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Biotechnology and drones may be the most visible innovation areas in the world of agriculture, but spare a thought for new approaches to data dissemination.

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