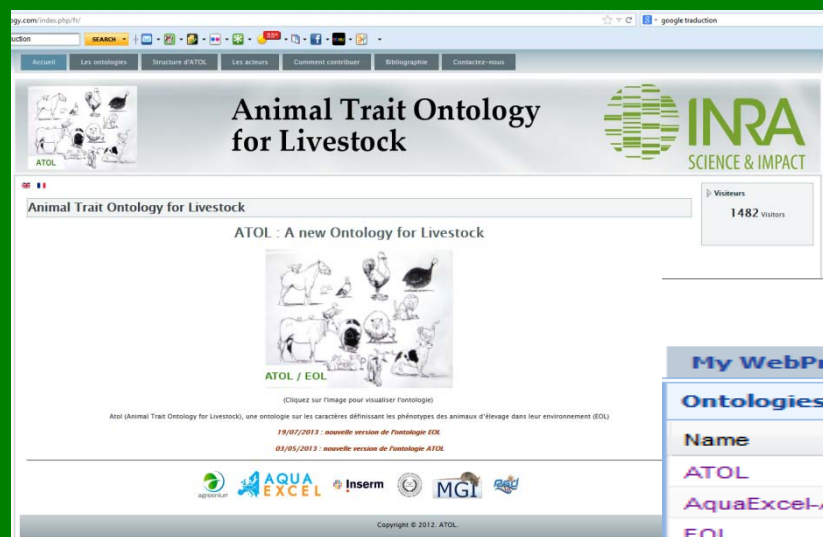


# EOL : a new ontology for livestock system and rearing conditions



Animal Trait Ontology for Livestock

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# Context : New challenges

## Precision Livestock Farming – Phenotyping

**Precision Livestock Farming challenges:** to have

**\* Animals :**

- efficient in regards to feeding resources
- robust and adaptable to climate changes / diversity of production systems

**\* Farming systems :**

efficient management of the production to generate high level of products for consumers and society issues

### Exploitation of phenotype databases

Identification of phenotypes

**Trait**

Horn

**Phénotype**



long

short

The phenotype is the resultant of the expression of the genotype (G) and the influence of the environment (E) and epigenetic mechanisms (Epi)

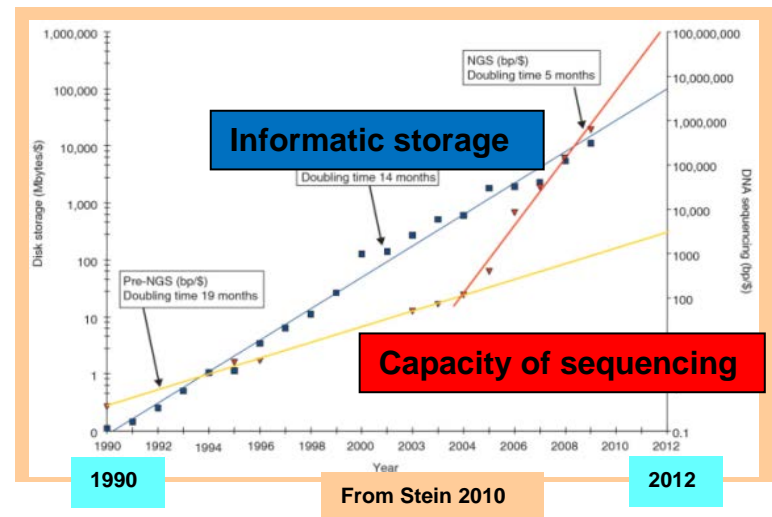


$$P=G+E+Epi$$

# A tool for new challenges

## Precision Livestock Farming and Phenotyping

- \* knowledge on biological mechanisms more and more complex
- \* increasing amount of informations
- \* diversification of community of users



➔ Need to store and analyse huge mass of information on the basis of a language understood by computer and any users

**Necessity to have standardized and shared language**

**Ontology tool**

# What is an ontology ?

## Definition:

formal representation of concepts and of relationships between these concepts within a subject or a specific area.

## Characteristics :

- The concepts and the relationships are **clearly defined**
- The meaning of an item is used in **an unequivocal way.**
- The concepts are organized in **a structural way** (often an hierarchy)
- The items have to **be easily used by computer**



Category	Count
Cell	1000
Gene	2000
Protein	3000
Metabolite	4000
Cellular Component	5000
Biological Process	6000
Molecular Function	7000
Chemical Entity	8000
Cellular Component	9000
Biological Process	10000
Molecular Function	11000
Chemical Entity	12000



# ATOL-EOL : ontologies for farm animal and environment applied to productions targets

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Animal issue

ATOL

Animal Trait Ontology for Livestock

2048 normalized traits 07/2013  
phenotypic traits  
multispecies

EAAP 2012



Farming systems issue

EOL

Environment Ontology  
of Livestock  
environmental conditions  
of animal productions

630 parameters 07/2013



# How was the EOL ontology built ?

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- **Check the current ontologies on the environmental features and habitats (especially ENVO : environmental ontology)**
- **Parameters on environment of fish species identified within the european project AQUAEXCEL (Aquaculture infrastructures for excellence in European fish research)**
- **Bibliographic analysis (books, papers) : new parameters**
- **Experts group from INRA : first draft of an hierarchy for aquatic and terrestrial animal productions**
- **Validation of the hierarchy for aquatic productions by experts of AQUAEXCEL project**

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**current progress : ontology completed by new parameters concerning especially the terrestrial productions (ruminant, pig, poultry)**



Ontology: EOL.

Search:

Search

Class Tree

## Hierarchy with 4 main branches

  environment ontology for livestock  diet modality  livestock farming environment  livestock farming structure  livestock farming system

describe livestock systems, practices, environmental conditions

→ EOL : a reference for the environment parameters



- " (36)
  - "
    - 'environment ontology for livestock' 1 (31)
      - 'diet modality' 2 (29)
        - 'diet delivery' 2 (18)
        - 'livestock feeding' (9)
      - 'livestock farming environment'
        - 'rearing living environment'
        - 'rearing physicochemical environment'
      - 'livestock farming structure'
        - 'rearing structure material'
        - 'rearing structure physical dimension'
        - 'rearing structure type'
      - 'livestock farming system'
        - 'aquatic farming system'
        - 'terrestrial farming system'

# Hierarchy of EOL ontology : more details ...

Diet characteristics  
delivery conditions



Life surrounding



Physical characteristics of the  
structure where animals live

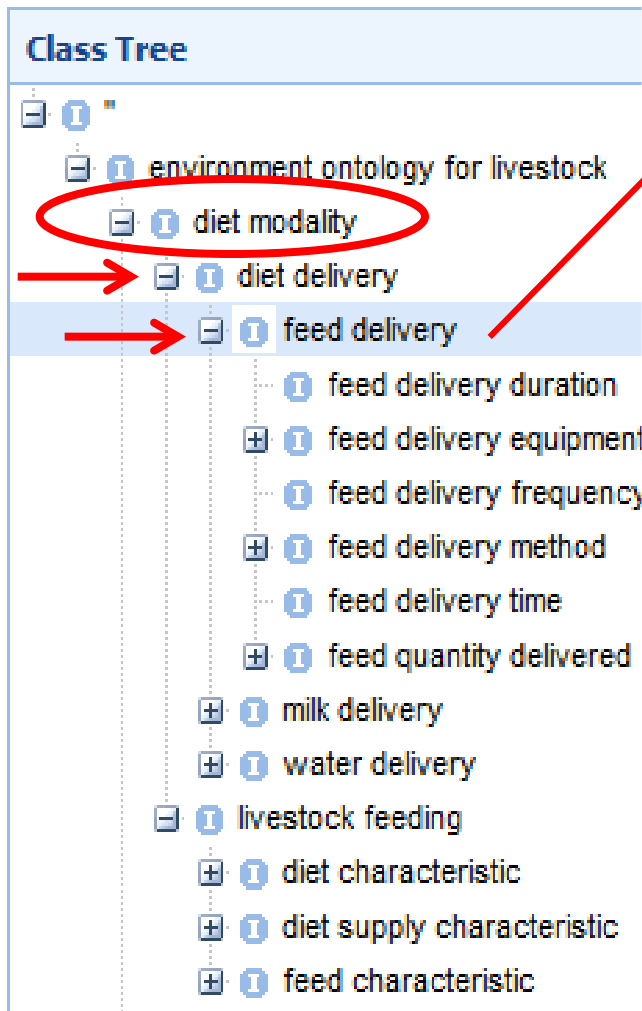


Livestock system where animals  
are raised



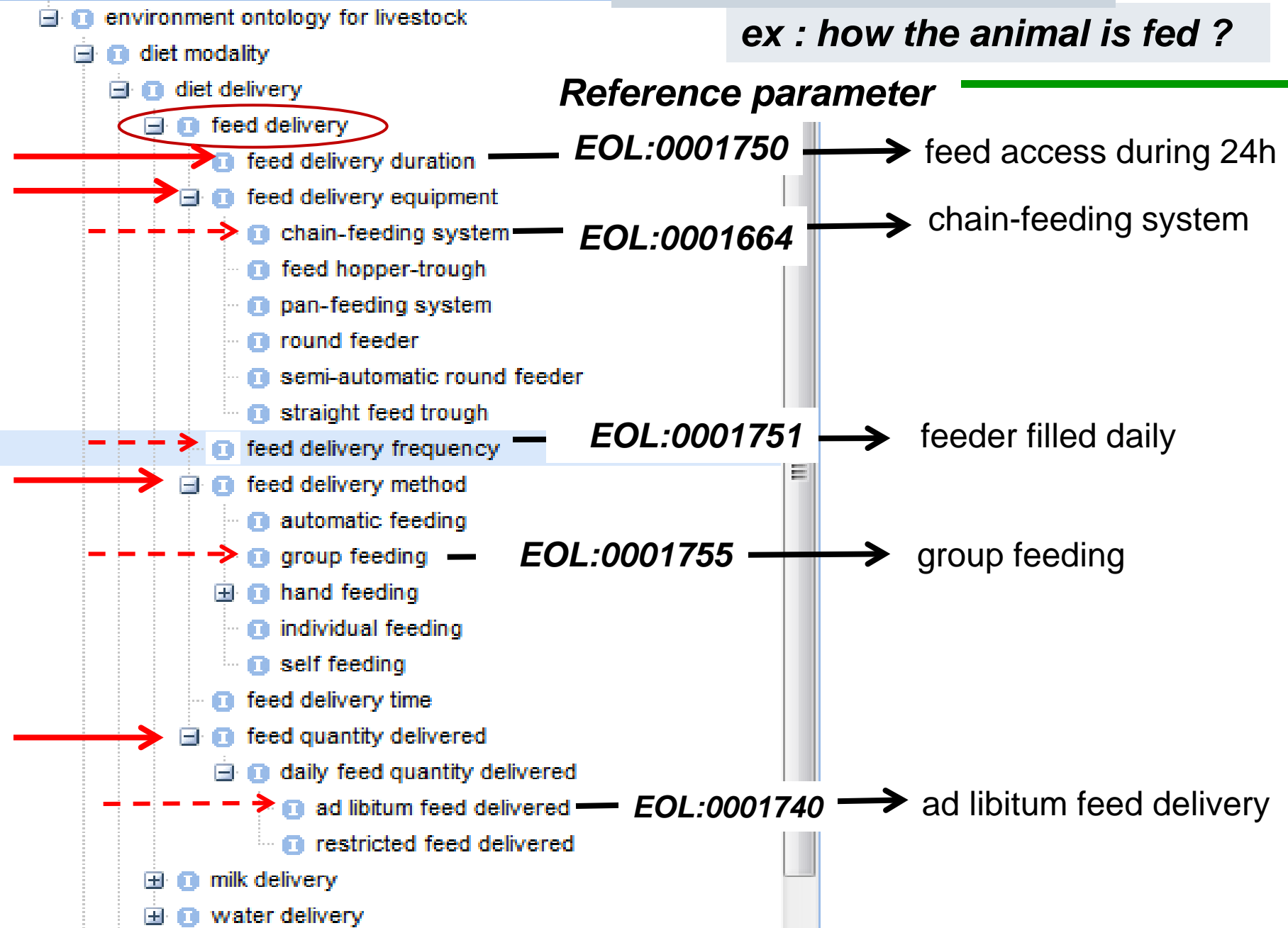
→ information used to investigate how the livestock environment and practices impact the phenotypic traits of the animals (ATOL)

# What information by parameter ?



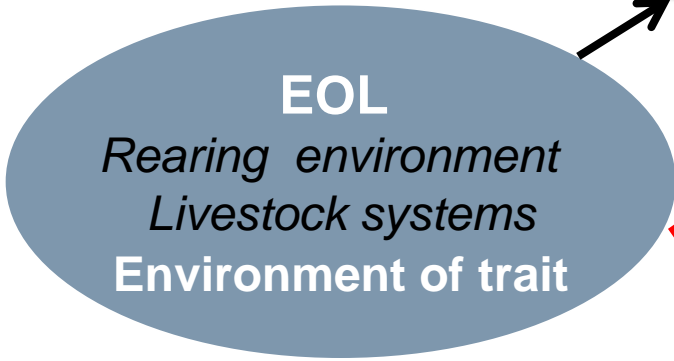
<b>ID, name and definition</b>	
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<u>Name:</u>	feed delivery
<u>Similar to:</u>	Ref of similar parameter in an another ontology
<u>Definition:</u>	any measurable or observable cha
	<b>any measurable or observable characteristic related to the delivery process of feed to livestock</b>
<u>Source:</u>	INRA:PHASE "INRA PHASE"
<u>Synonyms</u>	other name or synonym used
<u>Links</u>	to databases or publications
<u>Comment</u>	on definition, species specificity, ...
<u>Measure Methods</u>	<i>standardized procedure</i>

*ex : how the animal is fed ?*



# What applications of the ATOL/EOL ontologies

databases for users, index for scientific journal, modelling approach

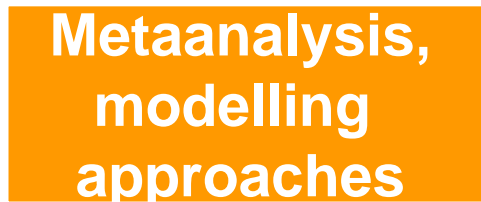


animal trait, environmental parameter, measure method



**Phenotype databases**

Ident	Code	Unit	Sex	Age	Code	Date	Month	Date	Month	Year	Value
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**Automatic research in scientific and technical documents**

# Ontologies – Phenotyping databases shared language for combined datasets

EX Datasets on the 1 year- weight of trouts raised

Trial 1	number	Liveweight	Trial 2	number	Liveweight
at 10°C	1	360	at 12°C	21	350
	2	420		22	415
	...			...	129
at 12°C	11	640	at 15°C	31	622
	12	390		32	388
	...	....		...	....

ATOL  
ontologie of animal traits

Metadata  
trials 1 and 2

EOL  
ontologie of livestock  
environment

ATOL:0000351: Body Weight  
ATOL:0000088: Age (1 year)

EOL:0000034 : Water temperature  
(10°C - 12°C - 15°C)

→ ATOL/EOL ontologies allow the annotation  
of phenotyping databases with shared language

# in conclusion



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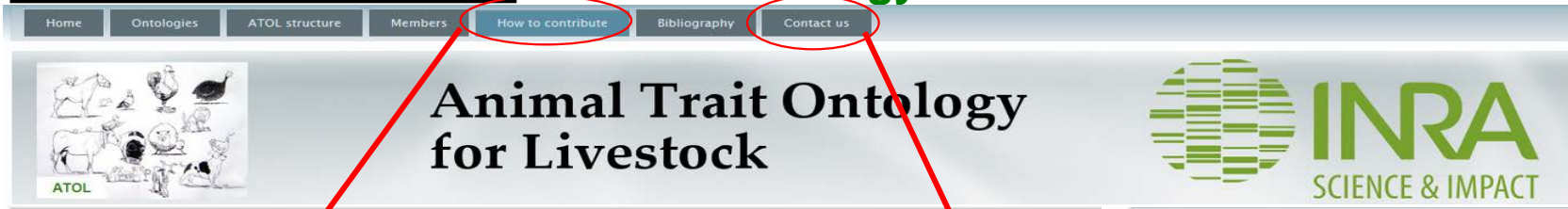
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☞ to extend the ontology Animal Trait Ontology for Livestock  
➔ impact of environment on the phenotypic trait

☞ to promote standardized and shared language  
useful for the diversity of users

# How to contribute in improving and evolving ATOL and EOL ontologies

Welcome to the website : [www.atol-ontology.com](http://www.atol-ontology.com)



How to contribute

Contact us:  
comments

Contribute as experts in animal sciences

Contact the coordinator of the project  
[Pierre-Yves.LeBail@rennes.inra.fr](mailto:Pierre-Yves.LeBail@rennes.inra.fr)

## 1) Asking for login and password

- › Send an email to Pierre-Yves LeBail including:
- › Your first name, your last name and your organism (e.g. INRA).
- › The ontology to which you wish to contribute (there may be several).
- › Your domains of interest and expertise.
- › Species of interest as appropriate.

You will receive an username, a password and an address to connect to the collabora

ATOL Team  
Contact  
Contact Form

Send an email. All fields with an \* are required.

Name \*

Email \*

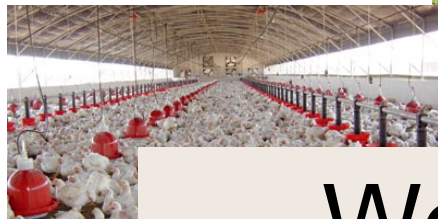
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