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Overview

The current situation of the farming industry

1. Rising internet and computer ownership

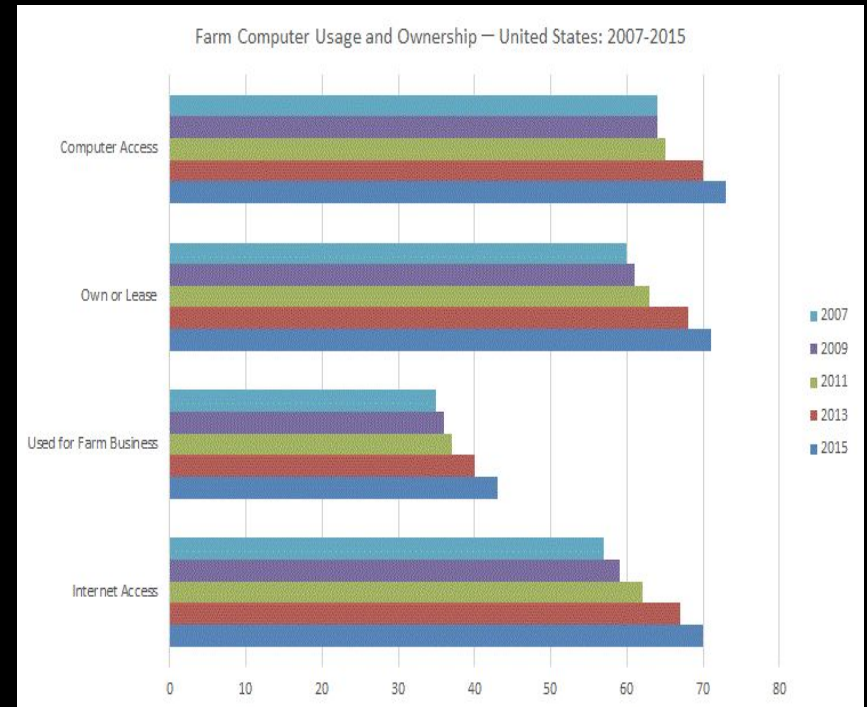
- Internet access: **70%** in 2015, 3% up from 2013
 - Access methods: 30% DSL (5% down) , 29% Wireless (5% up)
- Computer ownership: **71%** in 2015
 - Computer uses in conducting business: 9% with federal government website, 44% with non-agricultural website

2. Average age of farmers continues to rise

- 57.1 (2007) to 58.3 (2012)*

3. Access to land and capital are among the top challenges for young and beginning farmers

- 68% consider land access as top problems**



Source: USDA, National Agriculture Statistics Service, Farm Computer Usage and Ownership – United States 2007-2015

Source: *: https://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Preliminary_Report/Highlights.pdf

** : http://www.youngfarmers.org/reports/Building_A_Future_With_Farmers.pdf

Objectives

1. Create incentives for existing farmers to adopt technology in production and management
2. Encourage new and young farmers to participate in farming
3. Provide accessibility to real-time information, knowledge and capital
4. Increase interactions between:
 1. Existing farmers
 2. Existing farmers with new farmers
 3. Farmers and USDRD

USDRD – Farming App

DESIGN PLAN

What is the app?

A technology platform that:

- Enable farmers to collect, manage, and share data
- Help farmers make better decision with updated and predictive analysis
- Increase farming productivity
- Connect farmers for sharing and cooperation



Key Features

- **Keep track of real-time farming data**
- **A comprehensive newsfeed for all users, displaying latest news and information on agriculture**
 - Climate/ Daily weather forecasts
 - Market Trends:
 - Technology and machinery
 - Market price of inputs and outputs
 - Supply and demand
 - Regulations: new domestic and global trade policies
- **Connect farmers**



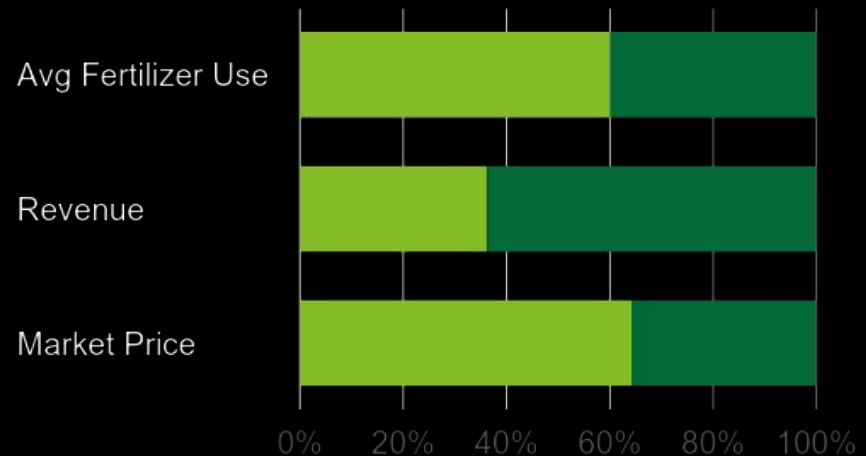
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Key Features

Customized evaluation and analysis for individual farmer

- Updated evaluation and analysis throughout the season on real-time basis
 - Including data on sustainability
 - Ranking: show farmer's standing on the national and local scale, in many production areas

Farm A standing in the US



Key Features

Farmland Map

- Farmland Map
 - Show available lands for sale, rent and sharing on the app and USDRD website.
 - Helping beginning farmers and small businesses to acquire land more easily
 - Allocate land efficiently
 - Submit an inquiry form → Information sent to landowner → If interested, landowner will contact that person.



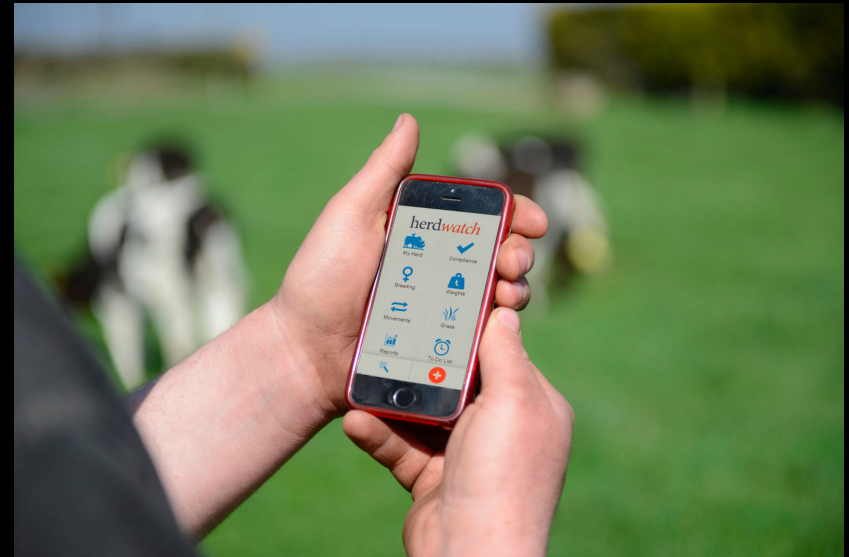
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USDRD – Farming App Development Plan

Why Mobile App?

The popularity of Mobile-Agriculture

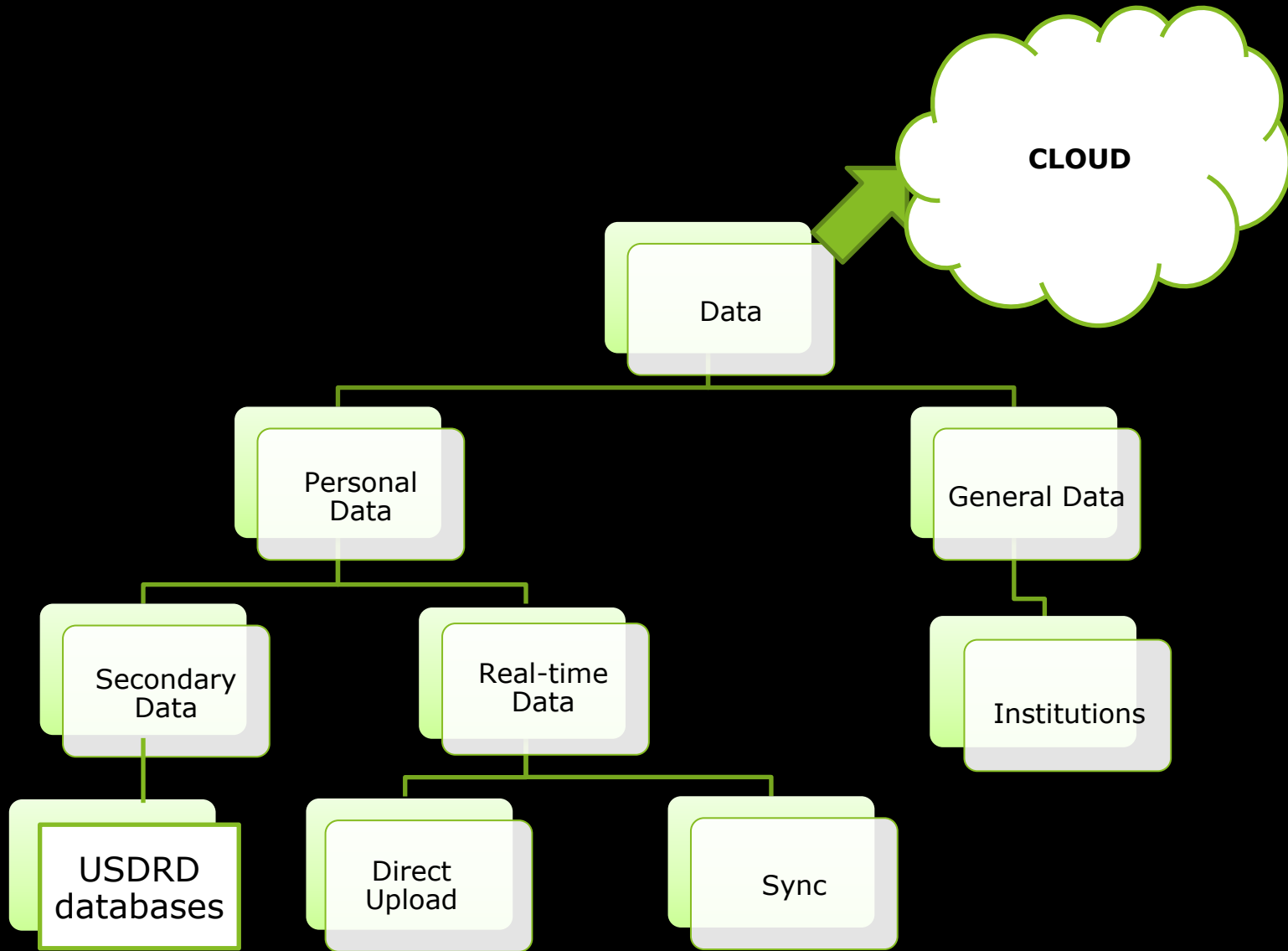
- 94% of farmers own smartphone or mobile phone*
- Smartphone usage: 40% (mid 2011), up from 10% in 2010*
- Tablet ownership: 47% (2015)**
- Increase in wireless connection in the rural areas
- 33% agriculture apps are considered farms management application → Sync data from other apps



Source: *: <https://gowithfloat.com/2012/08/float-mobile-learning-research-report-shows-how-mobile-agriculture-has-arrived-in-north-america/>
**: <http://www.agweb.com/article/87-of-farmers-will-own-a-smartphone-by-2016-naa-ben-potter/>

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PROCESS OF COLLECTING AND MANAGING DATA



Registration steps

How farmers securely register to become a member of the platform

Download the app

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graph TD; A[Download the app] --> B[Register with basic information]; B --> C[Matching profile with USDRD databases]; C --> D[Verification code sent to phone]; D --> E[Enter the network]; E --> F[Update profile and real-time information];
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Register with basic information

Matching profile with USDRD databases

Verification code sent to phone

Enter the network

Update profile and real-time information

USDRD – Farming App Implementation Plan

PARTICIPATION INCENTIVES

- Increase productivity with the customized analysis and ranking
- Improve marketing strategy with sustainability figures provided by USDRD
- The application is free to install



PROJECT TIMELINE

Development



Adopt agile methodology



Create features in a prioritized order



Collaboration between cross-functional teams

Deployment



Getting Approval



Test



Promotion

Maintenance



Feedbacks, Tracking



Updates

Key Metrics

- Number of registered farmers
- Average yields
- Number of inquiry forms submitted
- Data Update Frequency
- Ranking change over a period of time



Risks

Table

| Data Security and Privacy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restrictions on data access (2 factor authentication)• Only registered members can access the data |
|--|---|
| Bad analytics and irrelevant data | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agile methodology: Cross-functional team members collaborate to evaluate and improve data quality |
| Competition with other agriculture apps | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trust from users• Not-for-profit |
| Data integration between the app and USDRD website | |

Thank you

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