DEFINING FEATURES OF TRACEABILITY AND BIG DATA IN THE AGRI-FOOD VALUE CHAIN

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Agri-food value chain

- The whole range of goods and services...
- ...necessary for an agricultural product to move:
 - From the farm
 - To the final customer or consumer.
- Business enterprises working together by linking:
 - Production
 - Processing
 - Marketing
- To:
 - Market demands.



Agri-food value chain

- Designed through collaboration in a venture that links:
 - Producers
 - Processors
 - Marketers
 - Food service companies
 - Retailers
 - Shippers, research groups, suppliers...
- Strategic partnership among inter-dependent businesses
- Integrative collaboration to progressively create value for the final consumer
- Resulting in a collective competitive advantage



Traceability

Ability to <u>verify</u>:

- History
- Location
- Application

of items by means of:

- Documented recorded identification (barcodes, RFID tags & other tracking media)
- Possibility to **identify**:
 - Contamination issues
 - High production & quality areas
 - Low production returns



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Traceability

- Traceability systems imply the use of piece of data:
 - Order date/time
 - Serialized sequence number
 - Other extra info
- It can be traced through the entire production flow
- Linking all sections of the business through the supply chain
- Objects at any point in the system can be audited using the traceability software
- Possibility to find any particular transaction/product within the supply chain:
 - Backward traceability
 - Forward traceability



Data Acquisition

- Data is collected from a network of sensors
- Sensorization can be applied to every point in the value chain:
 - From farms, greenhouses, fish-farms...





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 - ... to logistics.





Internet of Things (IoT)

- Internet of things (IoT) is a wide inter-networking of physical devices
- Devices are embedded with electronics, software, sensors, actuators and network connectivity
- IoT devices are able to collect and exchange data
- IoT is defined as "the infrastructure of the information society"
- Objects can be controlled remotely and integrated in computer-based systems
- IoT results in improved efficiency, accuracy and economic benefit in addition to reduced human intervention
- IoT leads to **smart objects**:
 - Smart machineries
 - Smart farms
 - Smart factories
 - Smart transports
 - Smart marketing
 - Smart cities



Internet of Things (IoT)

 Experts estimate that the IoT will consist of almost 50 billion objects by 2020.





Internet of Things (IoT)



Big Data

- IoT produces a huge amount of data
- Computer systems:
 - Hardware
 - Software

should address such amount of data.

- The science that studies this problem is the computer science
- Technically, Big Data only means two things:
 - 1. Huge volume of data of high variety and veracity captured at high velocity.
 - 2. Hardware & software technologies to address such kind of data.



Big Data

- The real value is to gain knowledge and insights from the huge amount of data
- For such reason, Big Data is commonly confused with other sciences
- Commercially, Big Data also means:
 - 3. Intelligent data analysis to produce insights from data.
 - 4. Predictive analytics, forecasting and data visualization.
- However, these meanings are formally covered by other sciences.







Big Data Technologies



Data Value Roadmap



Conclusions

- Data integration is critical due to the huge amount of data from the diverse points of the agri-food value chain.
- Technology management is also critical to select and update the most suitable for each point of the supply chain.
- Technologies and their underlying concepts must be well known to avoid overlaps in the information systems that support the whole agri-food value chain.

THANK YOU

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