

# Proprietary Data in Data-Driven Research

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# Public-Private Partnerships



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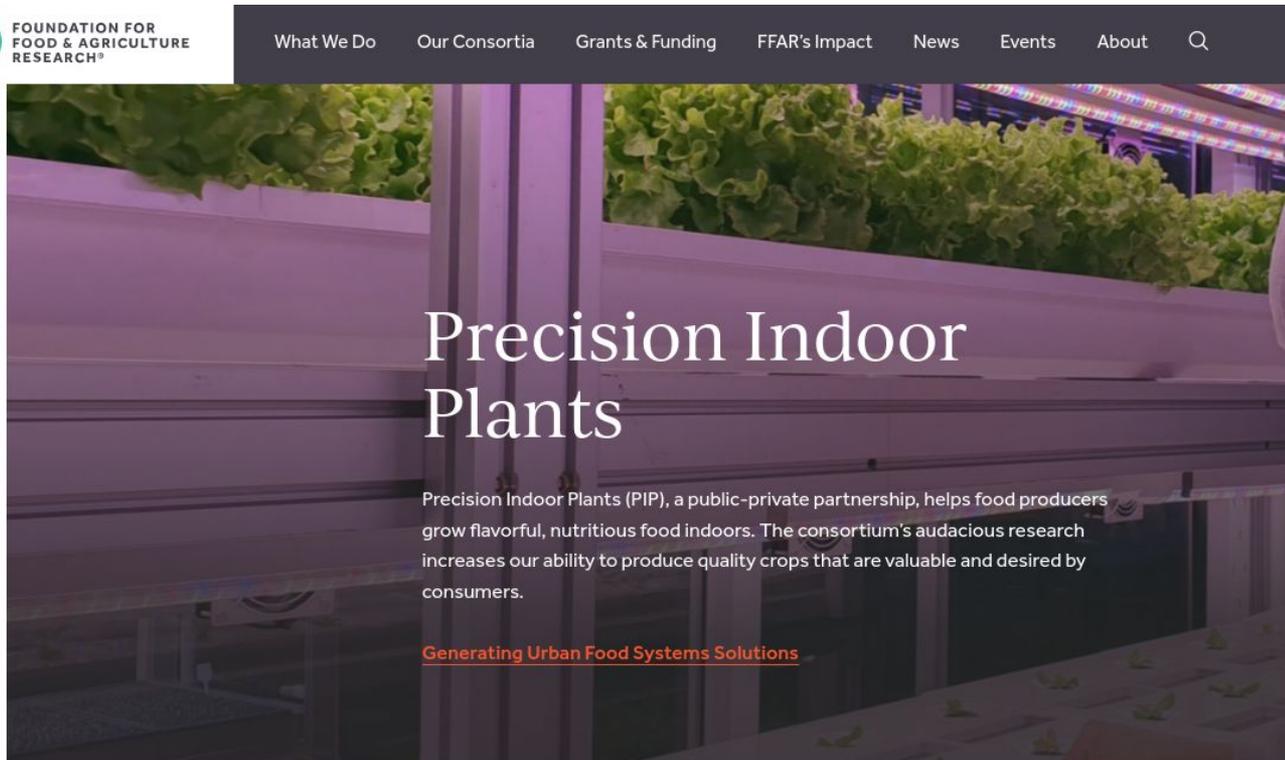
- Drought tolerant corn
- Heat tolerant field tomatoes
- Pea protein quality
- Indoor lettuce quality, shelf life
- Indoor tomato flavor
- Bean breeding bottlenecks
- Potato, citrus insect resistance

# The challenges in public/private partnerships

- In general...
  - More data, more variety
  - Skills gap
- In academia...
  - Transient student workforce
  - Incentives de-prioritize skill acquisition for many academics
  - Money is scarce and dwindling
- In agriculture...
  - Data often includes personally identifiable information
  - Companies tend to be very focused on data protection
  - Companies dramatically outspend academia on research

# An example project...

- OAuth2 and data transfer via Globus
- Metadata capture using ontological terms
- Private users share with central, public org
- Public org cleans, aggregates, and publishes back to community



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# Addressing the skills gap with tools...

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REMOTE DESKTOP (VNC)

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- Programming environments prebuilt with common tools
- Containerized environments to aid reproducibility

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+ Accounting for Location in Agriculture in Python

+ Spatio-Temporal Accounting of Biotic Threats

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# Privacy...

- User visibility in the platform
- Tools
  - Geospatial fuzzing
  - Geospatial or value based aggregation
  - Identifiable field substitution
- and...

# Legislative/Legal Privacy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 13.643, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Research, monitoring, or assessment data.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), the following data created, collected, and or maintained by the Department of Agriculture or the University of Minnesota during research, monitoring, or the assessment of farm practices and related to natural resources, the environment, agricultural facilities, or agricultural practices are classified as private or nonpublic:

- and
- (1) names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of study participants or cooperators;
  - (2) location of research, study site, and global positioning system data; and
  - (3) data created, collected, or maintained by the University of Minnesota for inclusion on an agricultural data analysis platform maintained and hosted by the University of Minnesota that identify or could identify an individual or business.



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Medal Peace 1970  
Presidential Medal of Freedom 1977  
National Academy of Sciences, the National Medal of Science 1980  
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