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**SPADE seeks to:**
- Establish a framework of standards to simplify mixed-fleet field operations, regulatory compliance, crop insurance reporting, traceability, sustainability assessment and field or crop-scale revenue management.
- Allow seamless data exchange between hardware systems and software applications that collect field data across farming operations.
- Make it easier for growers to share data with their trusted advisors, suppliers, and other value partners, who often use different system components.
- Lower the cost of entry for growers and ag retailers who want to use precision ag, through transparent data exchange and interoperability.

**Data Challenges?**

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**SPADE’s vision for data flow in precision agriculture.** Reference data helps ensure that things mean the same for all participants.

**SPADE Assists**
- Seeding
- Crop Scouting
- Crop Nutrition
- Crop Protection
- Harvesting
- Grain Handling
- Asset Management
- Regulatory Compliance

**SPADE Delivers**
- Best Practices
- Use Cases
- Process Models
- International Context
- ISO11783 Alignment
- Specs and Toolkits
- Reference Data
- Data Exchange APIs
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**WAVE**: Originally arising from work by the Precision Ag Council’s Telematics group, this product will identify standards and provide tools for mobile and fixed asset management.

**CART**: Originating in AgGateway’s Grain Council, CART looks to expand and implement standardized messages from the widely-adopted AgXML standards for rail and truck grain transport. The scope includes tying loads from field machinery to scale data.

**Crop Nutrition**: SPADE3 will capture data exchange requirements for chemical fertilizer and manure use cases, propose enhancements to ISO11783 as needed, and provide requirements to the ADAPT toolkit.

The scope of SPADE3, and how it fits in with other AgGateway projects

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**KEY** - S1: SPADE1; S2: SPADE2; S3: SPADE3; A: ADAPT; P1: PAI1; P2: PAI2.

PAI is a sibling project within AgGateway’s Precision Ag Council; ADAPT is an open-source toolkit being developed by AgGateway to provide the industry with a common, standards-based data model for field operations, and to facilitate data format interconversion.

How you can get involved

• SPADE needs much more than strictly technical work: if you’re an expert in the business or agronomy aspects of what we’re working on, your user stories will help enrich the project deliverables and make SPADE deliverables better for the entire industry.

• Contact Jim Wilson (SPADE Project Mgr.) and discuss how to join the effort!