EDUCATION FOR DIGITAL AGRICULTURE

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Bruce Erickson, Department of Agronomy berickso@purdue.edu Technology adoption requires knowledge for successful integration into existing systems



HIGH SCHOOL

Proposed: Online instruction in digital agriculture to complement an internship program in schools throughout WHIN. Initial discussions have occurred with the Warren Co. Foundation, Seeger Memorial High School administration, and Wabash River Career and Technical Education.



UNDERGRADUATE



In Development: Data Science, an AgOnline course Outcomes:

PROFESSIONAL

Existing: Precision Agriculture, Agronomy e-Learning Academy Winner of Best Professional Course at Purdue in 2017

- Short-form HD videos are foundation, about 100 per course, professionally edited and annotated
- Content organized into modules/lessons for easy navigation—so adult learners can



- 1) Source different types of data.
- 2) Transform and format data for analyses.
- 3) Detect trends in data as part of hypothesis generation.
- 4) Communicate findings to different audiences through appropriate graphics and animations, including through web pages.
- 5) Write R scripts to accomplish all of the above.

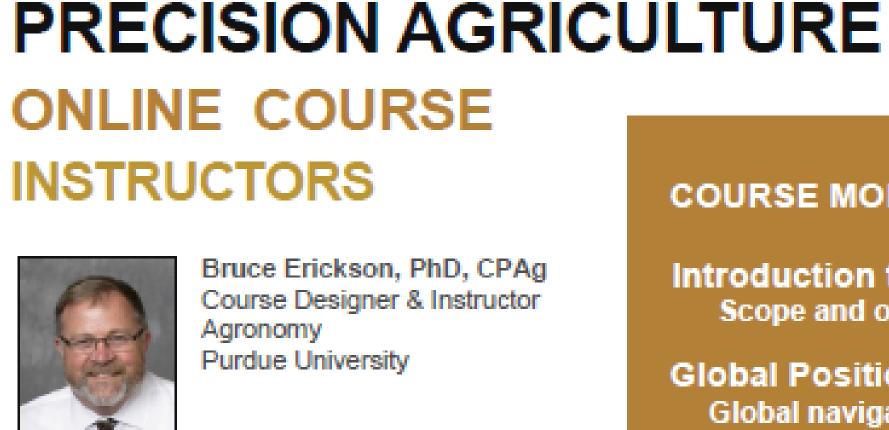
In Development: Minor in Data Analytics/Digital Agriculture

Existing: Some Resident Courses at Purdue Related to **Digital Agriculture**

ASM 540, Geographic Information System Application AGRY 545, Remote Sensing of Land Resources AGRY 598, Precision Crop Management ECE 473, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence STAT 242 Introduction to Data Science

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- Modules include an "online textbook" listing learning objectives and with reading, graphics, glossary, links to more information
- Test at end of each module helps ensure comprehension—can't proceed to next module until you pass!
- Non-Credit; Certificate awarded with successful completion





Introduction to Precision Agriculture Scope and overview of the technologies and their applications

Global Positioning Systems Global navigation systems used around the world, how they work, equipment, factors affecting accuracy



GRADUATE

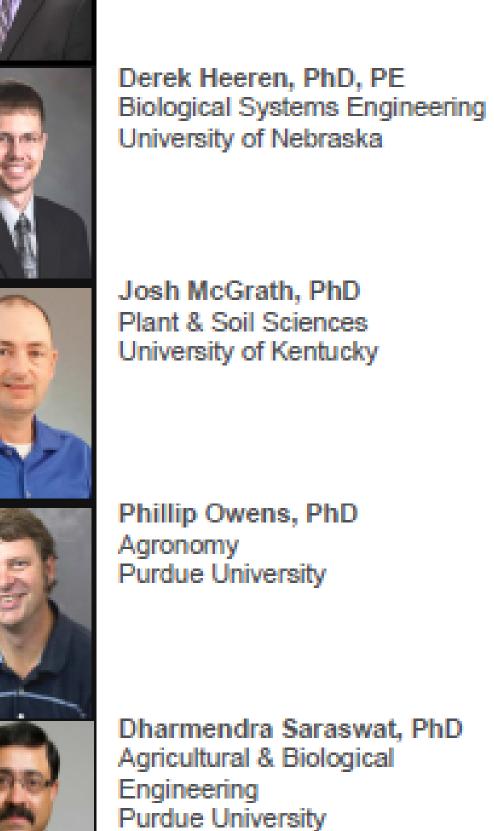
In Development: Professional Master of Science in Digital Agriculture

- Program launch planned for Summer 2019
- Tracks in addition to Digital Agriculture proposed in future
- 30 credits, fully online
- Admissions based on transcripts, letters of reference, statement of purpose
- Course topics for Professional Masters:
 - Project, people, and financial management, ethics, professionalism: 6 credits
 - Communication and leadership: 6 credits
 - Deep knowledge track: GIS, data methods, data analytics, remote sensing, sensors and instrumentation, etc.: 15 credits
 - Project-based activity: 3 credits

Existing: Numerous Resident Courses at Purdue Related to Digital Agriculture



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Differential Correction Ground-based and space-based correction systems, levels of accuracy, manual guidance and autoguidance

Sensors

Satellite, aerial, UAV, and proximal sensing platforms; active vs. passive sensing; spectral, spatial and temporal resolution; soil, crop and weather sensors

Soil & Water Spatial Variability

Soil formation and change across landscapes, soil mapping technology and utility, precision land management, irrigation and drainage

Nutrient Spatial Variability

Grid and zone sampling approaches, developing management zones, nutrient-specific sensors, equipment for nutrient VRT

Crop Spatial Variability

Yield monitors for grain and non-grain crops, calibration of monitors, data cleaning, yield map interpretation, yield stability, crop quality sensors

Geographic Information Systems

GIS coordinate systems, map scales and standards, capture, storage, editing, analysis, display, image classification

Automation

Implement steering, VRT seeding, planter unit controllers, variable hybrid/ variety planting, spray boom and nozzle controllers, boom leveling

Data Analysis

Experimental design, data quality, compatibility, privacy, interpretation and correlation, product comparisons





Telematics Understanding telematics technology, wireless network applications, product comparisons

Precision Farming Economics and Adoption Cost effectiveness of guidance systems, section controllers, site-specific management in various crops, regions, situations

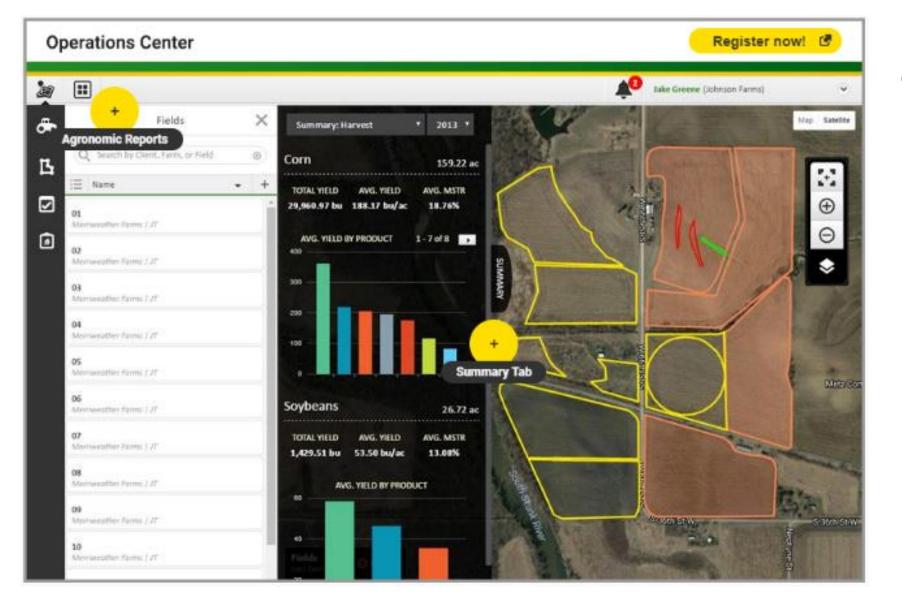
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EXAMPLES OF COMMERCIAL SOLUTIONS WABASH HEART

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IN DIGITAL AGRICULTURE

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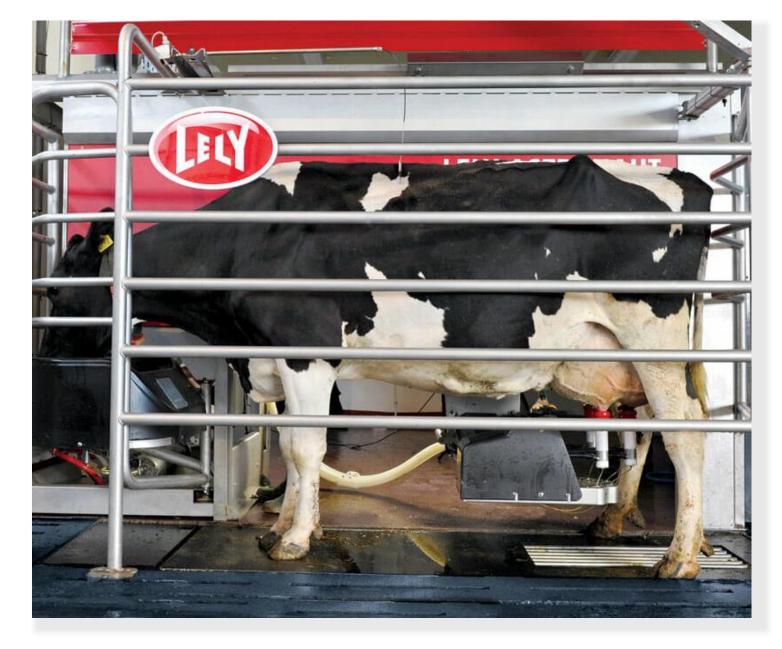


John Deere

Suite of Digital Ag Products including MyJohnDeere, JD Link, and John

Deere Field Connect

- MyJohnDeere is the cloud platform, JDLink is a cellular wireless data transfer service in some John Deere machines for sending real-time data to the cloud
- John Deere field connect is in field sensors used to monitor field conditions

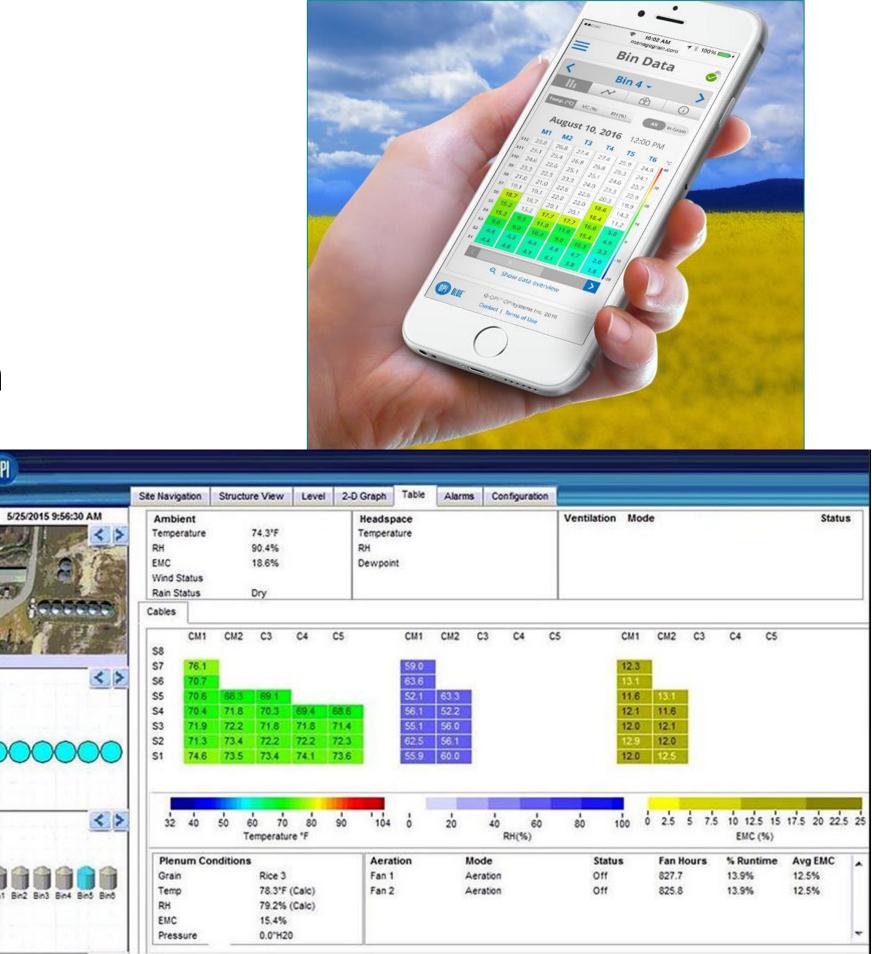


Lely Astronaut

Dutch machine company

INNOVATION NETWORK

- Cleans, attaches cups to teats, and milks autonomously
- **Rapid adoption**
- Saves labor, cows milked more often and on their schedule, increasing productivity



Advancing

Grain Storage

Management



Teralytic

- Stationary wireless sensor
- Measures N, P, K, pH, aeration, respiration, air temperature, light, and humidity

- MyJohnDeere and John Deere field connect are API enabled platforms
- JDLink works in John Deere equipment
- MyJohnDeere can integrate with many platforms
- Ability to connect services to most infield machines to collect as-applied type data

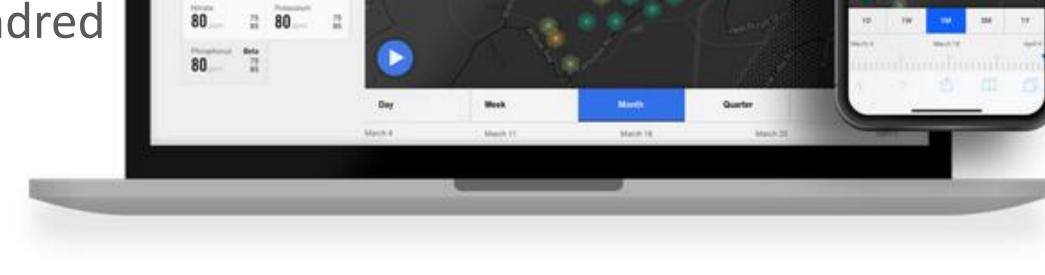
OPI Systems

- Moisture cables with measurements at 4 to 6 ft intervals up to 85 ft depth
- Temperature cables for up to 140 ft depth
- Insector insect detection system

Features:

- Wireless remote connectivity
- Remote logging/monitoring
- Alarms for temperature and moisture
- Inventory monitoring
- Automated and remote aeration control
- App or PC view

Each sensor costs a few hundred dollars



WEST VALLEY FARMS

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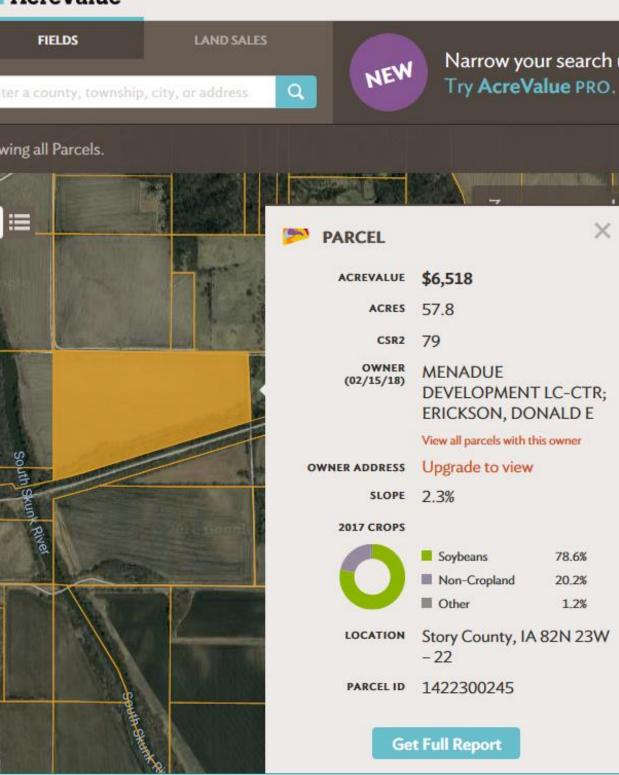
Climate Corp, subsidiary of Bayer

- A weather and data analysis company purchased by Monsanto, now part of Bayer
- Farm management information system
- Store and visualize field data
- Manage field variability by providing customized fertility and seeding plans
- Provides recommendations based on shared data



C & David Pearson Middle Valley Farms

AcreValue



Granular, subsidiary of Corteva

- Farm management software
- Combines operational, financial and agronomic
- Acre value is popular site for land values





Farmers Business Network:

Grouped benchmarking data from participating farmers used to make pricing decisions and for

Drone Deploy:

- Ability to integrate created maps with many existing ag software platforms
- Use with multiple drones/sensors Ability to upload images to be stitched even whencaptured manually

analytics

- Sales of chemical, fertilizer and seed on-line at low prices
- Software designed to help keep records, buy inputs, and sell crops
- Not yet profitable but a growing company with strong venture capital backing
- Limits on number of images/map
- Limits on what drones/ tablets can be lacksquareused effectively
- Reliance on outside drone software \bullet
 - integration updates