

# Data Exchange Standard for Precision Irrigation

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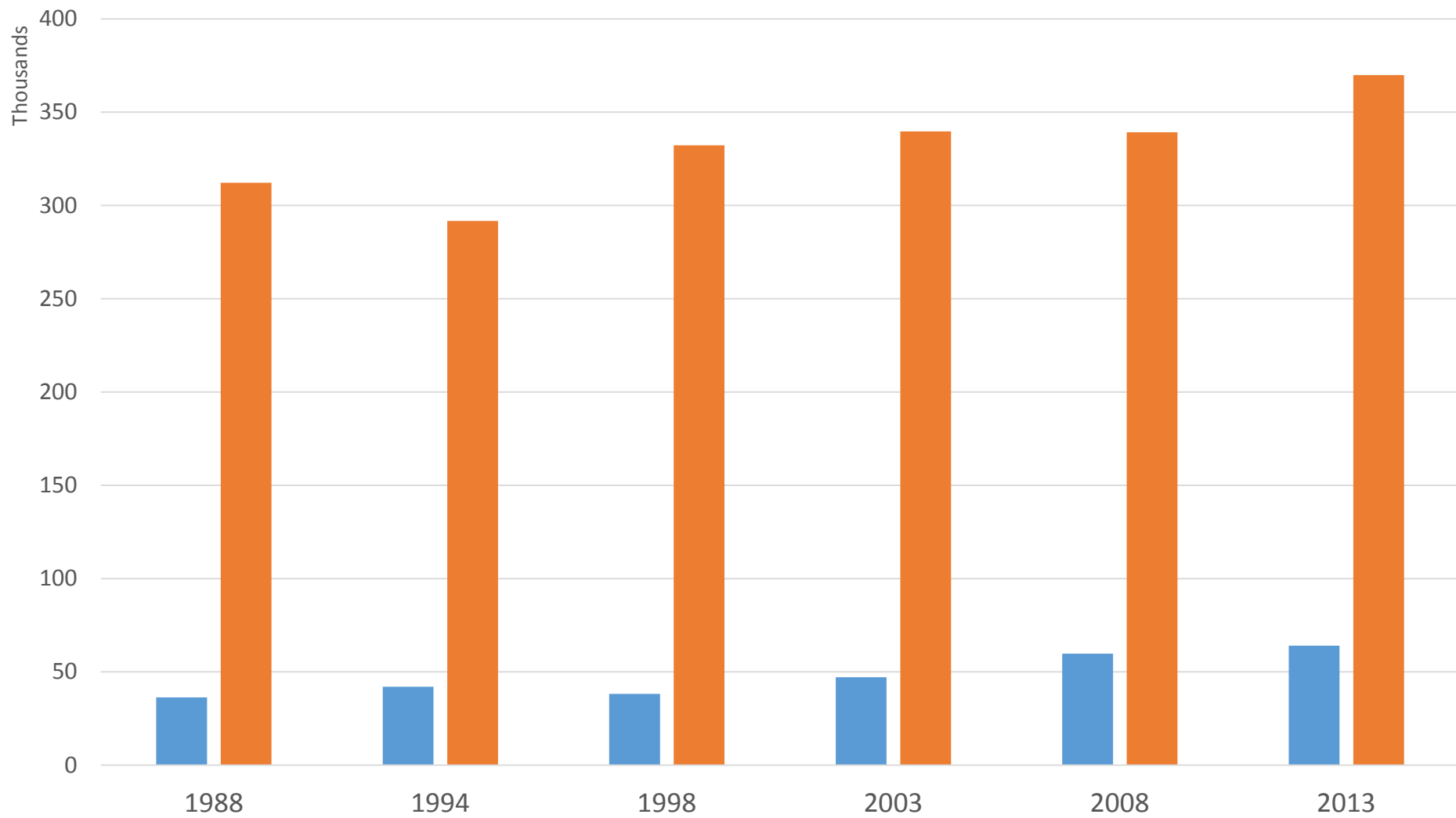
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# SIS vs Non-SIS Methods Used

From the last six Farm And Ranch Irrigation Surveys



■ SIS (total reporting)

■ Non-SIS (total reporting)



# PAIL Goal & Objective

- **Goal** : promote use of irrigation management technology by facilitating integration of disparate management systems
- **Objective**: provide an industry-wide format that will enable the exchange and use of data from irrigation management systems.



# Scope

## Observations



## Operations





# Foundations

- Actors
- User Stories
- Core Documents



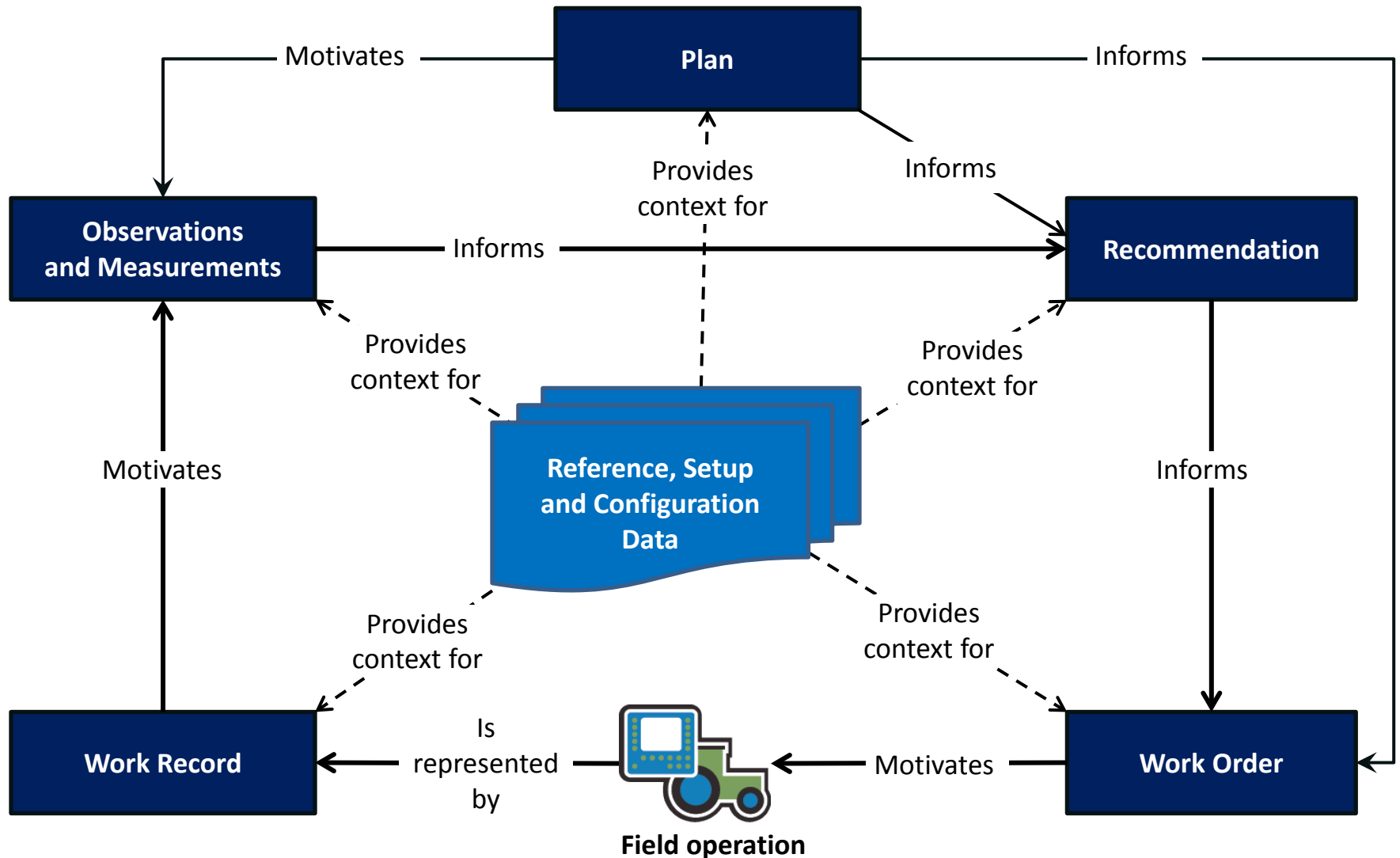
# The Actors

| Stakeholder          | Description   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>Grower</b>        | Has authority. Uses that authority to create Work Orders out of Recommendations received from the Consultant.   |
| <b>Irrigator</b>     | Uses Work Order received from the Grower to initiate a Field Operation  |
| <b>Consultant</b>    | Has expertise. Uses that expertise to translate data into a document called a Recommendation. The data is received from the Grower (Crop Plan) and procured from a Data Provider (Observations & Measurements.)   |
| <b>Data Provider</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collects and stores various forms of Observations and Measurements (O&amp;M) data.</li><li>• Makes the O&amp;M data available to the Consultant.</li><li>• Collects and stores proprietary irrigation operations event data.</li><li>• Derives Work Records from the irrigation operations event data</li><li>• Makes the Work Records available to the Grower.</li></ul> |

# User Stories

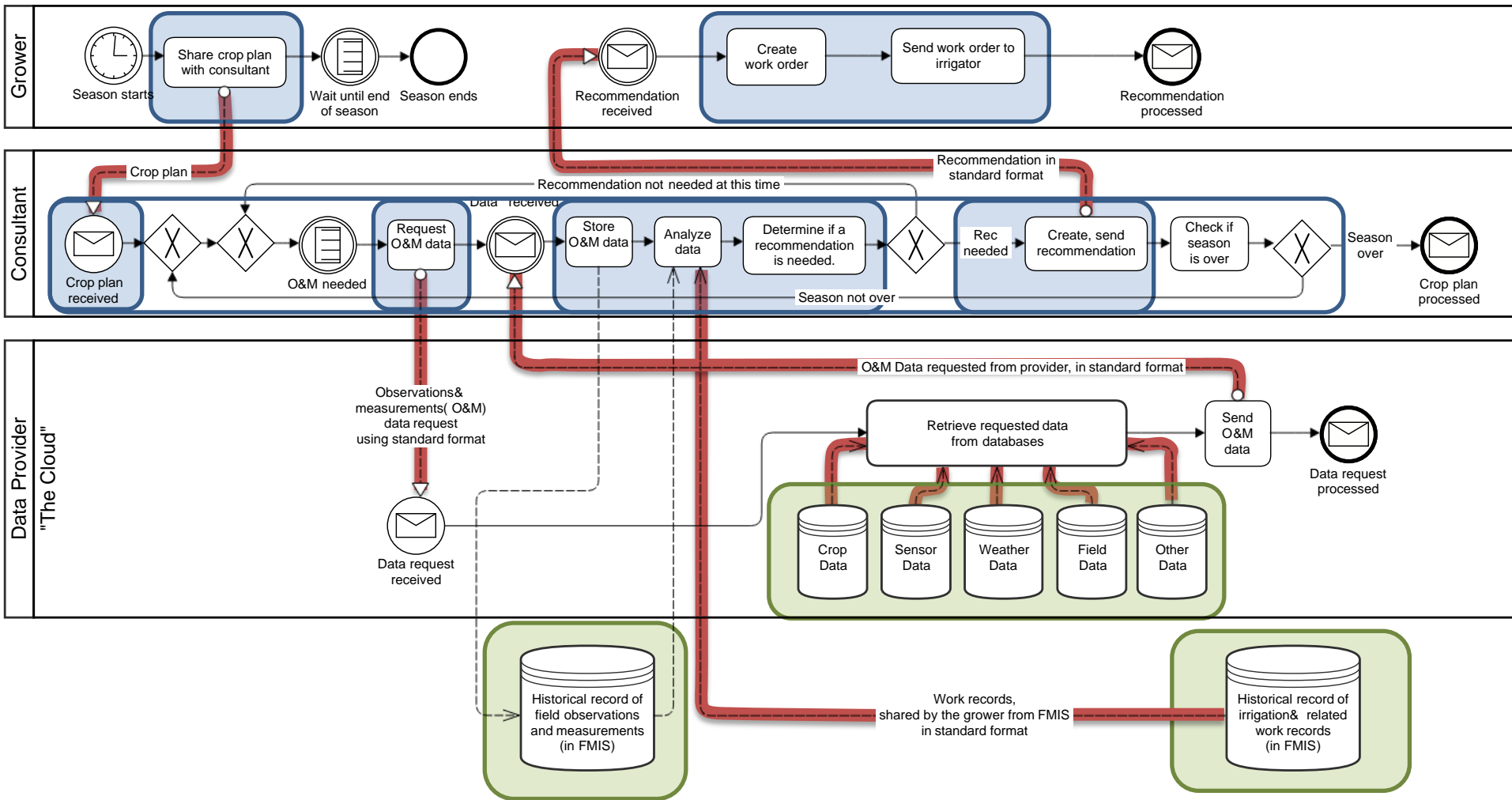
| Phase     | As a/an       | I want to...  | So that I can   |
|-----------|---------------|---|---|
| Planning  | Grower        | create a Crop Plan  | communicate my intentions for one or more growing seasons.  |
|           | Consultant    | review the Crop Plan to know what crops will be planted and how they will be grown  | make irrigation recommendations based on the grower's goals.  |
|           | Consultant    | retrieve soil moisture, field weather and other field scouting data                 | integrate it into my data analysis and recommendation to the grower.  |
|           | Data Provider | retrieve, store and organize field, weather and other relevant data                 | send requested data to an authorized user.  |
|           | Consultant    | retrieve derived weather data from a weather data service provider                  | integrate it into my data analysis and recommendation to the grower.  |
|           | Consultant    | create a Recommendation   | can advise the grower with a seasonal irrigation work plan.   |
|           | Grower        | review the Recommendation from my consultant  | ensure it is consistent with my farm practices and current conditions.  |
| Execution | Grower        | create an irrigation Work Order   | be sure the Irrigator knows how much water to apply and where to apply it.  |
|           | Irrigator     | use the irrigation Work Order to send a command to the irrigation system controller | begin and end the irrigation as planned, or modify as field conditions change.  |
|           | Data Provider | store a Work Record of what actually happened during the irrigation event           | provide a record as requested from an authorized user.  |
| Reporting | Consultant    | retrieve a Work Record of the irrigation event                                      | use the data as input for the next irrigation Recommendation.   |
|           | Grower        | store and retrieve a Work Record  | use it as input for planning next season's crops and field operations, and provide reports, as necessary, to regulators and/or insurance providers. |

# Core Documents and their Relationships





# In-Season Management BPMN



# PAIL Status

- Field Trail / Beta Test concluded this year and last
- Beta Test validated scope and depth of schema
- Submit draft standard in next few months



# X632 Project

- Standards project
- Parent committee is NRES-24
- Coordinated with NRES-03/2 US TAG ISO TC23/SC18
- New, ad-hoc committee formed to guide movement through standards process
- Will be submitted to ISO for consideration as a new standard after adoption by ASABE
- Presented to ISO TC23/SC18
- First standard in NRES-24 that contains an XML Schema
- Multipart standard similar to other ISO
  - Part 1: Common Elements
  - Part 2: Operations
  - Part 3: Observations
- Future Parts
  - Pumping & Flow Control
  - Drip/Micro Irrigation
  - Compliance testing
  - Chemigation / Fertigation

# AgGateway / PAIL Stakeholders

AgGateway:  
About 240  
companies

Precision  
Ag Council:  
About 120  
companies

PAIL Project:  
20+ companies  
(See below)



# To Know More:



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