



PRESS RELEASE

2019's Most Valuable AgriFood Tech Accelerator Invests in LWR

Livestock Water Recycling joins THRIVE Accelerator program in Silicon Valley



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Los Gatos, CA – (April 8, 2019) The SVG Ventures-THRIVE AgTech platform has just announced the nine startup finalists that comprise its 5th annual seed accelerator cohort. Following 6 months of rigorous research and analysis, LWR was selected from a global applicant pool of 275 companies across 67 countries. SVG Ventures-THRIVE will invest in each startup.



LWR was recently chosen to present to one of the most dynamic and savvy tech crowds in the world at THRIVEX at the Copernicus Project presented by Land O'Lakes during SXSW.

From big data & analytics, to robotics, next gen farms, and biotechnology, LWR and fellow Thrive V cohorts are addressing key agriculture and food challenges such as food safety/security, labor shortages, resource constraint, and environmental concerns.

“Our mission is to help farmers feed the world while reducing their costs and regenerating the health of the farming ecosystem,” says Karen Schuett, LWR Co-Founder and CEO. “Consumer expectations are evolving, and by combining our disruptive technology with the invaluable resources of large global brands, we’re excited to be a part of the real change that’s happening right now in the food and agriculture industry” she adds. “We also value and appreciate the diversity in Thrive’s team, their mentors, and in our cohort” says Schuett.



With the increasing food trends of transparency and traceability, LWR is bridging the gap between farms and consumers by aligning transparency with sustainability and regenerative agriculture. The LWR System enables the precise application of manure, resulting in increased crop growth while eliminating the risk of nutrient leaching. Farms are producing higher quality products, while improving conditions for both animals and employees, simultaneous protecting and regenerating the planet.

“Each year, we are truly impressed with the caliber of our startup teams and the quality of their technology solutions and this year is no exception,” said John Hartnett, founder and CEO of SVG Ventures-THRIVE. “We look forward to helping our THRIVE V startups succeed and scale their solutions for real impact in the food and agriculture industries over the course of the next few months.”

The SVG Ventures-THRIVE Accelerator Program, a four-month program which kicked off in February, will open up a significant treasure trove of opportunities to connect with an extensive network of partners that include Taylor Farms, Trimble, Land O’Lakes, Verizon, JV Smith, EY, Corteva, Yamaha Motor Ventures, Wilbur-Ellis, Elanco AgriNovus and the National Pork Board, as well as growers and farmers from Western Growers Association, Driscoll’s, Sun World and more. The program leads up to the Demo Day at the Forbes AgTech Summit in Salinas at the end of June where LWR will receive incredible exposure in front of the ag industry.



Meet the THRIVE V Seed Accelerator cohort members who are inspirationally advancing the future of agriculture.



LWR joins a long-line of successful Ag and Food Tech companies that have collectively raised over \$155M at a \$400M+ post-money valuation since graduating from the THRIVE Accelerator program.

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About Thrive

THRIVE, named AgFunder's 2019 Most Valuable AgriFood Technology Accelerator, is a global AgTech innovation platform in Silicon Valley that accelerates, invests, and works with entrepreneurs, investors and Fortune 500 corporations to advance the future of the food and agriculture. The THRIVE Accelerator supports seed stage startups from all areas of the value chain whose technologies drive us towards a more efficient, sustainable, and secure agriculture future. The 10 companies selected benefit from a 4 month, virtual and in-person accelerator program that provides mentorship from top leaders across industries, direct access to the largest agriculture companies and farmers located in the Salinas and Central California growing regions, and investment. The program begins in January and culminates in June at Demo Day at the Forbes AgTech Summit. For more information, visit: <http://www.thriveagtech.com/>

About Forbes AgTech Summit

The 2019 Forbes AgTech Summit will bring together over 600 global agriculture leaders and entrepreneurs to tackle some of the world's most critical challenges. Held once again under the big tents on historic Main Street Salinas — where the Silicon and Salinas Valleys meet — the Summit will foster lively debate and generate rich networking opportunities. Be introduced to the latest technology startups-to-watch within the global agricultural ecosystem, while being challenged to think bigger and bolder.

For more information, visit: <https://www.forbes.com/forbes-live/event/2019-agtech-summit/>

About Livestock Water Recycling

LWR is a first-class global manufacturer of manure treatment systems that provide hog, dairy and anaerobic digester operations with patented manure treatment technology to recycle clean water and fertilizer nutrients from livestock manure for reuse at the farm. North America's leading provider manure treatment systems, the LWR system saves farmers time and money by providing them with a cost-effective solution to manage manure in a sustainable manner. LWR has systems operating throughout Canada and the US.

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