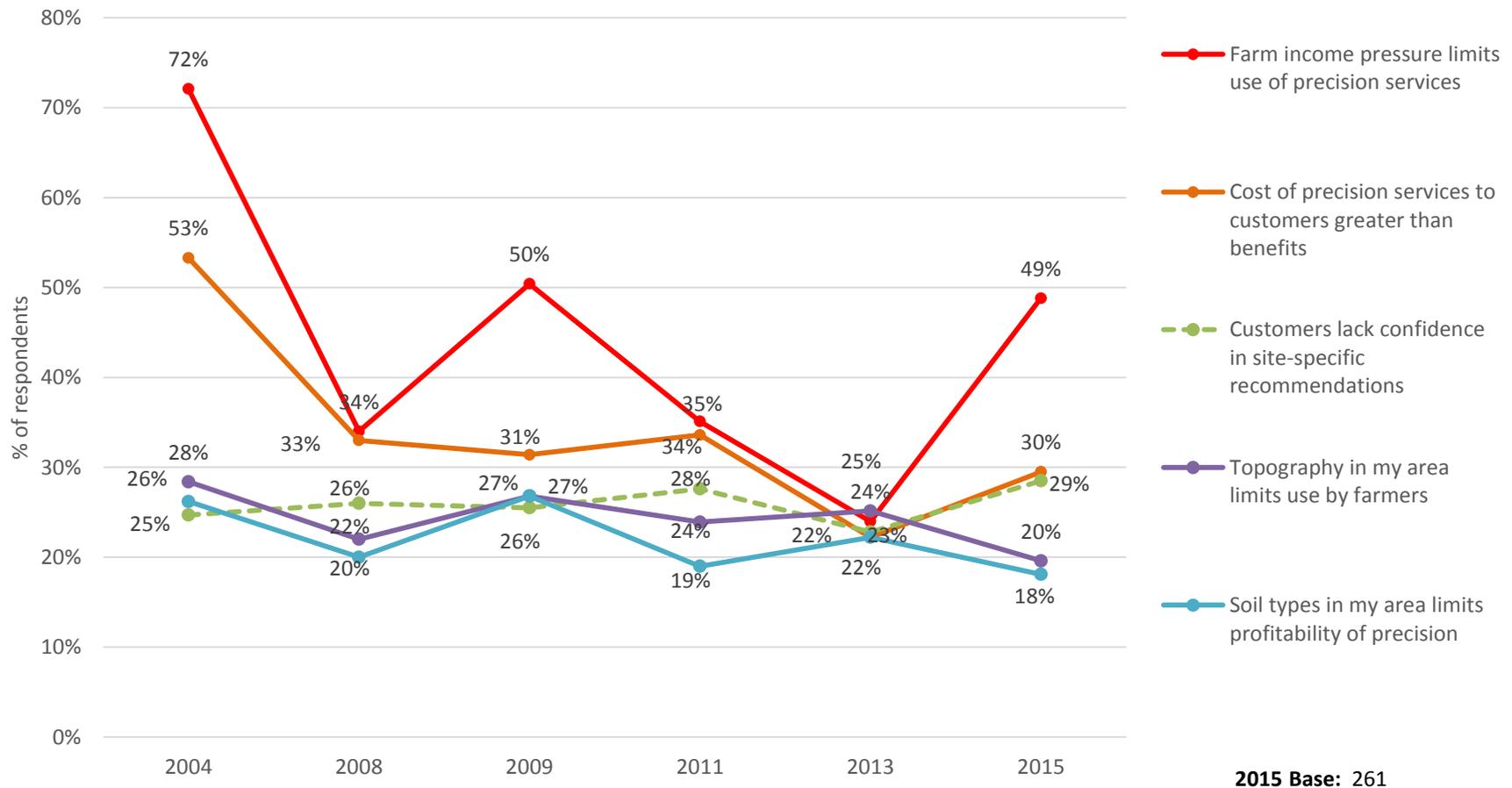
Dealer Precision Profitability Improving Over Time



Dealer Barriers to Adoption



Customer Barriers to Adoption

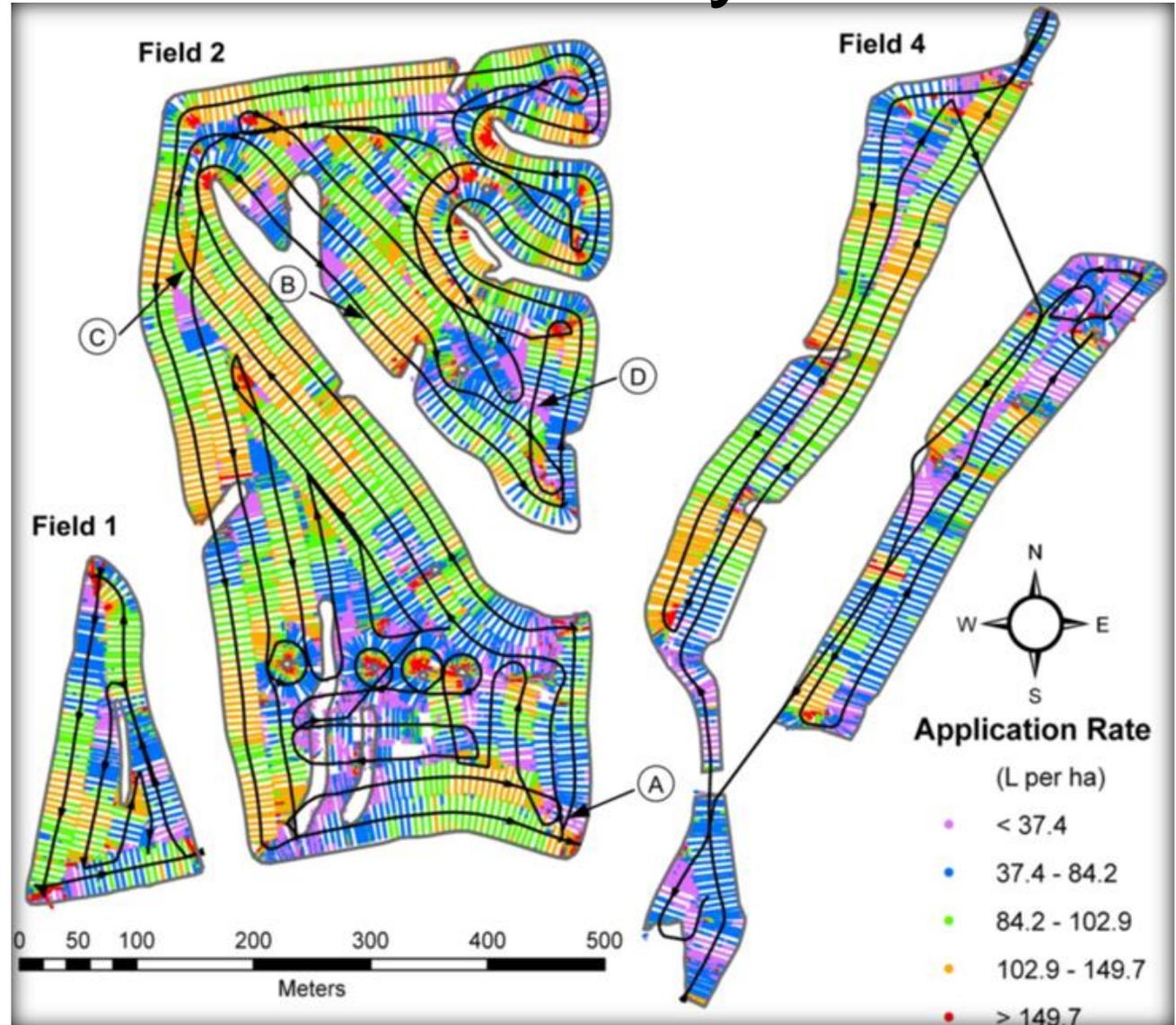


Technology Advances are Enabling Data-Driven Agriculture

- Computer Processing
 - 1995: 100 MHz speed with Intel's Pentium chip
 - 2016: 3.5 GHz clock speed common
- Sensors: better and cheaper
- Cloud Storage
- Telematics, Data Transfer

Spray Application Accuracy

- Sprayer speed
- Turns
- Sections turning on and off



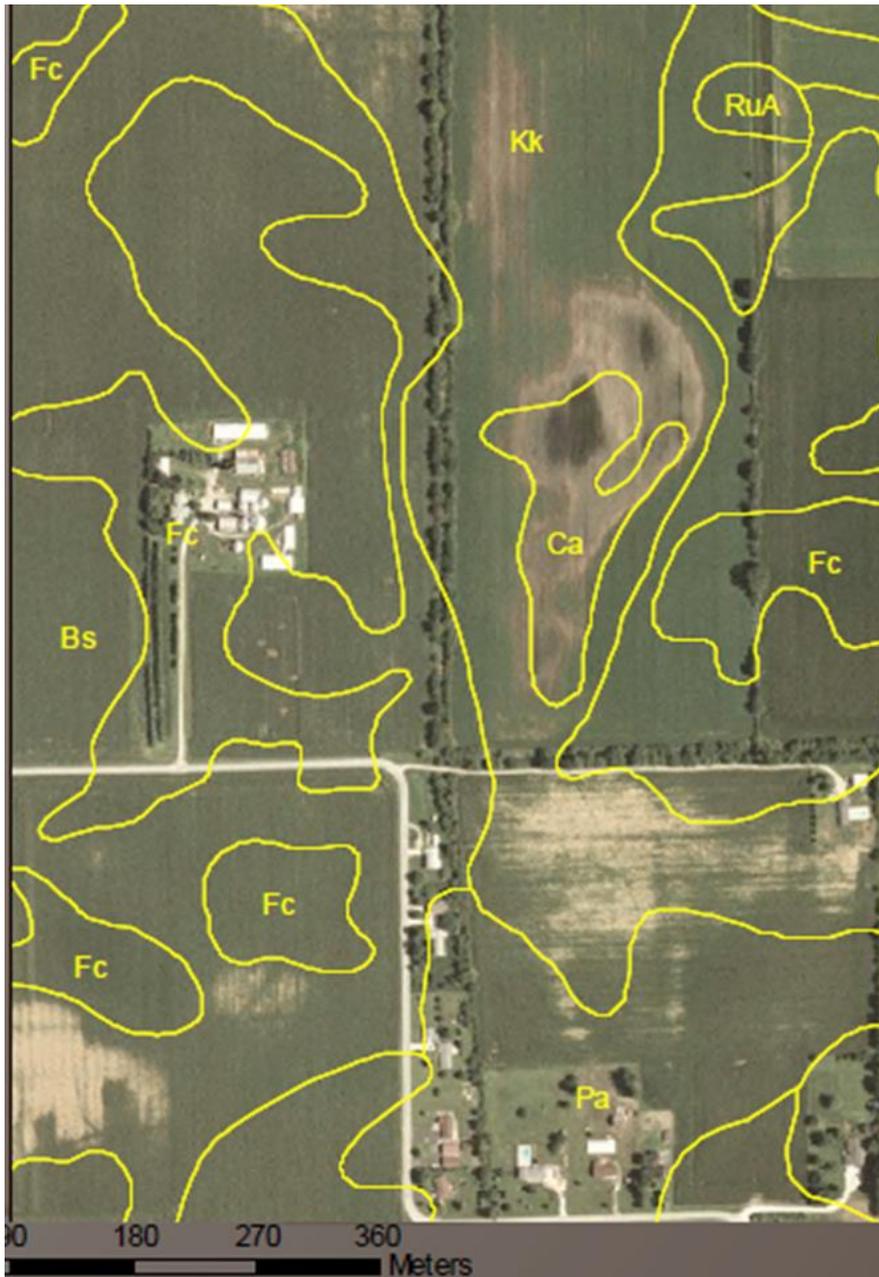
Tim Stombaugh, University of Kentucky

Technology Advances are Enabling Data-Driven Agriculture

- Functional soils maps
- Spatially dense soil sampling
- High resolution imagery

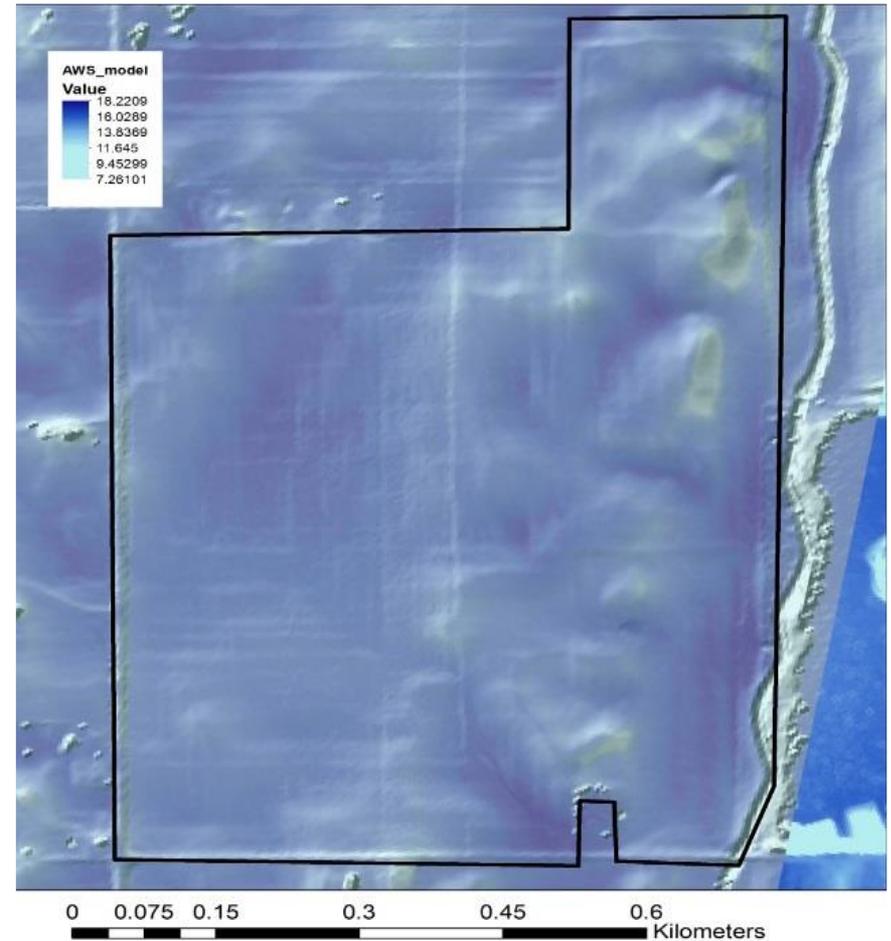
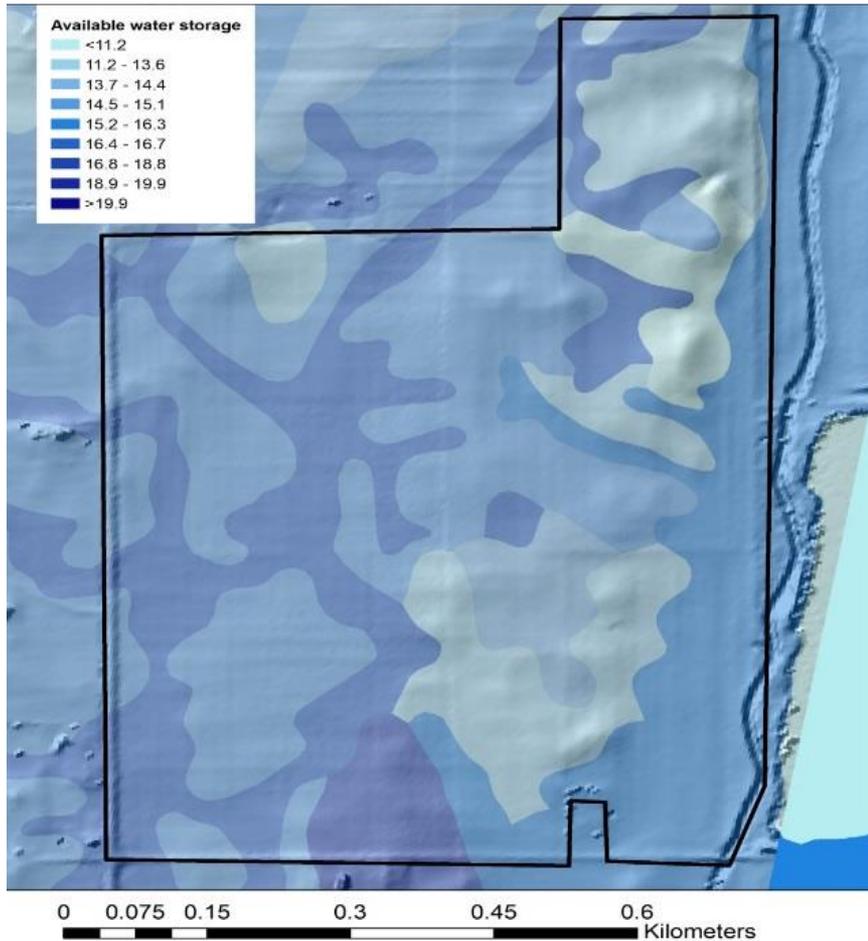
***But technology exceeding our ability to
interpret and understand***

Acute need of soil and crop knowledge

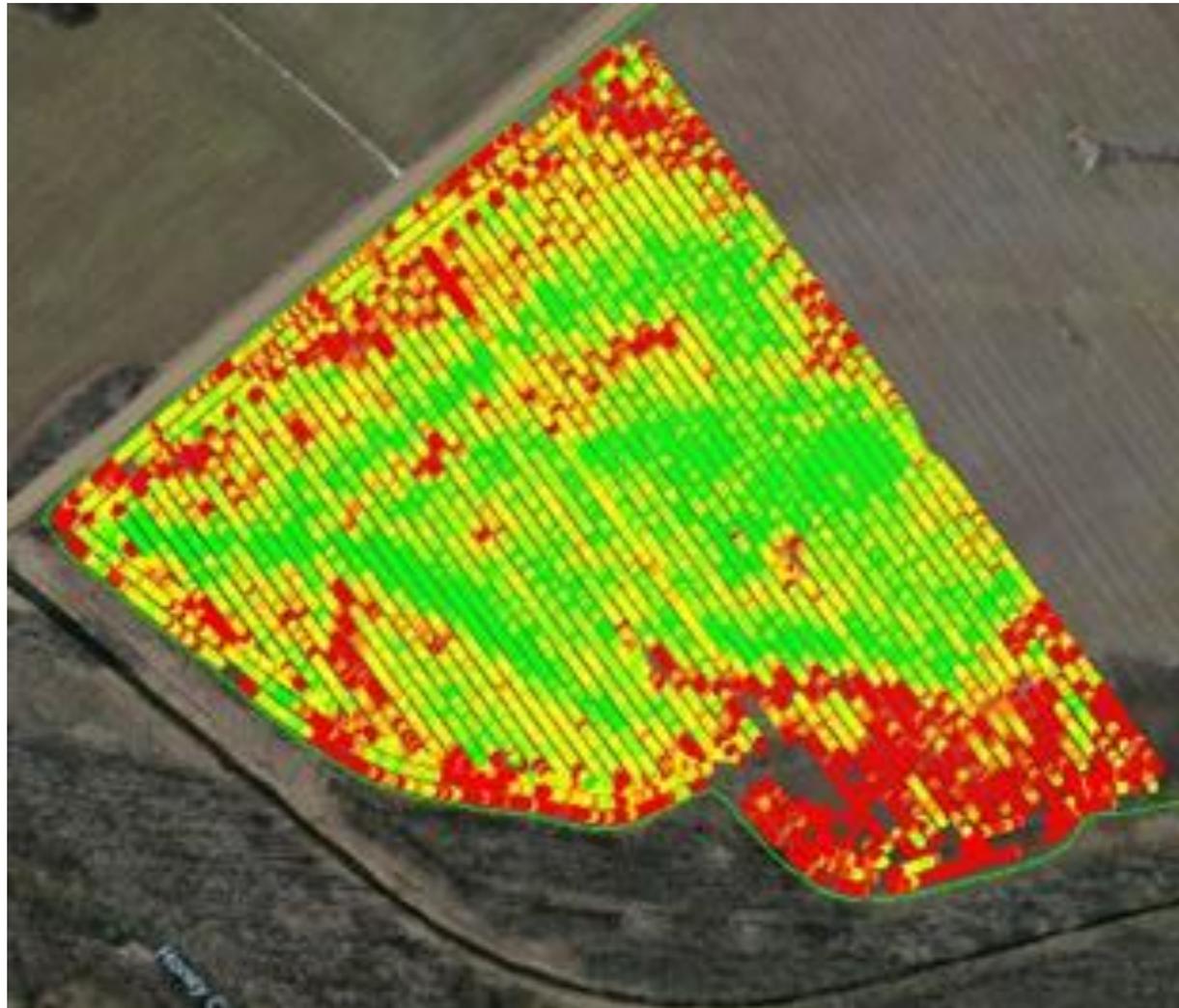


NRCS Order 2 Soil Surveys Have Distinct Lines Representing Transitions and Can Have Inclusions up to 2 Acres

Functional Soils Maps

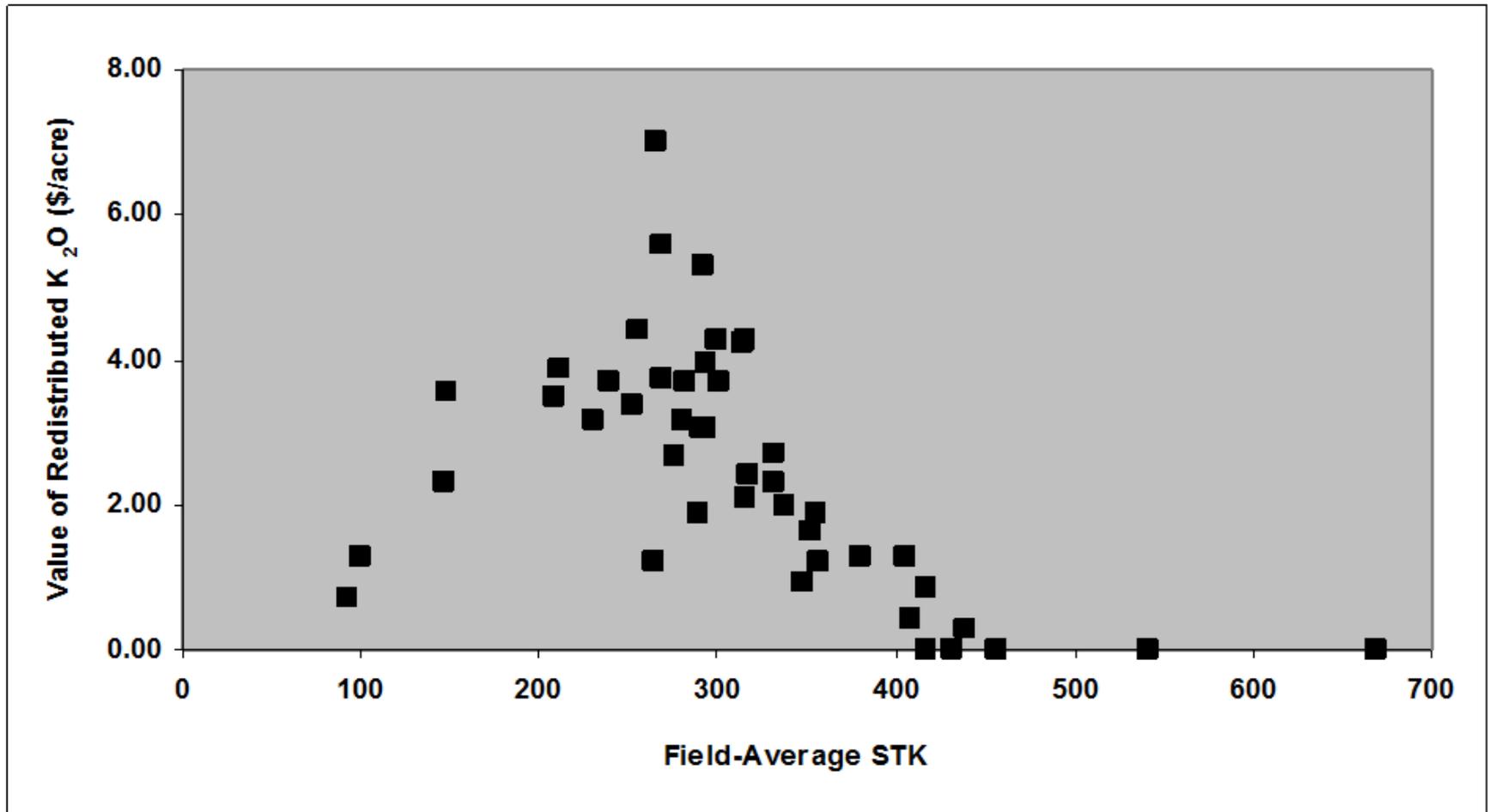


Enhancements to Yield Mapping



John Fulton, The Ohio State University

Value of Precision Nutrient Management Related to Average Level of Fertility



John Grove, University of Kentucky

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ORDER FOR JOHN DEERE TRACTORS AND IMPLEMENTS

To Robinson's Farm Equip Name of Seller Rolle Fla Seller's Town and State Date 6/21 1949

The undersigned orders from you for delivery on or about 6/21 1949 at Rolle Fla, subject to the ability of the seller to obtain the goods from the manufacturer in time for delivery and prior to any price change by the manufacturer, the following described goods; viz:

Number Ordered	Size and Description of Goods	F.O.B. Factory Price Each	Freight	Purchaser's Handling Cost	Sales Tax or S.O.E.	Excise Tax (if any)	Total Price Each	Total
1	M T Tractor with cult.				36.59		1829.44	1865.93

Great Granddad Traded a Team of Horses for a Tractor in 1949

For which I (we) agree to pay the Total Selling Price as follows; viz:
Allowance for articles taken in trade by the Seller: (Describe articles and show allowance price of each.)

and team of Chestnut small horses
7 + 8 year

Finance Charge	\$
Total Selling Price	\$ 1865.93
	\$
	\$ 277.00
	\$
Total cash down-payment	\$
Total Down-Payment	\$ 277.00
Time Balance	\$ 1588.93

at 7 Percent per Annum from Maturity until

This Order, taken subject to acceptance by the Seller, is signed in Triplicate and together with the Conditions of Sale and Warranty and Agreement printed on the reverse side hereof constitutes the entire agreement between us. One copy of same being retained by the Purchaser(s), receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

Rolle Fla Signed Geo L. Pirie
Purchaser's P.O. Town State R.F.D. No. Purchaser

Purchaser's P.O. Town State R.F.D. No. Signed Purchaser

Order Taken by Accepted 6/21 1949

Purchaser lives about Robinson's Farm Equip Seller

Miles N _____ Miles E By M. L. Robinson

Miles S _____ Miles W from above P.O. Town in _____ County.



Benefits Realized Across a Range of Farm Sizes and Configurations



Sao Martinho Mill
Sao Paulo Province, Brazil
120,000 Hectares of Sugar Cane

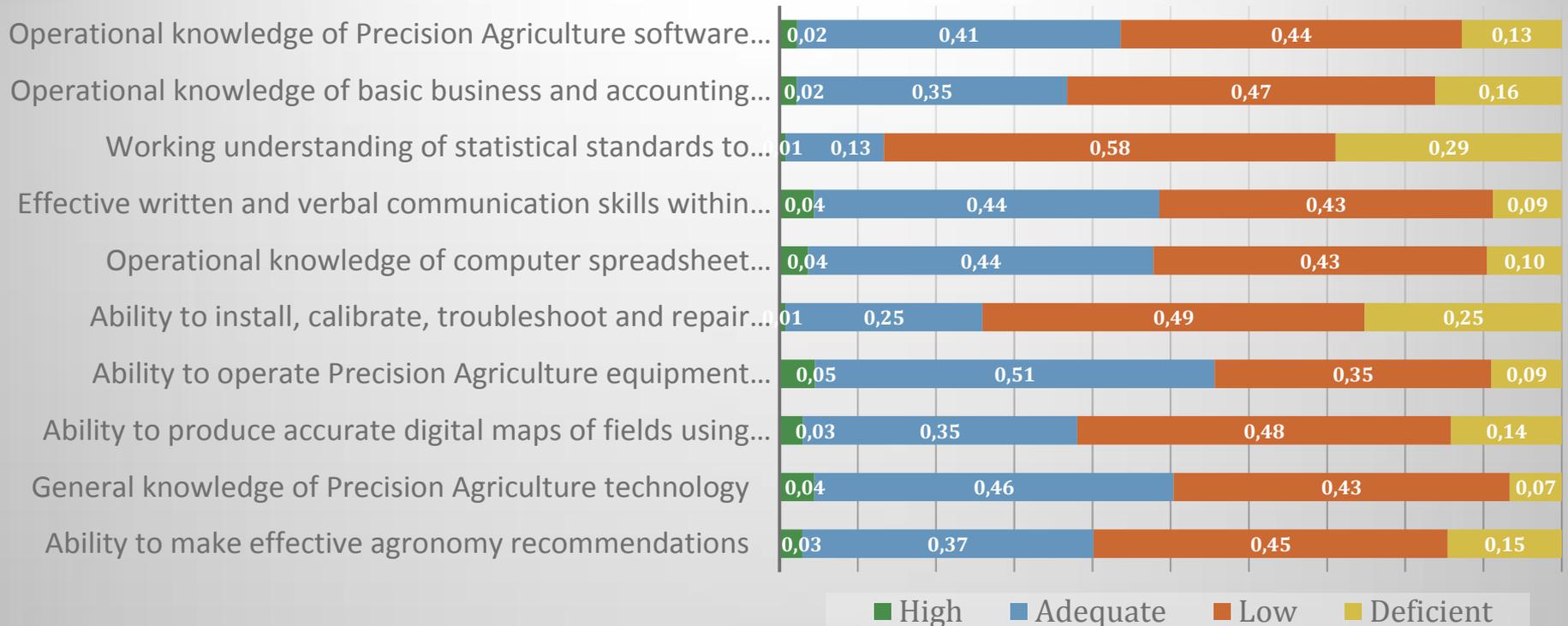


Vierpolders

120 Hectare Farm near
Rotterdam, Holland

Informing the Precision Workforce

Knowledge Level of Interviewees



Precision Education Project, funded through USDA-AFRI Higher Ed award number 2014-70003-22369

Summary

- Automated precision farming technologies are standard equipment in dealerships and on commercial farms
- Great opportunity to expand data-driven management decisions
- Technology is increasingly in place—value will come by making changes based on new knowledge