



## » Turning Data Into Insight for Farmers

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# Global: Crop Production Demand Climbing

## RISING *population*



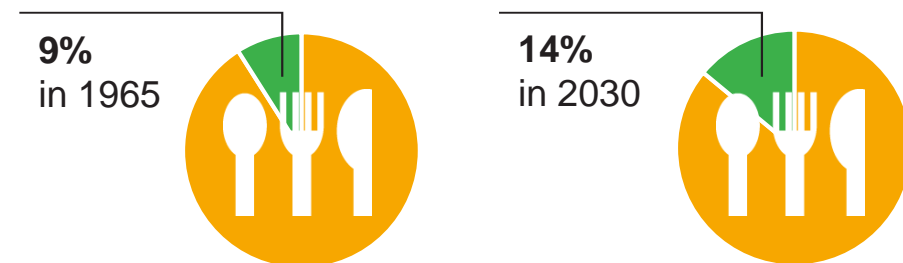
Source: <http://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp>

## GROWING *middle class*



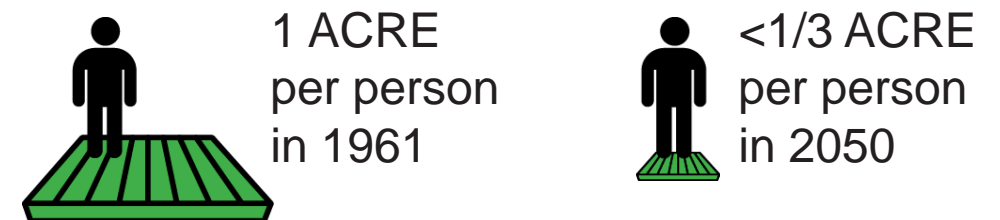
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/middle-class-infographic>

## RISING *animal protein consumption*



Source: UN FAO Food Balance Sheet, World Health Organization Global and regional food consumption patterns and trends"

## DECLINING *arable land*



Source: The World Bank, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO-STAT), Monsanto Internal Calculations

# Technology Advancement Enabling Digital Agriculture

Electronic  
Circuits

**32x**

increase in  
computing power  
for the same cost  
in the past

**10 years**

Source: Wikipedia.org, anandtech.com, Intel, CNET.com,  
processortimeline.info, thocp.net

Wireless Data  
Transfer

**75%**

drop in wireless  
data transfer price  
in the past

**4 years**

Source: Cisco (global wireless data use) and  
Statista (global carrier data revenue estimate)

Data  
Storage

**97%**

drop in price per  
gigabyte of storage  
in the past

**10 years**

Source: Wayback Machine (Statistic Brain)



# » Implications for Agriculture



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# Everything That Affects Ag is Becoming Digitized



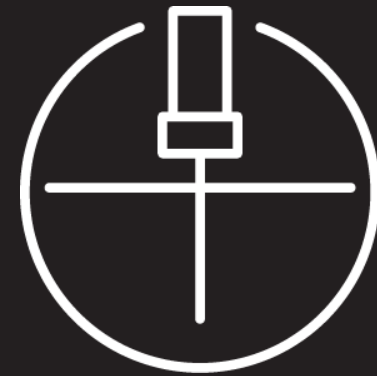
Seed Genetics



Environmental  
Conditions

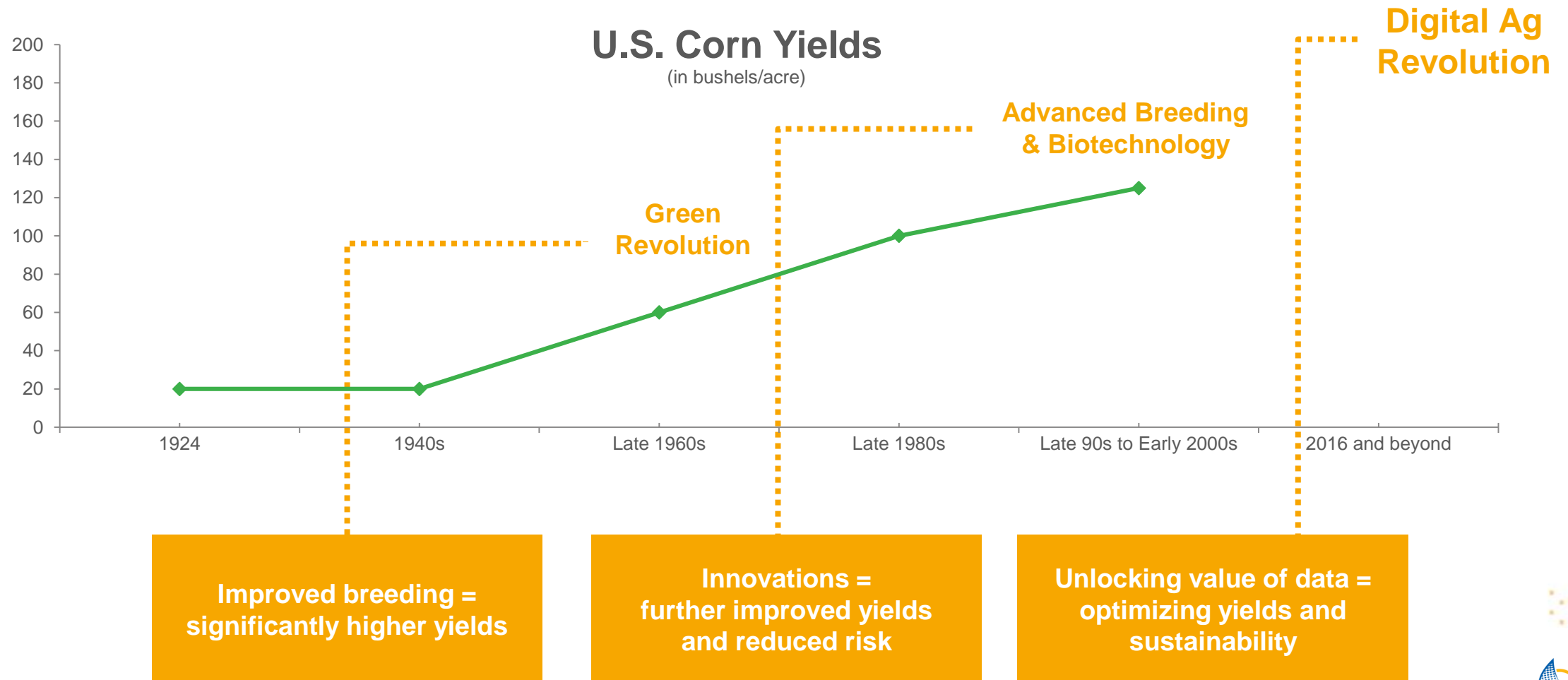


Information  
from Hardware



Sensors

# Adoption of Technology Leads to Increases in Crop Yields



# Narrow the Yield Gap from Variability

2015 NCGA Corn  
Yield Contest winner  
**532 bu/acre**  
vs. 168 bu/acre  
national average

**364 bu/acre**  
opportunity

  
**Seed  
Genetics**

  
**Diseases**

  
**Agronomic  
Practices**



  
**Weather**

  
**Pests**

  
**Field  
Variables**

2015 Monsanto  
Soy Yield Contest  
winner  
**134 bu/acre**  
vs. 48 bu/acre  
national average

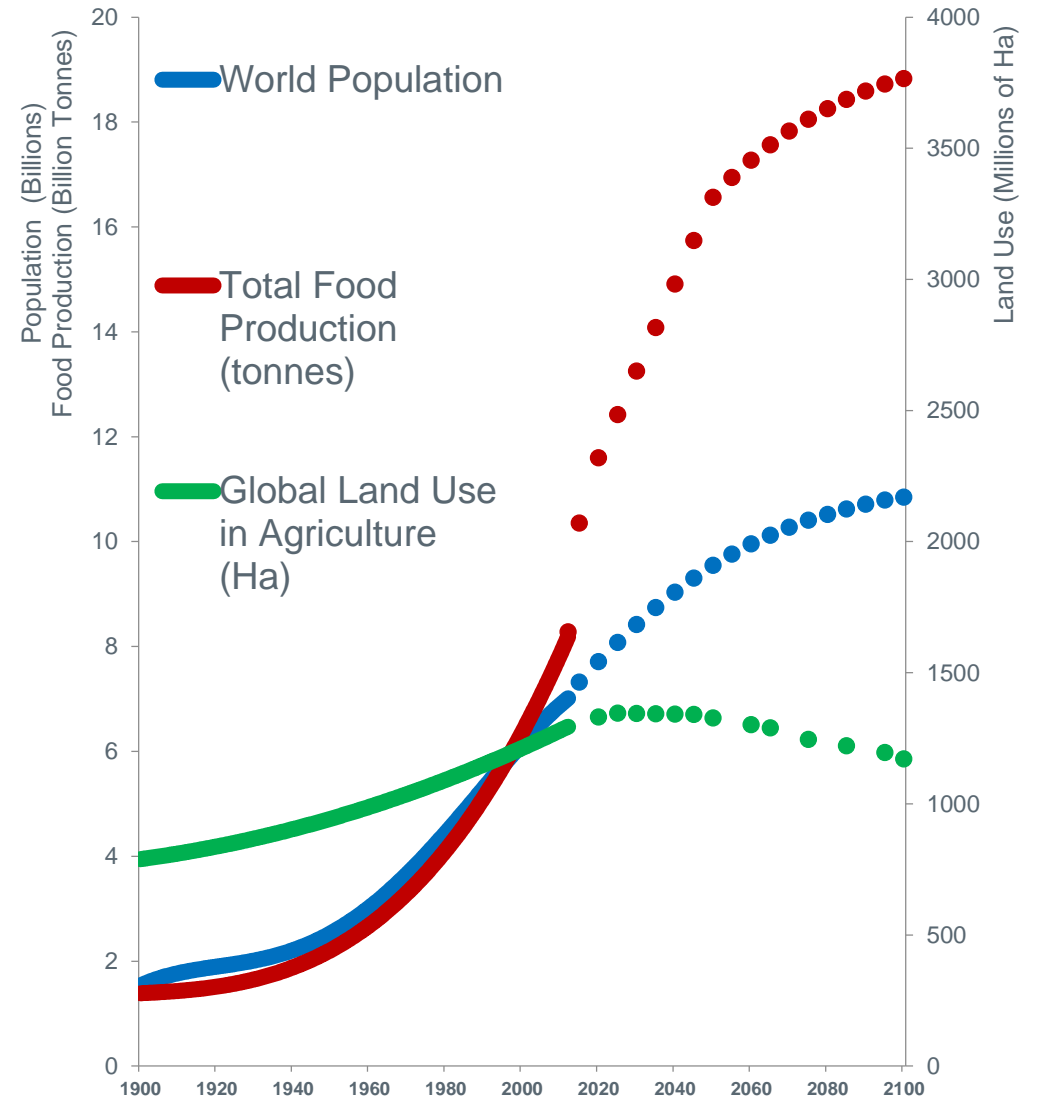
**86 bu/acre**  
opportunity

$$\text{Yield} = f(\text{Genetics, Environment, Farming Practices}) + \text{variability}$$

# Improve Sustainability

## Sustainably Supporting Demand and Preserving Natural Landscapes

- ✓ Reduce the footprint of farming
- ✓ Increase crop yields
- ✓ Improve efficiency
- ✓ Reduce waste
- ✓ Improve diets



Source: National Geographic, "Feeding the World", 2014





# Climate FieldView™ and VitalFields

- VitalFields is now a part of the global leader in digital ag services
  - Strengthening Climate's efforts to deliver industry-leading digital technologies to farmers
  - Building one centralized digital ag platform to provide farmers with tools to optimize their operations
  - Expanding access to these tools in Europe and around the world



# VitalFields prevented the overuse of 10-30 kg/ha nitrogen using data analysis on test farms

## Spring wheat

Spring wheat over fertilisation due to the yield objectives set too high for the soils. Over application on nitrogen was 20 kg N/ha. +21 €/ha gain.

Plant protection: One pass of spraying could have been avoided. +24 €/ha gain.

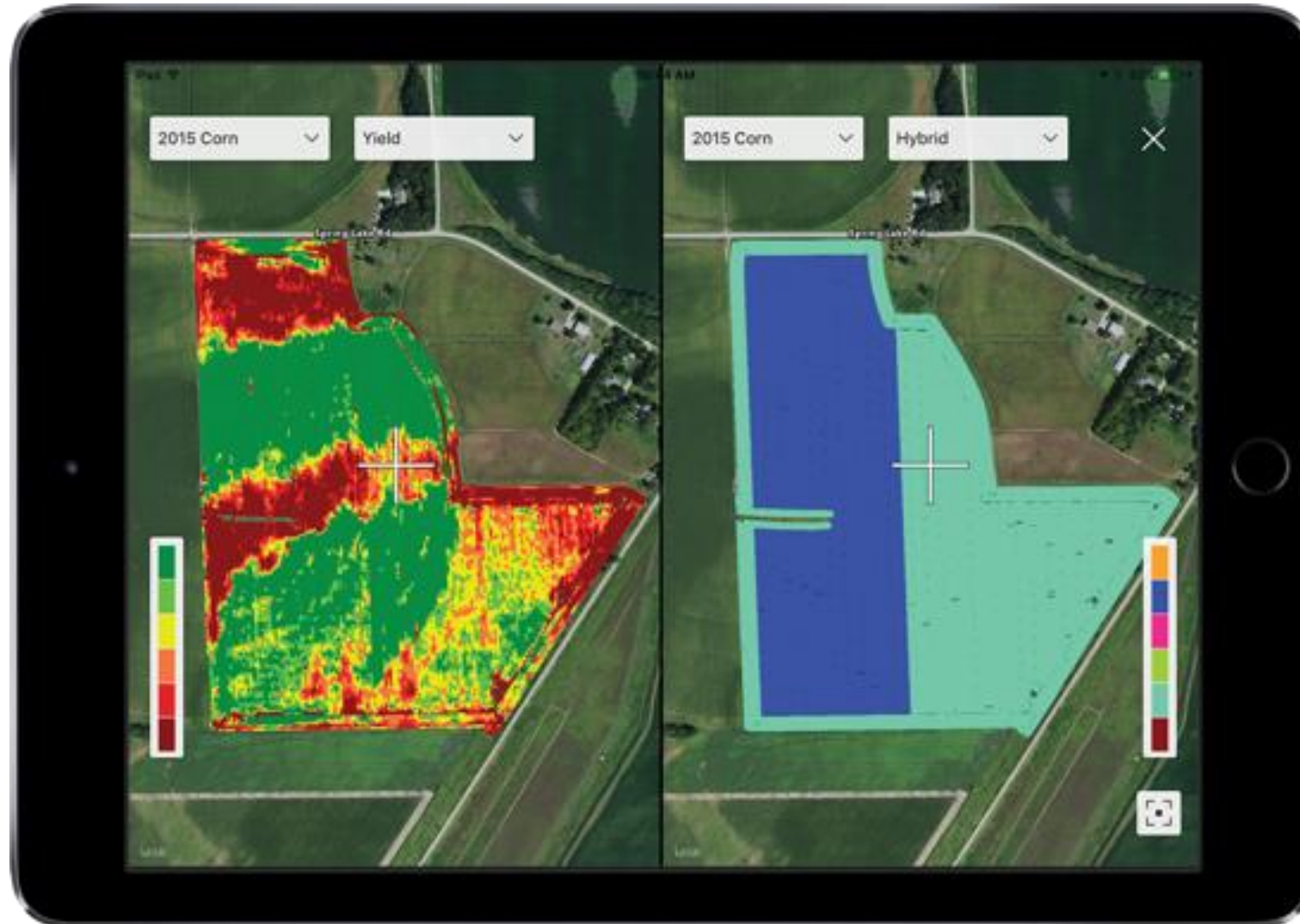
## Winter wheat

Winter wheat over fertilisation of 10-15 kg N/ha. +13 €/ha gain.

## Winter rapeseed

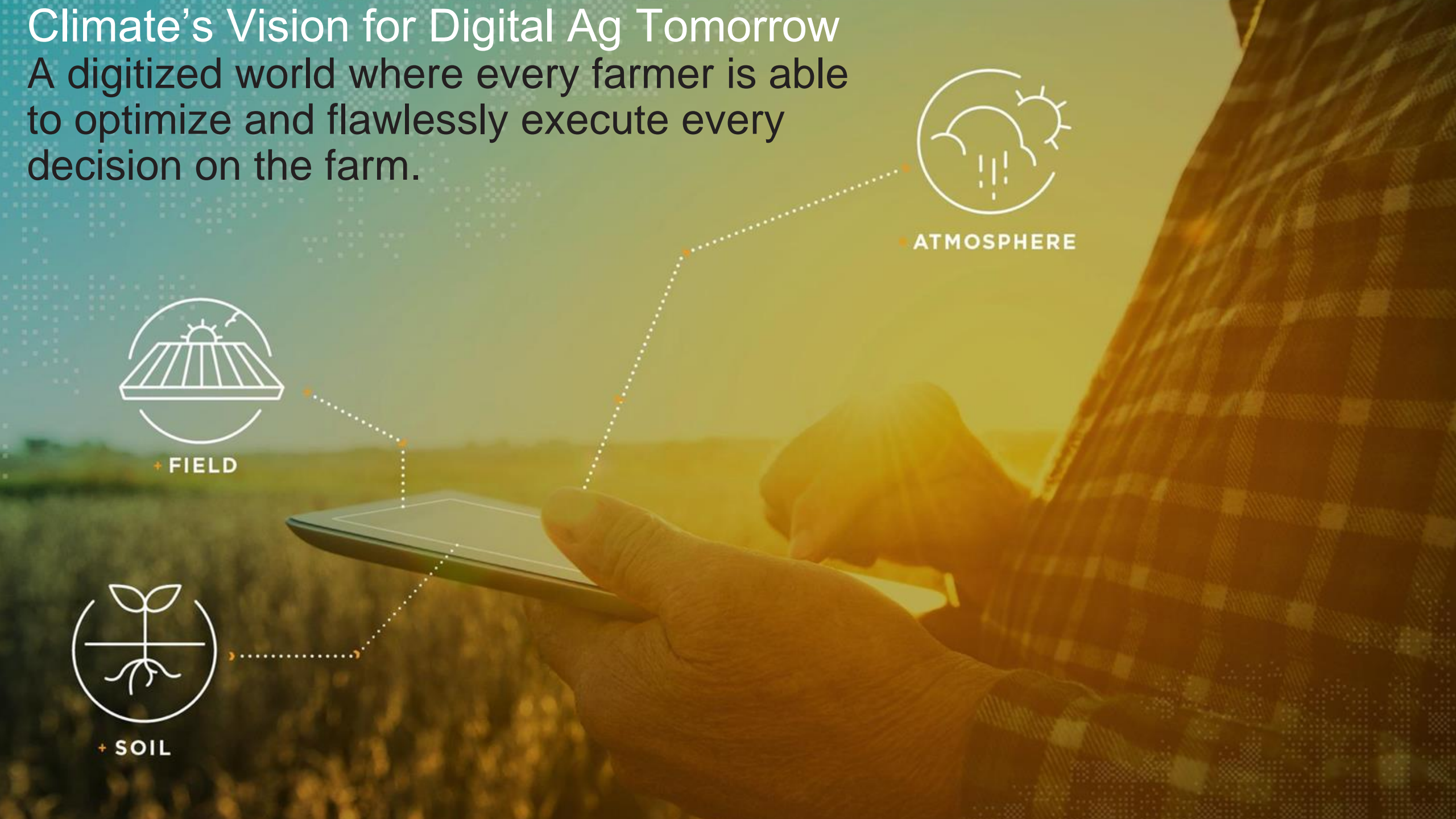
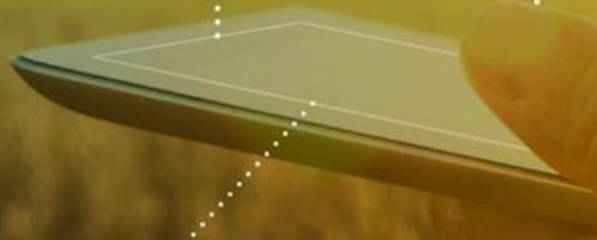
Winter oilseed rape over fertilisation of 30 kg N/ha. +31 €/ha gain.

# Digital Ag Today



# Climate's Vision for Digital Ag Tomorrow

A digitized world where every farmer is able to optimize and flawlessly execute every decision on the farm.



# Clear and Consistent Approach to Data Privacy

- » Farmers **own the data** provided to us
- » Farmers **can delete their** data from our systems upon request
- » We will **ask for farmer consent** before using information for any purpose other than those described in our policy



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# Thank You

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