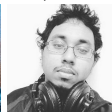


Analysis of components of food production for sustainability in Canada



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TheoryMesh and food sustainability challenges

A bit background

Co-founders:

- Chris Bunio (mentor), Paul Westdal, Sephanie Westdal, Anne Kirk.
- Started 2019.
- Increasing transparency in the food supply chain.

Vision and Goals

- 1 Provide the platform to integrate data from first inputs to consumer purchase, creating a traceable, efficient and intelligent supply chain.
- 2 Certification.
- 3 Traceability.
- 4 Sustainability.

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The problem proposed

Expectations

TheoryMesh's goals from the PIMS can be presented as:

- Model and predict the environmental impact from agricultural practices.
- Complement the current TheoryMesh system.
- Combine both systems to measure and predict sustainability levels of products and companies.

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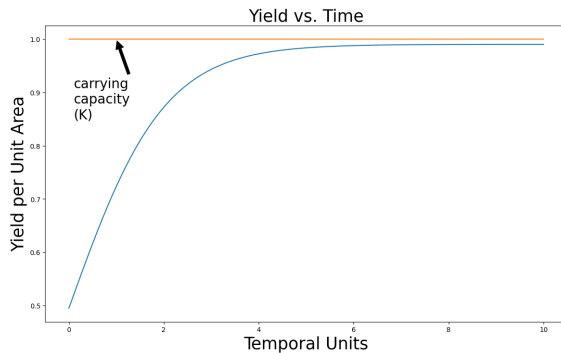
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Availability of information for producers



- Information is power.
- Currently, the relevant information resides in technical journals that is penetrable only for researchers and experts in the field.
- Needs to be available/intelligible to producers.
- The general sentiment conveyed by industry participants:
 - There needs to be a change in the way that information is disseminated.
 - It used to be that the when/where/how questions of crop production were passed by word of mouth: “Do this because it has always worked.”
 - This is no longer tenable with the rapidly changing climate/environmental conditions.
 - Over the coming decades that will span a contemporary producer’s career, they will invariably need to adjust their approaches.

What can be gleaned from the data?

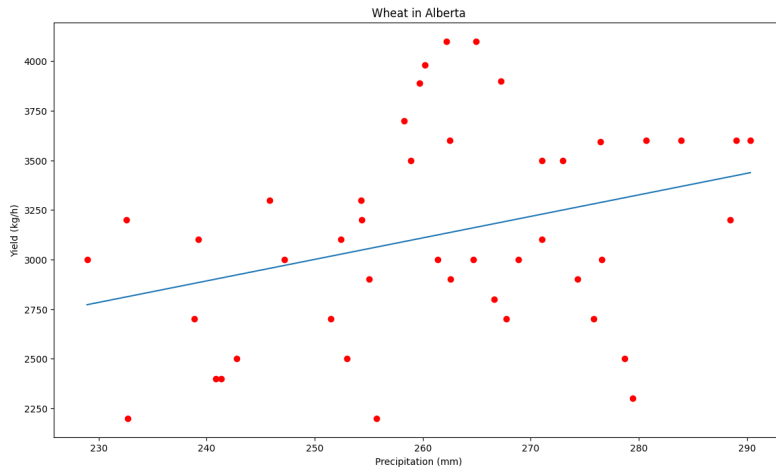


- $K = K(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, where no x_i is a temporal variable.

Factors Affecting K



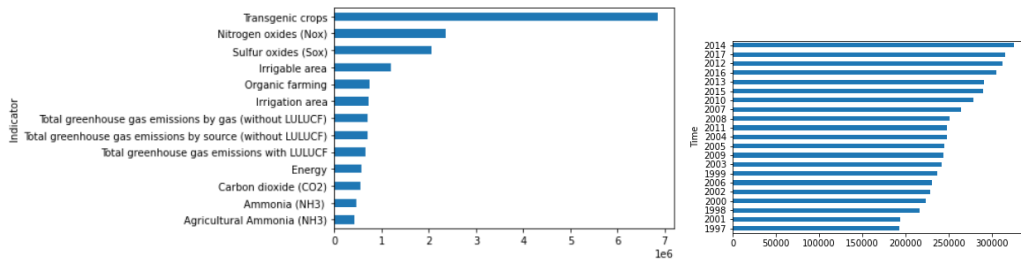
Yield vs. Precipitation in Alberta



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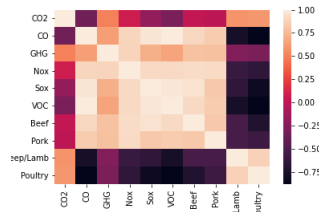
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Environmental impact Canada: Amount of indicators from 1984-2017

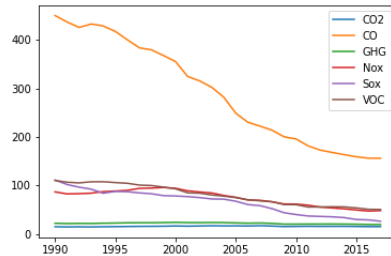
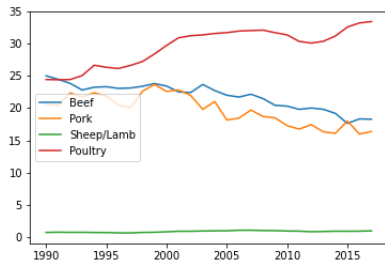


Correlation between Greenhouse gases and farms

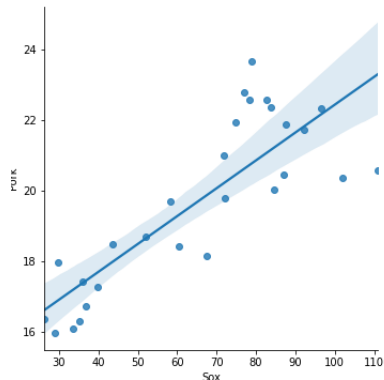
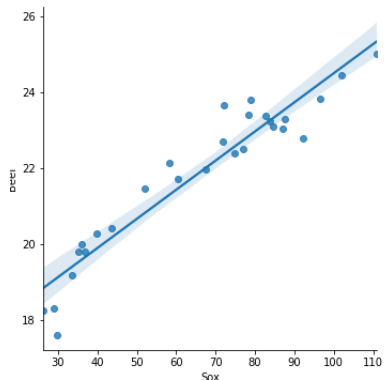
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CO2	1.00	-0.34	0.50	0.07	-0.19	-0.30	0.02	-0.00	0.59	0.60
CO	-0.34	1.00	0.63	0.89	0.97	1.00	0.90	0.84	-0.77	-0.88
GHG	0.50	0.63	1.00	0.89	0.71	0.66	0.80	0.79	-0.26	-0.29
Nox	0.07	0.89	0.89	1.00	0.91	0.91	0.93	0.91	-0.60	-0.65
Sox	-0.19	0.97	0.71	0.91	1.00	0.97	0.95	0.83	-0.64	-0.82
VOC	-0.30	1.00	0.66	0.91	0.97	1.00	0.91	0.85	-0.77	-0.88
Beef	0.02	0.90	0.80	0.93	0.95	0.91	1.00	0.82	-0.52	-0.72
Pork	-0.00	0.84	0.79	0.91	0.83	0.85	0.82	1.00	-0.53	-0.58
Sheep/Lamb	0.59	-0.77	-0.26	-0.60	-0.64	-0.77	-0.52	-0.53	1.00	0.87
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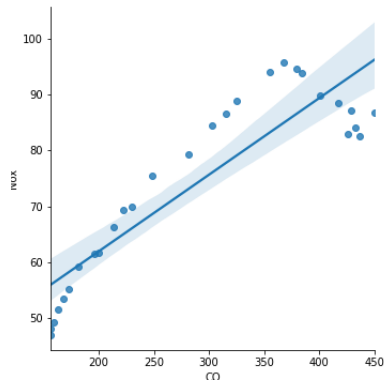
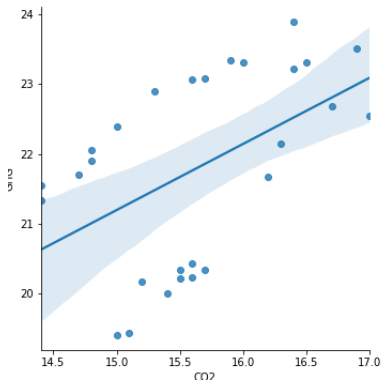
Growth farming and agriculture



Correlation Beef-Sox and Pork-Sox



Correlation GhG-Co2 and Nox-CO



Closing remarks

- There is a big opportunity to do more research about the challenges of food production.
- There is evidence that variables are strongly correlated.
- It is an important first step to look at sustainability.
- Still open challenges to tackle: certification and traceability.

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