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In the Loop

Drivers of Agriculture Technology + Food System Innovations

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Starting this month, we're tightening up the lead-in content of *In the Loop* to help you quickly navigate to our curated list of recent articles on the catalysts of agriculture technology and food system innovations. This month's issue features articles that provide different perspectives on the need for more agriculture science funding and advancements to drive a new green revolution. In an environment where federal funding for agriculture is at 2% of total federal research and development (vs. 40% that fueled the Green Revolution following the Dust Bowl), foundations and the private sector have to play a more significant role. Rockefeller Foundation, for example, has committed \$130 million to directly reduce global food waste and is doing so in partnership with the private sector. As recently reported by *AgFunder*, 2015 was another record year for venture investment in agriculture and food as tech entrepreneurs and venture financiers catch on to the growing investment and business opportunities. In some technology areas like robotics, agriculture and food are surfacing as the most promising areas for new technology applications. But new ventures are only part of the broader solution set. To drive material advancements and to meet evolving demand, the large and established agriculture companies must be part of the solution by adopting and proliferating new sustainable advancements.

Explore our selection of recent articles below to dive deeper into recent developments and findings.



AG EDUCATION

Agriculture, Education and the Next Green Revolution
(The Chicago Council on Global Affairs)



GREEN REVOLUTION

We Need a New Green Revolution
(The New York Times)



FOOD WASTE

Rockefeller Foundation to Take Food-Waste Fight to Davos
(The New York Times)



AG INNOVATION

Agriculture Seeks Silicon Valley's Help To Satisfy The World's Demand For Food
(ThinkProgress)



AG TECH

Agriculture Called the 'Most Attractive' Robotics Market Opportunity
(EnterpriseTech)



BIG AG

Big Agriculture Gets It's Sh*t Together
(Fortune)



About Closed Loop Capital

Closed Loop Capital is an early-stage venture capital platform founded in 2010 that invests in exceptional entrepreneurs leading ventures in agriculture technology and food system innovation in the United States and Canada.

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