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Sistemas Ciber Físico y acceso remoto a la información: una aproximación desde el agro

Cyber physical systems and remote access to information: an approach from the agricultural sector

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AgriTech – factors that promote its use in agriculture

a) **Advances** in communications (**connectivity**) and mobile terminals that allow information systems to be taken to production centers.

b) **Reduction in the price** of equipment, sensors and computer supplies in general.

c) Maturity and growing **offer of advanced business** management **applications** (customer management, supplies, production control, information on areas of interest, etc.).



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- d) Generational shift (farmers and technicians).
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f) Demand / need / regulations for less adverse, healthier, more attractive **working conditions.**



Our close future

 Strengthen the study, evaluation and development of ICT in agriculture (process automation and remote management, expert systems, modern platforms for access to information, surveillance systems, etc.) and Big Data (data mining, machine learning, deep learning, artificial intelligence, PLN).



Information systems based on Big Data and remote access to information





Weather stations reporting online in real time





AgriTech y Big Data: main themes to approach

Develop systems for remote management of activities and decision-making at the farm level, through the intensive use of ICT.

Better access to information and technologies, and to queries made.



AgriTech

The development and implementation of a system for the remote management of a farm, production unit or plot.

In a production

- Sensors
- Cameras
- Virtual fend

Ultimate goal: manage activities, information generated and decision

making remotely.

different ICTs

- Intelligent decision making systems
- Alerts
- Internet of things, etc.

• Internet of things (equipment, lighting, pumps, cooling, etc.).



 Monitoring of climatic variables, soil, water, animal behavior and plant status.



Alert systems (pests, diseases, weather, surveillance, equipment, etc.).



 Automation (virtual fences, pumps, air conditioning, irrigation, greenhouses, etc.).



• Robotization (greenhouses, milking, agricultural machinery, etc.).







AgroTic – aplicación a nivel de predio

• Artificial Intelligence



Predictive models



 Intelligent decision-making systems (crop management, animal management, financial and economic management, etc.).







Cyber physical systems aplication at farm level: The Dairy farm





Along the "Information Superhighway"

Precision Dairy Farming

 "The use of information technologies for assessment of fine scales animal and physical resource variability aimed at improved management strategies for optimizing economic, social and environmental performance"

Eastwood et al 2004

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- g) Routine work



Dairy

Global trends (exporters)

- Fewer farms
- Need for greater efficiency
- Price volatility
- More animals per dairy farm
- Higher production (per dairy and per animal)
- Trouble finding personnel.



SUSTAINABLE Intensification in the human area ?





Source: United Nations Population Division.



PopulationPyramid.net

Uruguay - 2016 Población: 3,444,070 There is worldwide greater interest in automating and/or robotizing routine tasks.











Use of robots to push food increase in milking AMS or robotized in 352 kg per robot or 4.9 kgs-cow per day in 33 dairy's of MN and WI (Siewert et al., 2018 JDS 101 8327)

What producers and consumers demand

- Dairy Farmers
 - Simplicity
 - Attractive for new generations
 - Automation of routines and tasks
 - Profitable with low environmental impact

• Consumers

- Animal Welfare
- Food safety
- Environmental stewardship

Systems currently available for milking



Adapted Torres 2015

AUTOMATIC MILKING (ROBOTS)



Mirror facility with two systems Different carrying capacity







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Voluntary Milking Systems (robot)

• VMS

Colocación de pezoneras

What would the robot bring

- Less routine work
- There is more time for "business thought" rearrangement of tasks

Time dedicated to different activities



What would the robot bring

- Less routine work
- There's more time for business feed.
- Less stressful schedules
- A cow who decides (we have to learn the motivating behavior)
- Less stress for the cow "we don't push it"
- Standardization of the milking routine
- Increased production
- More data

Advantages of VMS

- Automatic Sensors
 - Udder health (allows you to differentiate by quarters)
 - Milk production
 - Reproductive status
 - Individual consumption
 - Weight change

Multiplied by 4 the first two

Available technologies

Allow to control some processes

- Nutritional (individual food, mixers, water)
- Productive (quantity of milk, composition, weight of cattle)
- Health (mastitis, body temperature)
- Fertility (heat detection, fertility)

Available technologies

- They collaborate in improving the public perception of the dairy
 - Animal welfare
 - Innocuousness
 - Animal health
 - Sustainability of the dairy farms
 - Environment
 - Product and process quality

IMPROVE EFFICIENCY: USE OF SENSORS AND TECHNOLOGIES

- Daily milk production
- Pedometers
- Caravans \bullet
- Necklaces
- Accelerometers
- GPS (animal positioning)





IMPROVE EFFICIENCY: USE OF SENSORS AND TECHNOLOGIES

- Behavior
 - Ruminal
 - Consumption
- If they're lying down or standing still.
- Milk composition
- Somatic cells
- Teat cup remover
- Daily Weight





OTHER TOOLS

- Drones
- Multispectral cameras make it possible to collect images using different wave frequencies simultaneously.
- Satellite Images





VIRTUAL FENCING



















Sensors are evolving towards 3-D and non-invasive imaging



What is going to change

Time dedicated



- Time dedicated
- The knowledge that the staff, manager, producer and consultant must have
- Education in general and digital education in particular Are we responding to these changes?

- Work on robotic dairy's in other countries (Belgium, Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands has led to a 20% reduction in work) Mathijs, 2004
- Paid work on Dutch dairy's shows no differences between conventional and robotics (Steeneveld et al 2012)
- Work conditions improve and there is less staff turnover

• How do we see the cow





• The amount of data that we are going to have to deal with (in excess)

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Greater amount of DATA



FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE THE DETECTION ABILITY OF A TECHNOLOGY

- How strong is the association between the event of interest (eg heat) and the measured parameter (this is determined using experience, observations, correlation, research and laboratory)
- How accurate are the parameters measured by technology (validation)
- If the algorithm used is accurate enough to give the correct alarms (companies and is not open)

Data

- At a basic level, the statistical process can monitor and detect changes if we have upper and lower limits based on the mean and the variation between observations but also knowledge.
- When an observation leaves these limits an alarm is triggered

DISADVANTAGES TO BE SEEN

- False Alarms
 - Type I error False Positive. May cause economic losses by mistakenly treating healthy animals
 - Type II. False Negative. Error can cause us to leave sick animals untreated bringing health problems during lactation, well-being, decreased milk among others

DISADVANTAGES TO BE SEEN

- False alarms
- Data ownership (company, producer) Legal issue
- Unsupported software between companies
- Analysis of data



FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

- These technologies do not replace a mismanagement of resources in those cases surely aggravate them. They improve in those well managed systems where knowledge is applied (nutrition, physiology, biochemistry, behavior etc) therefore they give more "precision"
- The use of these are evident where they are more profitable, increase production and / or reduce costs (that serve us)

FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

- More attractive for new generations
- The sensors are moving more to images and measurements in milk (non-invasive)
 - Artificial intelligence
 - Machine learning
- Change the education / preparation for use we will need more knowledge
- The Data generated by these technologies has no value unless we transform it into information. It will not replace the common sense and knowledge of the producer but will help you make informed decisions

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