

Cyber Threats to Precision Agriculture



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Food and Agriculture is the Last Trillion Dollar Sector in US to go Digital

➤ Example - Kentucky Agriculture Facts:

- Poultry: Graduates 300 million birds a year. Over 1 billion eggs laid. #1 agricultural commodity in KY.
- Beef Cattle: 38,000 cattle farms with over one million beef cattle. Largest herd east of the Mississippi.
- Swine: 410,000 head, concentrated in Western KY.
- Dairy Cattle: 57,000 head.
- Soybeans: Two million acres.
- Corn: 1.3 million acres.
- Wheat: 450,000 acres.
- Tobacco: 68,000 acres.



What is Precision Agriculture?

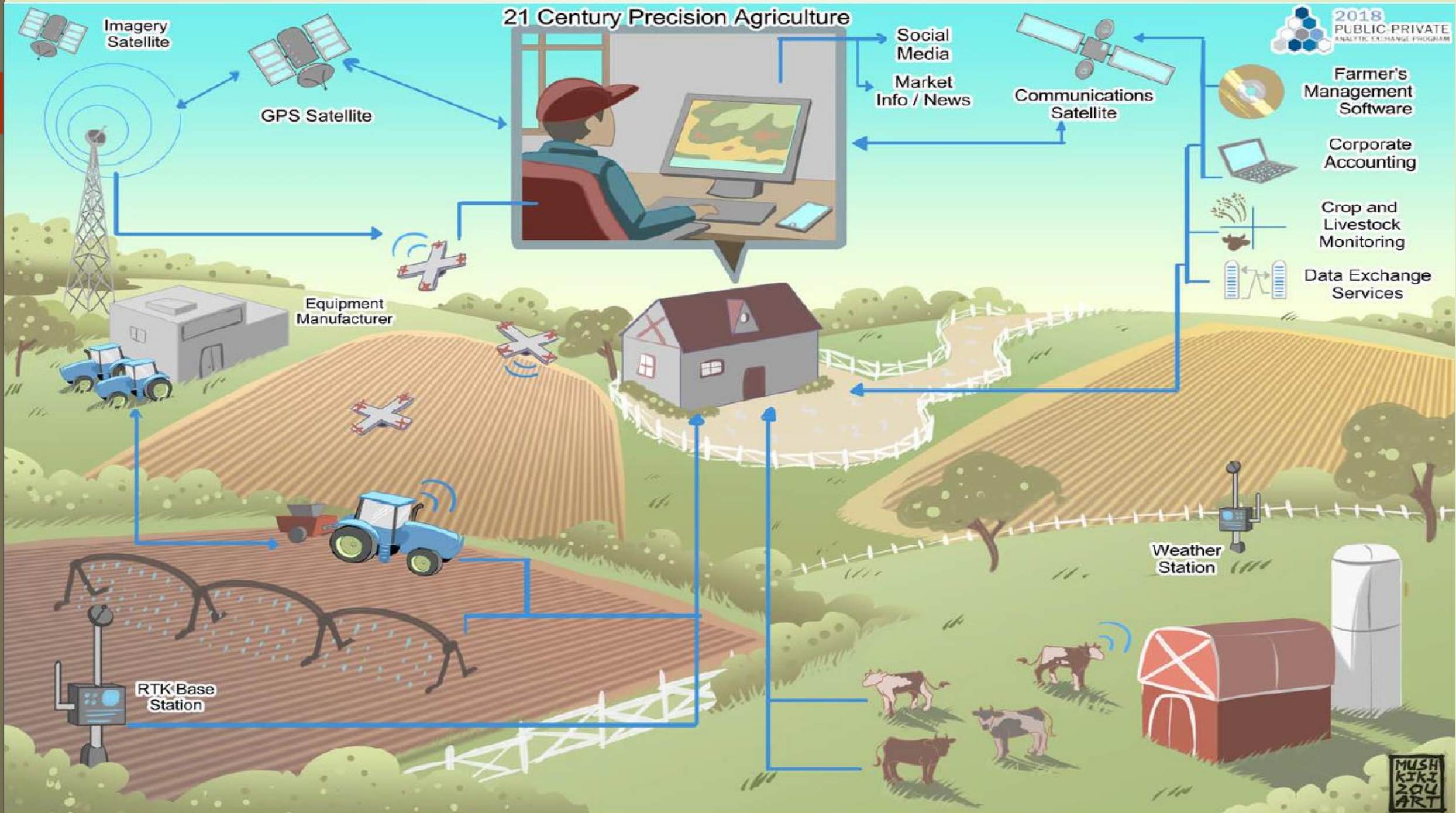
➤ Precision Agriculture 1.0

- PA began late 1980s
- Exploited GPS Technologies
- Yield Monitoring / Maps
- Variable Rate Technologies

➤ Precision Agriculture 2.0 “Smart Farming”

- Advanced Exploitation of GPS Systems
- Internet Connected
- Multiple Communication Technologies
- Sensor Intensive
- Data Analytics







How Does Sustainability, Precision Agriculture, and Cybersecurity Intersect?

- **Sustainability involves agricultural best practices designed to maintain and improve the quality of the air, water, and land used in agriculture.**
- **PA records data for exploitation, analysis, and better decision making. It allows for robust record keeping, logging, tracking, and auditing.**
- **PA equipment allows for precise application of agricultural inputs to limit the impact to the environment and measure the health of the farm.**
- **Robust cybersecurity practices secures data and equipment, protecting farming operations from costly or damaging disruptions.**



Lets Talk About CIA



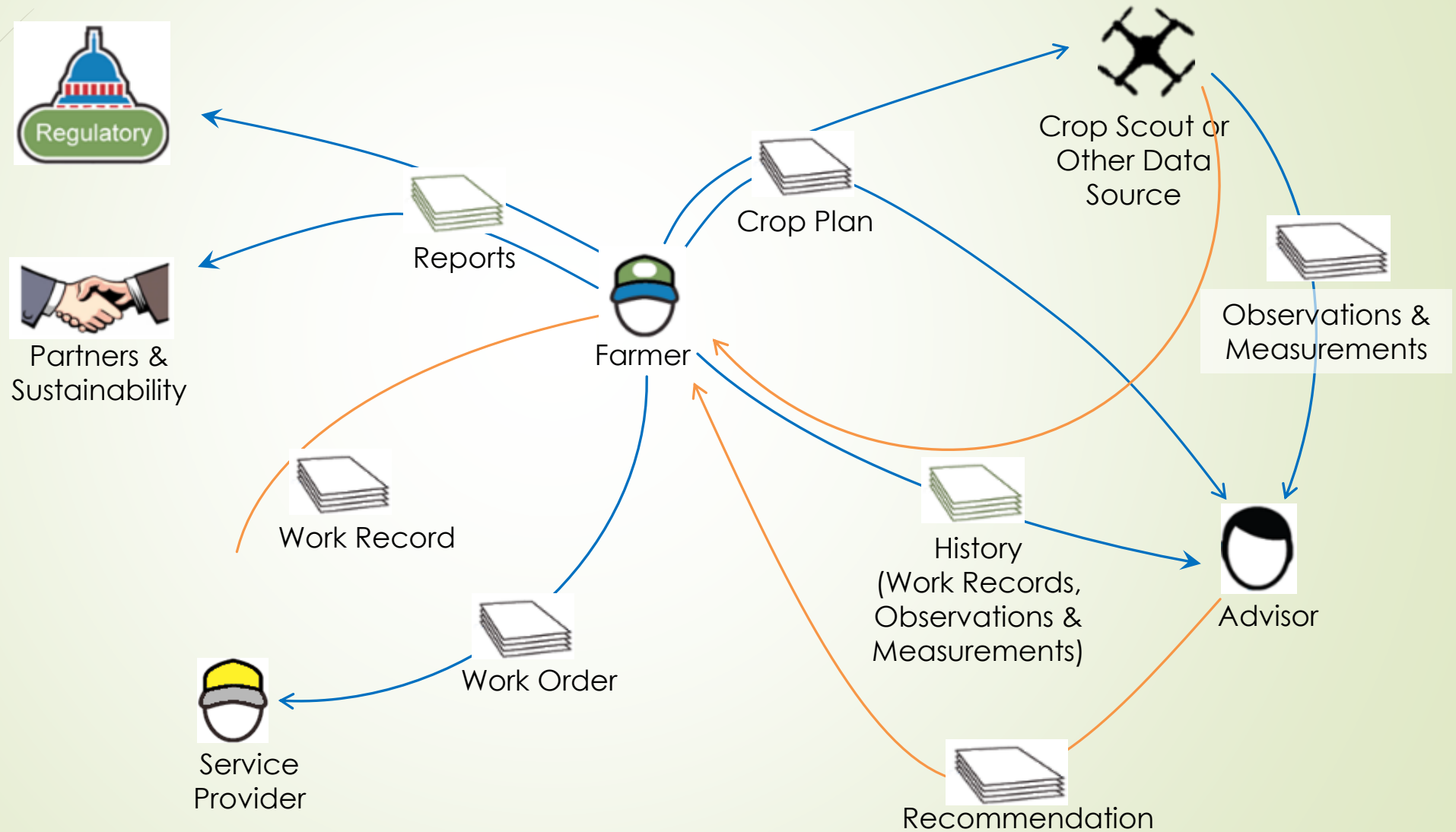
Confidentiality

Integrity

Availability

	Sector	Impact: Data <u>Confidentiality</u>	Impact: Data <u>Integrity</u>	Impact: Equipment <u>Availability</u>
	Row Crops	Yield Data / Cost Data	Soil Data / Yield Data	Farm Equipment
	Vegetables	Yield Data / Cost Data	Soil Data / Yield Data	Farm Equipment
	Rice / Cotton / Tobacco / Coffee	Yield Data / Cost Data	Soil Data / Yield Data	Farm Equipment
	Fruits	Yield Data / Cost Data	Automatic Water Systems DSS Equipment	Robotic Picking Equipment Water Pivots
	Nuts / Legumes	Yield Data / Cost Data	Automatic Water Systems DSS Equipment	Robotic Picking Equipment Water Pivots
	Unique Value (Vineyards / Ginseng / Hemp)	Plant Genetics	Automatic Water Systems Remote Weather Stations	Cellar Climate Systems Water Pivots
	Beef Cattle	Breeding Data	Animal Health Data	DSS Equipment
	Dairy Cattle	Breeding Data / Yield Data	Animal Health Data	Robotic Milking Equipment Robotic Milking Barns
	Swine	Breeding Data / Yield Data	Animal Health Data	Smart Barns
	Poultry	Breeding Data / Yield Data	Animal Health Data	Barn Climate Systems
	Unique Value (Horses)	Breeding Data	Animal Inputs	Barn Climate Systems
	Aquaculture	Yield / Cost / Sales Data	Health Data / Water Quality	Containment Control

Information Flow on the Farm



Attack Scenario – The \$500,000 Brick

- Modern farm equipment is a high tech system of systems.
- Farmers jailbreak their systems with bootleg diagnostic software.
- Hundreds or thousands of pieces of equipment with bootleg software may have vulnerabilities or malicious code installed.



Best Practices

- Baseline security necessary to mitigate threats are consistent with other industries.
- Recommended best practices are derived from the Center for Internet Security's critical security controls (<http://www.cisecurity.org/controls/>). Examples:



- Implement Email and Web Browser Protections
- Limit and Control Network Ports, Protocols, and Services
- Inventory and Control Hardware and Software Assets
- Account Monitoring and Control
- Separate Operational Technologies and Business Operations
- Data Recovery Capabilities
- Incident Response and Management
- Implement Physical Controls

Basic

- 1 Inventory and Control of Hardware Assets
- 2 Inventory and Control of Software Assets
- 3 Continuous Vulnerability Management
- 4 Controlled Use of Administrative Privileges
- 5 Secure Configuration for Hardware and Software on Mobile Devices, Laptops, Workstations and Servers
- 6 Maintenance, Monitoring and Analysis of Audit Logs

Foundational

- 7 Email and Web Browser Protections
- 8 Malware Defenses
- 9 Limitation and Control of Network Ports, Protocols, and Services
- 10 Data Recovery Capabilities
- 11 Secure Configuration for Network Devices, such as Firewalls, Routers and Switches
- 12 Boundary Defense
- 13 Data Protection
- 14 Controlled Access Based on the Need to Know
- 15 Wireless Access Control
- 16 Account Monitoring and Control

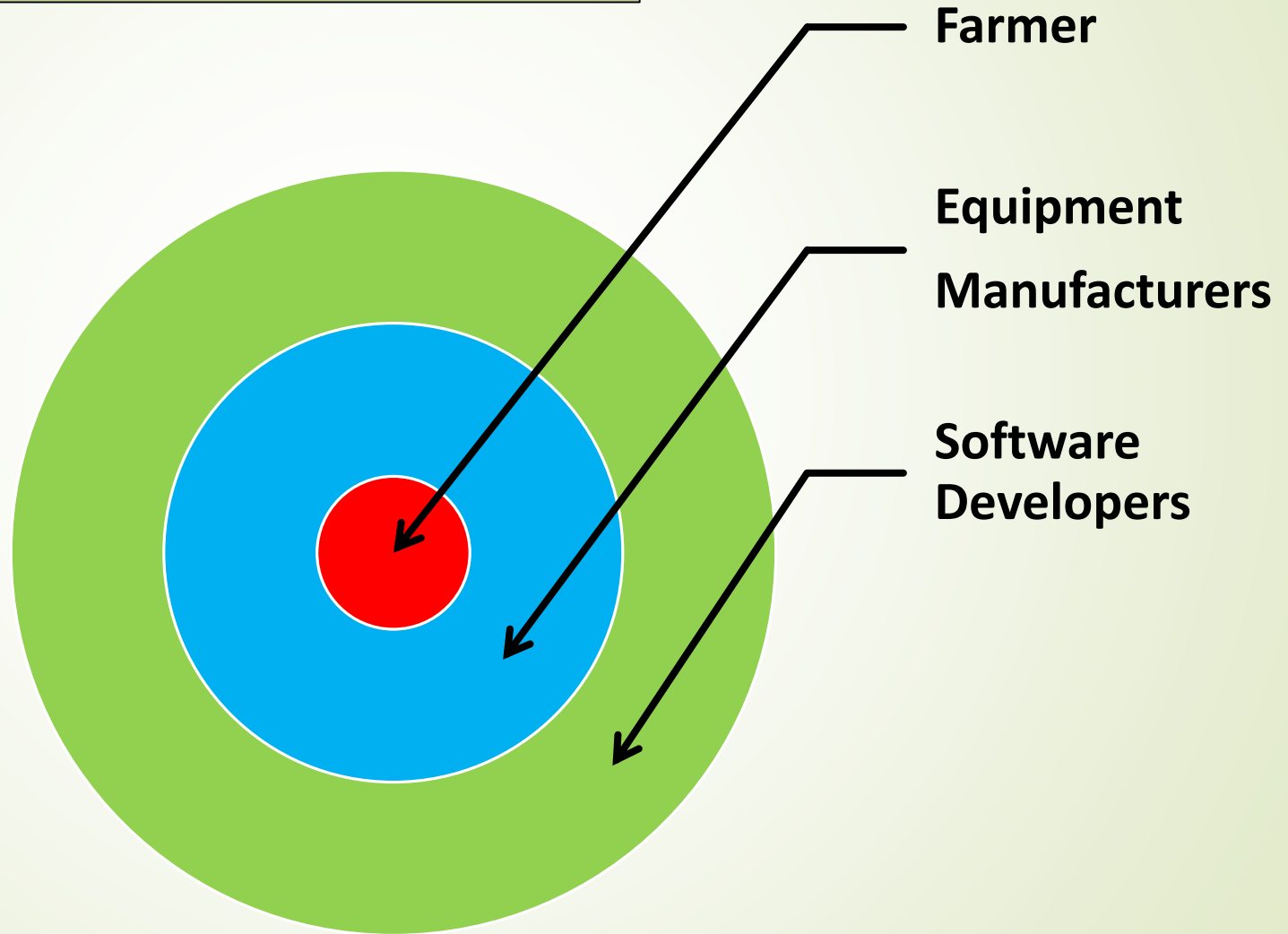
Organizational

- 17 Implement a Security Awareness and Training Program
- 18 Application Software Security
- 19 Incident Response and Management
- 20 Penetration Tests and Red Team Exercises

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**Best practices can be implemented at every level,
creating defense in depth and building resiliency
into Precision Agriculture networks.**



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