



FARMING PROCESS CONTROLLER

Operational Manual



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DANGER Electrocution Hazard!

The system uses live mains voltage!!! Always disconnect the power to the controller and the external power eUnits before wiring, service or maintenance.

Do not open the iFarm Controller box! There are no user serviceable parts in the device. Any changes of the internal circuit will void the warranty.

Note:

Install all electrical equipment and wiring in accordance with national and local electric codes.

Note:

The controller is not designed for immersion in water. Please install it in dry locations only (0-80% RH non-condensing). The controller and additional eUnits can be installed in an approved water-resistant enclosure. The sensors should be installed according to their installation guides.

The Light and Humi sensors provided with the Starter Kit can work in humid (0-95%), non-condensing environments. The sensors operational is temperature 0-70°C. Please refer to eUnits' datasheet for operational instructions.

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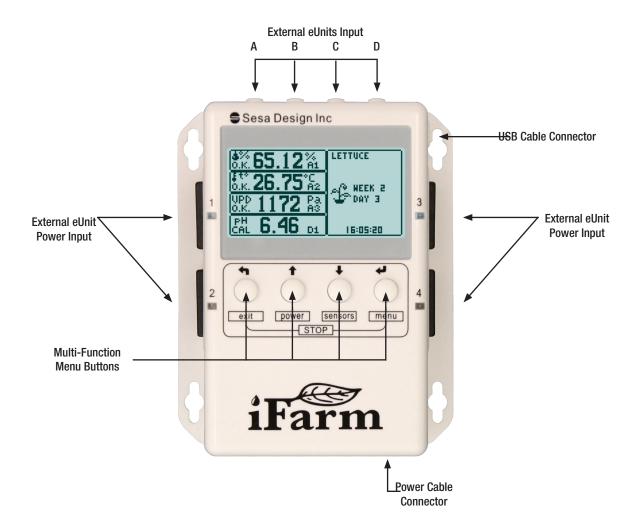
1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

Bridging the gap between green thumbs & green technology

Farming has come a long way since the days of the horse and plow and the farmer's almanac. Long considered an art, modern farming is more about the precise monitoring of the growing environment and the application of science and technology to improve results. Traditionally the cost to implement sophisticated measurement and control tools was outside the reach of the hobbyist or small commercial operation. The iFarm combines state of the art monitoring and control technologies in a single, cost effective package. Using the iFarm you can recreate well-known ideal growing conditions, controlling fans, pumps, and lights to maximize your results.

Think of the iFarm as the command and control center for your garden or greenhouse. With the right sensors and external devices it can independently monitor and control variables such as: temperature, humidity, light intensity, pH, EC/TDS, CO₂ and others.



1.2 Specifications

Physical Specifications

• Dimensions: 138mm (H) x 113mm (W) x 45mm (D)

• Weight: 320 g

• Display: Monochrome, 128 x 24 pixels, color backlight

• Operating temperature: 0°C - 75°C

Electrical

- 115 VAC/60Hz operating power
- Four built in outlets (3 Amps each)
- Up to four channels (15 Amps each)
- Four external unit connectors
- USB connector

Functional

- Independent operation of all connected devices (Can implement a number of tasks independently or as an integral system)
- Up to 16 external units (sensors, power, communication)
- Eight power scenarios
- Eight alarms
- Eight timelines can control every minute of 24 hours
- Every power scenario controlled by timeline, timer and up to two sensors
- Alarms can be set on sensors or power
- Up to 15 profiles can be stored on the device
- Grow plan schedules different profiles in a timeline
- Coloured backlight changes according to events
- · Alarms makes a sound according to their priority



2. Installation

2.1 Mounting the iFarm

1. Mount the iFarm controller in a dry area away from direct sunlight, condensing humidity, water, rain, or extreme temperatures, in an easily accessible location at approximately eye level.

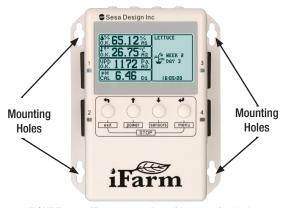


FIGURE 2.1.1 iFarm controller with mounting holes

WARNING!

The iFarm controller should be mounted in a dry environment. If the unit is mounted in a moist environment, it must be in a moisture-protected box to prevent moisture damage.

2. The iFarm is supplied with an external power cord. Make sure there is a power outlet within approximately 6 feet of where the iFarm controller is mounted.



FIGURE 2.1.2 iFarm controller power cord connector

NOTE: Use only the supplied power cord to ensure proper operation and support full power ability.

- **3.** Use appropriate hardware for mounting the unit. Don't forget to take into account the weight of the iFarm power cord, as well as any external devices and sensor eUnits that may be plugged in to the controller.
- **4.** Mount the iFarm controller flat against the wall using the two holes on each side of the unit. Mounting screws are not included in the box. Appropriate hardware will depend on the mounting surface. You may want to raise the iFarm away from the wall slightly to ensure easy access to the side external power ports.



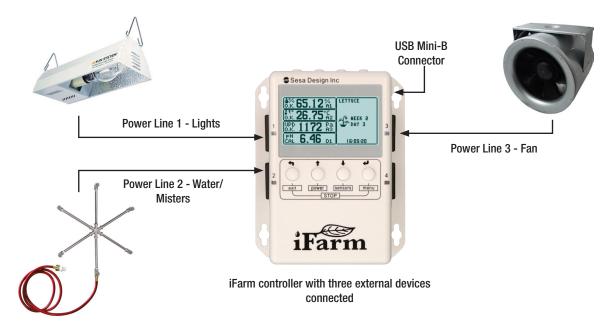
FIGURE 2.1.3 iFarm controller external power receptacles

NOTE: The iFarm features four external power receptacles, two on each side of the iFarm.

2.2 Connecting to the iFarm

NOTE: Software is not required for the iFarm controller to function properly. All settings and device changes can be made from the iFarm controller.

- **1.** To download the optional iFarm software, visit www.sesadesign.com/software and follow the download instructions.
- **2.** Plug the connector into the USB port on the iFarm controller, and the USB cable into an available USB port on your computer.



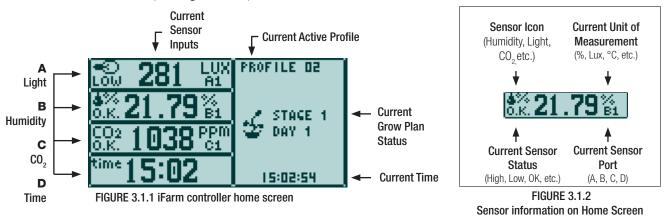


3. Operating the iFarm

3.1 Main Screen Display

The iFarm LCD display shows two main areas of information. The left side of the screen shows data from the attached sensors (if sensors are present), with sensors plugged into the A Input port on the top line, and sensors plugged into ports B, C and D below.

The right side of the screen displays the controller status, current active profile, current grow plan stage, and the current time (see Figure 3.1.1).



NOTE: The sensor icon on the main screen will change if the sensor type is changed.

3.2 Navigation

The four main buttons on the primary iFarm Controller can be used to navigate the internal menu visible on the LCD screen. The **Exit**, **Power**, **Sensors**, and **Menu** buttons allow you to configure the device.

Each button also has an associated arrow above it. These arrows represent how to move with the iFarm menu structure, once you enter a specific Menu tree.

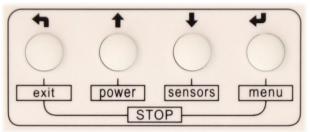


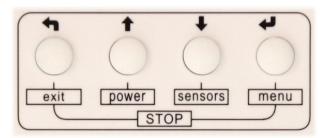
FIGURE 3.2.1 Multi-Function Menu Buttons



3.2 Navigation (continued)

The **Exit** button functions as an **"Escape"** button; when navigating menus with submenu items, press **Exit** to return to the previous submenu item, the previous menu level, or press repeatedly from any menu to return to the home screen.

FIGURE 3.2.2 Multi-Function Navigation Buttons



The **Menu** button on the far right is used to access the main iFarm menu. This **Menu** button also functions as an **"Enter"** key to select/save button, and is also used to move from item to item when configuring sensors or through certain device menus.



FIGURE 3.2.3 Main Menu

The **Power** button will open an overview window which shows all enabled and configured Power Entities. This button is also used as the **Up button** when navigating through sub-menus or scrolling through options.

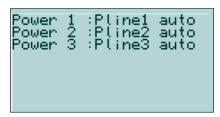


FIGURE 3.2.4 Power Menu



The **Sensors** button will open an overview window that shows which ports have sensors attached, as well as the current reading from the sensor. In the case of sensors with multiple readings or measurements, they will be listed as Port designation followed by a number indicating the reading number, for example B1, B2, B3. This button is also used the **Down button** when navigating through sub-menus or scrolling through options.

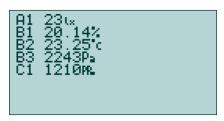


FIGURE 3.2.5 Sensors Menu

The iFarm has an **Emergency Stop** feature, which is accessed by pressing the menu and exit buttons simultaneously.

The iFarm will return to the home screen if left idle for 2 minutes, and the LCD screen backlight will dim when not in use. The dimmer setting can be configured under **Menu** » **System** » **Display** » **Dimmer**. To disable the Dimmer, leave Dimmer setting at 0.

3.3 Using the Menu System

The Main menu has 5 sub-items, **Profiles, iFarm, eUnits, Grow Plan,** and **System**, providing access to all the required configuration and control settings for the iFarm.

MENU ITEM	OPTIONS	FUNCTION
PROFILES	Set active profile	Choose Default or one of up to 15 programmed profiles
Set active profile	Start new profile	Set up to 15 individual profiles
Start new profile Save profile Delete profile	Save profile	Save an active profile
Profiles -	Delete profile	Delete a profile; active profiles cannot be deleted
iFARM	Set Alarms	Set up to 8 Alarm profiles, Select timing model, Set eUnit port, Configure parameters, Choose sound
Set Alarms Set Power Set Time Line	Set Power	Choose settings for any available power eUnits. Power Out: PLine 1-4 (external power units), Timeline, Timer, & Sensors
Show Time Line Show eUnits	Set Timeline	Set Timeline 1-8
└──iFarm Settings—	Show Time Line	Show visual representation of timelines 24 hour or 15 minute view
	Show eUnits	Display data from any available eUnits
eUNITS	Configure eUnit	View list of configurable units; Set eUnit parameters (units, number of samples, etc.)
Configure eUnit Calibrate eUnit Set Defaults	Calibrate eUnit	Calibrate applicable eUnit (e.g. CO ₂ or other chemical sensor)
eUnit info	Set Defaults	Reset to default settings for individual eUnits
——eUnit Settings—	eUnit info	View eUnit Version, Calibration, Configuration, and Status
GROW PLAN	Enable	Enable/Disable Grow Plan
GROW PLAN	LIIADIG	
Enable : No Current : 5:1 D:1 Duration: 5:7 P:4	Current	Set current position in the grow plan; View current position
Duration: S:7 P:4 Plan setup	Duration	Set duration of one stage, and stages per plan; View current settings
Set Grow Plan—	Plan Setup	Assign profiles to stages and idle state; View current settings



3.4 System Setup

MENU ITEM	OPTIONS	FUNCTION
DISPLAY	Line #1 - 4	Choose what information should appear on the home screen. Information can be assigned to Lines #1 - 4
	Format	Select a 24 or 12 hour clock
	Dimmer	Set the amount of time the controller must be idle before the screen will automatically dim
TIME		Set the current time (hours, minutes, seconds)
SOUND	Yes/No	Enable or disable sound, and control volume
ALARM DELAY	Time	Set the time for an alarm delay
POWER FORCE	Yes/No	Enable manual power force
ALARMS ON POWER	Yes/No	Enable alarms on power lines
SET DEFAULTS	Yes/No	Reset ALL default settings
SYSTEM INFO		Display iFarm unit & firmware version information and unit serial number

3.4.1 Display

The Display settings (**Menu** » **System** » **Display**) control the information displayed on the home screen of the iFarm controller. The settings for Lines #1 - #4 represent the four display areas on the left hand side of the screen.

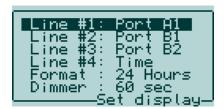


FIGURE 3.4.1 Display Menu

In the default settings, Line #1 corresponds to Port A, Line #2 corresponds to Port B, Line #3 corresponds to Port C, and Line #4 corresponds to Port D. Each line can be configured to display either an available Port, the current time, or no display.

NOTE: Only connected units will be shown as display options.

The time format can also be set to 12 or 24 hour clock in the Display menu (**Menu** » **System** » **Display** » **Format**).

3.4.2 Time

To set the current time, navigate to **Menu** » **System** » **Time**. Use the **up** or **down** arrows to adjust and use the menu button to toggle between hours, minutes, and seconds. Press **Enter** when complete to return to the System Menu.

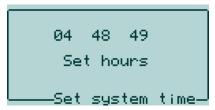


FIGURE 3.4.2 Setting the TIme

3.4.3 Sound

To enable or disable the sound function, navigate to **Menu** » **System** » **Sound**. Use the **up** or **down** arrow buttons to select the desired setting, and press **Enter** to save.

When the sound is disabled, any alarms sound will be overridden. Alarms will appear on the LCD display, but the alarm will not sound.

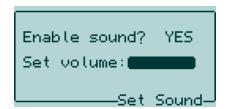


FIGURE 3.4.3 Setting the Volume

3.4.4 Alarm Delay

The alarm delay allows you to configure a set delay between the time when a timeline, and associated devices are activated, and when any alarm is enabled. This allows time for the devices associated with the timeline to begin working, and the environmental variables to stabilize before an alarm is sounded.



FIGURE 3.4.4 Setting an Alarm Delay

NOTE: The alarm delay is only applied to TimeLine operated alarms. It has no effect for alarms set to Always.

For example, a system with a pump and water level meter has an alarm set for the when water level is below the meter. There is a physical delay between when the pump starts to operate and when the actual water level rises. If the alarm is set to the same timeline as the pump, it will be operated immediately.

Setting an alarm delay can prevent the alarm sounding before the pump has a chance to take effect. To set an alarm delay, navigate to **Menu** » **System** » **Alarm Delay.** Use the **up** or **down** arrows to select the number of seconds delay, and press **Enter** to save.

3.4.5 Power Force

The Power Force option, when set to yes, allows you to force any particular Power Entity to ON, OFF or AUTO. To enable or disable manual power force, navigate to **Menu** » **System** » **Power Force.** Use the **Up** or **Down** arrows to select the desired setting and press **Enter** to save. Press **Exit** to return to the main menu.

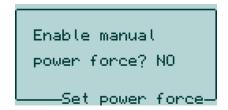


FIGURE 3.4.5.1 Enabling Manual Power Force

When Power Force is enabled, press **Power** to access the Power Entity overview dialog, where you are now able to manually toggle each individual Power Entity ON, OFF or AUTO.

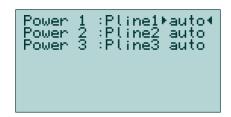


FIGURE 3.4.5.2 Setting the Manual Power Force

NOTE: Forced Power Entity will override other Power Entities with the same power output.

3.4.6 Alarms on Power

To enable or disable alarms on power lines, navigate to **Menu** » **System** » **Alarms on Power.** Use the **Up** or **Down** arrow buttons to select yes or no, and press **Enter** to save.



FIGURE 3.4.6 Enabling Alarms on Power lines



3.4.7 Set Defaults

To restore the iFarm controller to factory default settings, navigate to **Menu** » **System** » **Set Defaults.** Use the **Up** or **Down** arrow buttons to select yes or no, and press **Enter** to save. The LCD will show Done! when complete.



FIGURE 3.4.7 Resetting all Default Settings

3.4.8 System Info

To view the iFarm controller system information, navigate to **Menu** » **System** » **System Info.** This screen displays the controller version, Firmware version, FreeRTOS version, and unit Serial Number.



FIGURE 3.4.8 System Information Screen

4. eUnits

eUnits states for "external units" and can be one of three types:

- 1. Sensing unit. The sensing unit may include a builtin sensor (Humi, aLight e.t.c), or external probes (PH, TDS e.t.c). The eUnit conected to extenal probe called adaptor eUnit.
- 2. Power unit. The power unit controls external power devices and isolated from the operated voltage. It also senses the output so if there is no demanded voltage on the output, you'll get a notification (or Alarm can be operated). The Power eUnits are available in different voltage ranges 12VDC, 24VDC, 24VAC and 110VAC.
- 3. Communication unit. These unit provides wireless communication WIFI, GPRS and Wireless extension modules. Also there are two special communication modules hub and extender. Both are used for increase connection wire length. WIFI and GPRS module also have log memory for stand alone logging





Once an eUnit is plugged in to the iFarm controller through a port on the top of the controller, the eUnit can be controlled by the iFarm. Sensor eUnits are configured by navigating to **Menu** » **eUnits**.

To edit an eUnit's settings, press the **Enter** button, and then use the **Up** or **Down** arrow buttons to navigate to eUnits. In this menu you can configure, calibrate, reset defaults, or view the eUnit info.

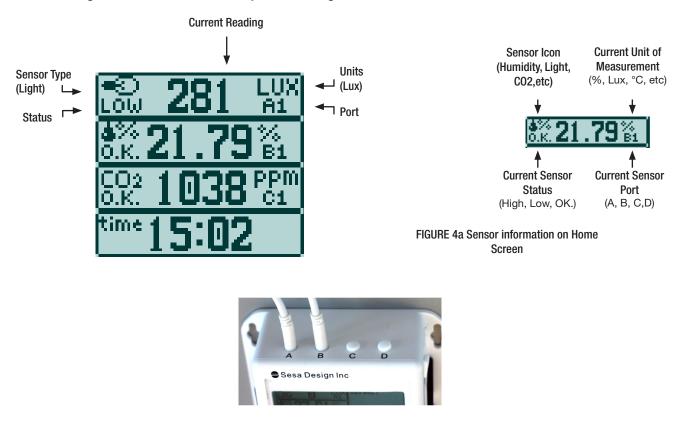


FIGURE 4b Sensor eUnits ports on the top of the iFarm controller

NOTE: Each different eUnit has different available parameters for configuration and calibration.

4.1 Configuring eUnits

To configure an eUnit, select **Configure eUnit** from the eUnit menu by pressing the **Enter** button, and then use the **Up** or **Down** arrow buttons to navigate to the desired eUnit. Only available eUnits will be listed, and if there are no available units, the screen will display No units to configure! Configuration options will differ depending on the type of eUnit.

NOTE: Please refer to eUnit's datasheet for detailed operation description.

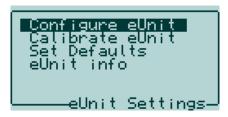


FIGURE 4.1 eUnits Menu

4.1.1 Light Sensor eUnit



FIGURE 4.1.1 Light Sensor Configuration

For example, if the eUnit is a light sensor, the units can be set to Lux or Kilo Lux, and the numbers of samples required to report a setting can be set. Once you have configured the settings, press the **Enter** button to save them.

The screen will show **Done!** once the setting has been successfully changed.



4.1.2 Temperature Sensor eUnit



FIGURE 4.1.2 Temperature Sensor Configuration

For the eUnit Temperature sensor, the units can be changed from Celsius to Fahrenheit.

There is also a Heater Feature which can be set to On or Off. The Heater setting should be used with Extreme Caution. It is designed to heat up the temperature sensor to remove any excess moisture from the sensor, but using it will result in inaccurate temperature readings, as the heater heats up the sensor itself. The Heater should be used for specific periods of time, and turned off when not needed. Once the settings have been configured press **Enter** to save them.

The screen will show Done! once the setting has been successfully changed. When the heater is on, an icon appears on the home screen.

4.2 Calibrating eUnits

Some sensor eUnits may require calibration. As an example the ${\rm CO_2}$ sensor can be calibrated to either 400PPM or 0PPM. Each sensor will have a different calibration process. Follow the sensor eUnit manual to perform a calibration procedure.

NOTE: Please refer to eUnit's datasheet for detailed operation description.

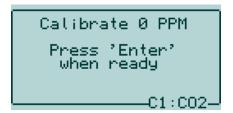


FIGURE 4.2.1 Calibrating a CO₂ Sensor

If there are no units that are able to be calibrated, you will see a No units to calibrate dialog screen.

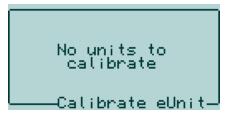


FIGURE 4.2.2 No Units to Calibrate Screen

4.2.1 Resetting the Defaults

Navigate to **Menu** » **eUnits** » **Set Defaults**. Select the eUnit you want to reset and press **Enter**. Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to select yes or no, and press **Enter** to reset the sensor to its factory defaults.

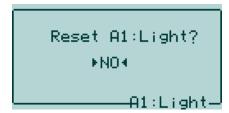


FIGURE 4.2.3 Reset eUnit Defaults Screen

4.2.2 eUnit Info

Navigate to **Menu** » **eUnits** » **eUnit info** and then select an eUnit. The screen will display which port the eUnit is plugged in to, the version, whether the eUnit is able to be calibrated, if the eUnit can be configured, and the eUnit status.



FIGURE 4.2.4 eUnit Information Screen

5. Power

5.1 Setting Power

The iFarm is equipped with eight programmable power settings (Power Entities) to control external power devices. To reach the Power entity configuration page navigate to **Menu** » **iFarm** » **Set Power**.

A power port can be one of the four built-in PLines or other connected external power eUnits.

As an example we will be setting Power 1 to control a lamp based on light sensor settings.

1. To Set Power navigate to Menu » iFarm » Set Power.

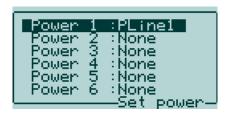


FIGURE 5.1.1 Set Power 1 to PLine 1

- **2.** Using the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons on the front of the iFarm device, highlight **Power 1: None**. Press the **Enter** button.
- **3.** Using the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons, scroll through the options and **Select PLine 1** (where our lamp is plugged in) as the Power Out and press the **Enter** button to enter the Power Configuration dialog.

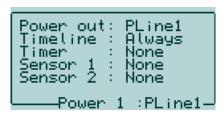


FIGURE 5.1.2 Power Configuration Dialog

- **4.** Using the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons on the iFarm device, scroll through the available PLines to choose **PLine1**, where we connected our light source. Press the **Enter** button to confirm and move the cursor to the Timeline option.
- **5.** Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to Select Always and press the **Enter** button to confirm and move the cursor to the Timer option.
- 6. Leave the Timer at 0 00 to disable a timer for the Power Unit.
- 7. Once you have set the timer, press the **Enter** button to move to the Sensor 1 settings.



8. Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to scroll through the available sensor units. Only those units plugged into the iFarm are available to choose. Once a sensor is selected, the parameters specific to the selected sensor will appear. For this example, **Select A1:Light**.

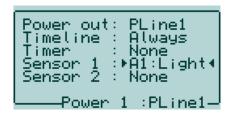


FIGURE 5.1.3 Selecting PLine Sensor 1

9. Adjust the sensor to the desired parameters and press the **Enter** button to save your selection.

```
Power out: PLine1
Timeline : Always
Timer : None
A1:Light⊧<401 50 Lux
Sensor 2 : None
Power 1 :PLine1—
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FIGURE 5.1.4 Setting Sensor 1 (light) parameters

10. A **Done!** message on the iFarm controller screen indicates that your Power settings have been saved successfully.

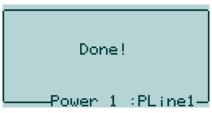


FIGURE 5.1.5 Settings Saved

6. Alarms

6.1 Setting Alarms

The iFarm is equipped with eight programmable alarm settings, to help communicate important events to you. To reach the Alarm configuration page navigate to **Menu** » **iFarm** » **Set Alarms**.

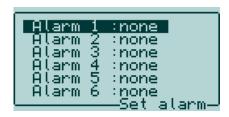


FIGURE 6.1.1 Set Alarms Menu

Alarms are grouped in sets of two, to create four priority settings. Each priority level is differentiated by different screen lighting and increased alarm sound intensity. Alarm 1 and Alarm 2 indicate the lowest priority level, and Alarm 7 and Alarm 8 represent the highest priority level. Priority level also indicates the order in which alarms will be shown, with the highest priority (Alarm 7 and Alarm 8) being shown first.

As an example we will be setting Alarm 1 to provide an alert if the light drops below 150 Lux.

- 1. Select Alarm 1 from the Set Alarms menu.
- 2. Set the timing to Always and press **Enter** to save.



FIGURE 6.1.2 Set Alarm Timing

For each alarm, the timing can be set to Always, so that the alarm will respond any time the parameters are exceeded, or the timing can be assigned a specific timeline, so the alarm only responds when the corresponding timeline is active.

The cursor will automatically move to the next option, which allows you to choose the sensor eUnit that will provide the information that we will use to trigger the Alarm.

- **3.** Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to navigate to the A1: Light eUnit and press **Enter** to save. Once a sensor is selected its specific parameters will be displayed.
- **4.** Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to navigate between the equal, greater than, or less than symbols, and press the **Enter** button to select less than.



5. Adjust the lux amount to 150 Lux and press the **Enter** button to save your selection.



FIGURE 6.1.3 Set Alarms Parameters

6. Set the sound to ON and press **Enter** to save. Even if the sound is turned off, the LCD screen display backlight will change colour to indicate an alarm and the display will also show an alarm icon, with the details of which port and eUnit are causing the alarm.

NOTE: The Alarm sound will stop when any key is pressed. To disable an Alarm, set the sensor to None.

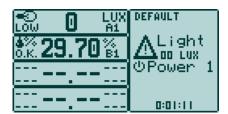


FIGURE 6.1.4 Alarm Notification on Home Screen

7. Timelines

To get optimal results, the iFarm controller can be programmed with specific conditions for individual growth stages and sequenced profiles for full growth plans. The basis of this approach is the creation and use of Timelines.

A Timeline is a series of time based intervals that can be used to control specific external devices in conjunction with eUnit sensors. There are 8 configurable time lines available.

7.1 Creating a Timeline

1. Navigate to Menu » iFarm » Set Timeline.



FIGURE 7.1.1 Set TimeLine Menu

- 2. Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to choose which timeline you'd like to edit (# 1-8 available).
- 3. Select Use Preset yes/no.

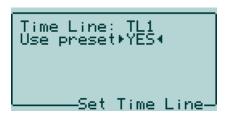


FIGURE 7.1.2 Select Timeline Preset

4. Select Preset if applicable (None, Pulse, Flip, Always On, Always Off).

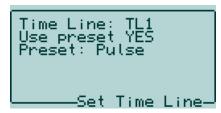


FIGURE 7.1.3 Select Preset Type

None: Use manual setting, or if no manual settings entered, return to the previous option.

Pulse: Pulse Power On and Off with configurable timing (periods of off time can still be set manually).

Flip: Flip power on and off for equal amounts of time (periods of on time can still be set manually).



Always On: Power is always on (periods of off time can still be set manually).

Always Off: Power is always off (periods of on time can still be set manually).

5. Set **Period** and **Duration** if Pulse or Flip preset is selected.

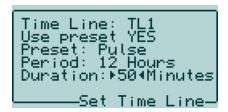
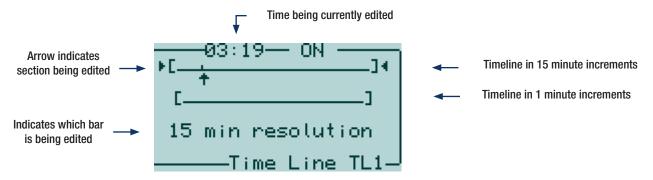


FIGURE 7.1.4 Set Preset Parameters

The Timeline screen shows two bars, and a cursor indicating which is currently selected. The top bar represents a 15 minute timeline, and the bottom bar represents 1 minute increments.



6. Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to select which bar you want to edit, and press **Enter** to select.

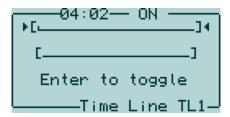


FIGURE 7.1.5 Editing the Time Line

7. Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons move the cursor left and right across the timeline bar. The time currently being affected is displayed at the top center of the LCD.

8. Press **Enter** to change the status to on or off. Periods when the power is on are indicated by a solid block. Both **Enter** and **Left/Right** buttons can be pressed simultaneuosly to allow for faster editing.



FIGURE 7.1.6 On periods Indicated by Blocks

9. Press Exit once complete, and press Enter to save the Time Line when prompted.

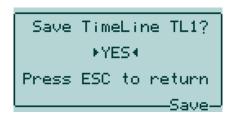


FIGURE 7.1.7 Saving a TimeLine

8. Profiles

The iFarm is designed to make the transition from one crop or growing configuration easy with its ability to create, save, and enable Profiles.

A Profile is simply a collection of settings for your eUnit sensors, Alarms, system settings and external devices. Once you have configured all connected devices and sensors, and set any specific alarms or interactions navigate to the profiles menu (**Menu** » **Profiles**) via the main navigation buttons.



FIGURE 8.1 Profiles Menu

8.1 Set Active Profile

Use this to select a pre-saved Profile, and load its settings. Every setting made on the iFarm is automatically stored in the "Active" profile. This profile is displayed on the top of the event log.

8.2 Start New Profile

Use this to create a new profile within the iFarm. **Select Start new profile** and press the **Enter** button to enter the submenu.



FIGURE 8.2 Start New Profile

Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to move to an open slot and press **Enter** to save. A new Profile will be created, numbered with the number of the slot you used to create it. There will be no data or settings in the new profile until you configure the device and save the settings to your new profile.

NOTE: Start New Profile can be used as a fast reset to the current profile - just save it to the active profile (marked with an asterisk).

8.3 Save Profile

Once you have configured the iFarm with your settings, you may save this setup to a Profile for use later. Simply select **Save Profile** and navigate to the slot you wish to use for these settings. Press the **Enter** button to save.



FIGURE 8.3.1 Choose New Profile Slot

If the Profile slot you are using to save is not empty, a warning dialog will appear. Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to **select Yes** to save your profile.



FIGURE 8.3.2 Overwrite Existing Profile

8.4 Delete Profile

If you have old Profiles that are no longer needed, you can delete them using the Delete Profile function. Navigate to the profile you wish to delete and press the **Enter** button to Delete. You will be presented with a confirmation dialog. You are not able to delete the current active Profile in the iFarm.



9. Grow Plans

9.1 Creating a Grow Plan

As you become more familiar with the operation of the iFarm you are able to combine profiles and associated timelines to Grow Plans. Grow plans allow you to assign specific profiles to stages of your growing cycle.

For example, the first two weeks of a particular cycle may require more light and less humidity, while the subsequent 3 weeks require less light and more humidity. Using profiles that take eUnit sensor data and operate your climate control systems to create ideal growing conditions mean the iFarm can independently maximize the efficiency and results you see.

You must configure your Profiles and any associated Timelines prior to creating a Grow Plan.

1. To begin the Navigate to Menu » Grow Plan.



FIGURE 9.1.1 Grow Plan Menu

- **2.** You will see the main Grow Plan dialog. Press **Enter**, and use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to enable a Grow Plan.
- **3.** The Repeat option allows you to set whether the Grow Plan will repeat at the end of its duration, or not. To toggle press **Enter**, and use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to choose Yes or No. If Repeat is not enabled, settings will change to Idle state when the Grow Plan is completed.

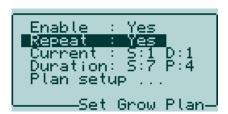


FIGURE 9.1.2 Select Grow Plan Settings

4. Current allows you to set the current stage and day of the Grow Plan. This is useful if you are integrating the iFarm in the middle of a growing cycle.

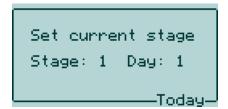


FIGURE 9.1.3 Set Grow Plan Stage

- **S** = Current Stage
- **D** = Current Day within the Current Stage
- **5. Duration** allows you to configure the overall duration of both stages and the overall Grow Plan. Setting a Stage duration will apply to all stages within the plan. The Plan duration will be display as weeks when the Stage length is set to 7 days, and months when over 27 Days.

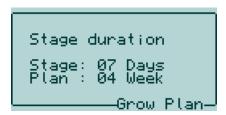


FIGURE 9.1.4 Set Grow Plan Stage Duration

- **S** = Number of Stages within the Plan
- **P** = Duration of each Stage within the Plan
- **6.** Once you have configured your plan you can associate profiles with the stages you defined in the previous stage.



FIGURE 9.1.5 Set Profile for each Stage

- 7. Select Plan Setup from the Grow Plan menu.
- **8.** Using the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons and the **Enter** button to select a specific profile, assign one of your user created profiles to each stage of the grow plan.
- **9.** When a Grow Plan is enabled it will be displayed on the main screen of the iFarm and include what Profile is currently active, and what Stage/Day the Grow Plan is in.



FIGURE 9.1.6 Home Screen Displays Current Stage and Day of Grow Plan

NOTE: If no "Repeat" is enabled, the "Idle" stage will be entered.

9.2 Grow Plan Menu Overview

MENU ITEM	OPTIONS	FUNCTION
Enable grow plan? ▶YES∢ ———Set Grow Plan—	Yes/No	Enable or Disable a growth plan
REPEAT	Yes/No	Choose whether to repeat a growth plan
Set current stage Stage: 1 Day: 1 —Today	Stage	Select the current stage of the growth plan (Stage 1-4))
	Day	Select the current day of the growth plan (Day 1-7)
DURATION	Stage	Select how long the current stage will last (1-31 Days)
Week 1 :Default Week 2 :None Week 3 :None Week 4 :None Idle :None Grow Plan	Plan	Select the duration of the current plan (1-16 Weeks/Stages)
	Week 1-4	Select a profile for each week of the plan
	Idle	Select a profile for Idle status



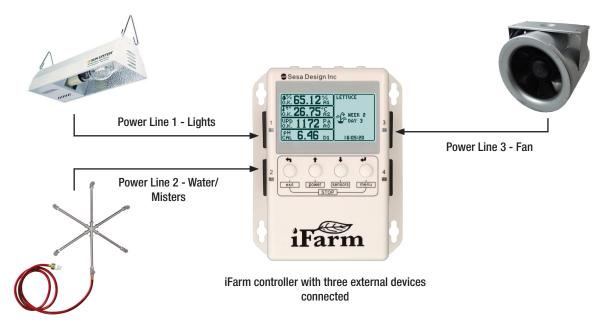
Appendix 1. Quick Start

To illustrate a quick setup of the iFarm, we are going to use a sample scenario showing how to set up the iFarm to control a lamp, a fan, and a mister, using sample settings.

A1.1 Unit Configuration

The iFarm is a powerful command and control device, and is capable of virtually endless configurations. In order to clearly explain basic functionality and programming steps we will use the following configuration in this quick setup section.

For the purpose of this scenario, we will be connecting a lamp, a misting system, and a fan to the iFarm controller. Following the same basic steps outlined below you will be able to add virtually any external device that meets the power output requirements.



Adding other External Devices, and configuring multiple actions/reactions will follow the same process as described below. The iFarm is truly only limited by your imagination and available eUnit Sensors and External Devices.

A1.2 Connecting External Devices

Once the iFarm controller is securely mounted, connect the power cords to the appropriate power receptacle on the iFarm controller. These can include items such as lights, fans, water sources, and humidifiers.

- **1.** Plug the lamp or light source into Power Line 1 (PLine1). The lamp, pump, and fan can draw up to 3 Amps (330 watts or 110 volts) each.
- **2.** Plug the water pump or irrigation system into Power Line 2 (PLine 2).
- 3. Plug the fan into Power Line 3 (PLine3).

WARNING!

The power cord supplied with the iFarm controller is specifically designed to be used for high power output; if all four power outputs are being used, the iFarm must be plugged in with the supplied power cord. The iFarm controller can supply a maximum of 3 Amps to each external device.



A1.3 Connecting the eUnit Sensors

The iFarm controller has four ports for sensor eUnits, located on the top of the controller, These are labelled A, B, C, and D.



FIGURE A1.3.1 Sensor eUnits ports on the top of the iFarm controller

1. Remove the rubber plug from Port A and plug in the light sensor. Only remove the rubber plug from the ports that are in use.



2. Remove the rubber plug, and insert the Humidity sensor into Port B.



Sensor data is immediately shown on the iFarm controller home screen. This display can be configured to show the ports in a different order, or to show other information (such as current time or temperature). Please refer to Section 3.1 for more information on configuring the iFarm display.



FIGURE A1.3.2 iFarm controller screen with humidity sensor connected

A1.4 Configuring External Devices - Light Source

We now have three external devices connected to the iFarm, and two sensor eUnits. The sensor eUnits are the tools that allow the iFarm to understand its environment, and control the actions of any external devices.

To configure an external device, such as your light source, use the navigation buttons on the front of the iFarm to navigate to **Menu** » **iFarm** » **Set Power**.

To begin, we will be setting Power Line 1 (The power port we plugged the lamp into) to correspond to port A (The port we plugged the light sensor into).

Power entities are the tools used to program how any attached external devices are operated. You can associate multiple Power Entities and sensor eUnits to external devices connected through the integrated Power Lines.

When you first open the Set Power menu upon initial configuration of the iFarm, all Power settings will be set to "None", which means that no power is operated by this power entity.

1. Using the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons on the front of the iFarm device, highlight **Power 1: None**. Press the **Enter** button.



FIGURE A1.4.1 Set Power 1 to PLine 1

2. Using the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons, scroll through the options and Select **PLine 1** (this is where our lamp is plugged in) as the Power Out and press the **Enter** button to enter the Power 1 Configuration dialog.

NOTE: In order to disable a power enity, set power output to "None" and press enter.





FIGURE A1.4.2 Power Configuration Dialog

3. There are 5 options in the Power Configuration dialog:

Power out: Defines which Power Line is being targeted.

Timeline: Sets whether the following parameters are Always followed, or followed within the associated Timeline.

Timer: Controls the duration for power entity operation. Restarts every minute.

Sensor 1: Assigns a Sensor to the Power Entity, and allows you to configure Sensor parameters. **Sensor 2:** Assigns a secondary Sensor to the Power Entity, and allows you to configure Sensor parameters.

NOTE: If both sensors are assigned, both condidtions must be met in order to operate the power.

- **4.** Using the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons on the iFarm device, scroll through the available PLines to choose **PLine1**, where we connected our light source. Press the **Enter** button to confirm and move the blinking cursor to the **Timeline** option.
- **5.** Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to select **Always** and press the **Enter** button to confirm and move the blinking cursor to the Timer option.

NOTE: Choosing Always means that the PLine will always follow the parameters listed in the Timer, Sensor 1 and Sensor 2 settings. By default, no power (electricity) is routed to the device and the timer/sensor settings can modify that state.

The Timer setting will toggle the state of the connect external device OFF/ON or more specifically, No Power/Power according to the time set here. Time is configured as 0:00 where it stands for minutes and seconds. Set the Timer to 0 to disable timer options for this Power Entity.

NOTE: If sensors are assigned, the power output will be operated according to the sensors during the timer period. Otherwise the power will be ON for the period set by the timer.

6. Once you have set your timer, press the **Enter** button to move to the Sensor 1 settings.

7. Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to scroll through the available Sensor units. Only those units plugged into the iFarm are available to choose. Select **A1: Light** using the **Up** and **Down** arrows and press the **Enter** button to save. The parameters available for the light sensor will appear.

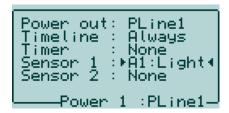


FIGURE A1.4.3 Selecting PLine Sensor 1

NOTE: Only available sensor options will be shown. If no sensor is plugged in, no options will be available.

For this test we want the PLine1 (the lamp) to be turned on whenever the Light Sensor detects the ambient light to be below 150 Lux.

- **8.** Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to navigate between the equal, greater than, or less than symbols, and press the **Enter** button to select **less than**.
- 9. Adjust the lux amount to 01 50 Lux and press the Enter button to save your selection.

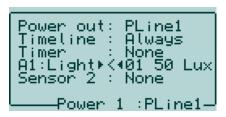


FIGURE A1.4.4 Setting Sensor 1 (light) parameters

NOTE: The iFarm controller will automatically recognize the appropriate units for each sensor. If the sensor units in the Power Entity do not correspond to the units in the iFarm settings a warning message will appear, and the power will not be operated.

10. A **Done!** message on the iFarm controller screen indicates that your settings have been saved successfully.

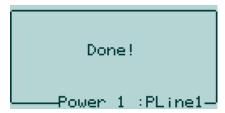


FIGURE A1.4.5 Settings Saved

11. To test your setup, cover the Light Sensor with your hand, which should automatically turn on your lamp.

NOTE: If a sensor eUnit is unplugged while assigned to a Power Entity, a warning alarm sound will occur, and a warning icon will appear on the controller home screen.

NOTE: You can configure multiple Power Entities for a single power output.

There may be cases when you want to control different device behaviors based on environmental variables.

A1.5 Configuring External Devices - Humidity Sensor

Now that you have your light sensor configured and the lamp scheduled to turn on when needed, we will configure the Humidity sensor and associated devices next.



FIGURE A1.5.1.1 Humidity Sensor

A1.5.1 Humidity

To configure the water system use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons on the front of the iFarm to navigate to **Menu** » **iFarm** » **Set Power**.

We will now be setting Power Line 2 (The power port we plugged the our Water System into) to correspond to sensor Port B (The port we plugged the Humidity sensor into).

- **1.** Using the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons on the front of the iFarm device, highlight **Power 2: None**. Press the **Enter** button.
- **2.** Using the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons, scroll through the options and Select **PLine 2** (this is where our water source is plugged in) as the Power Out and press the **Enter** button to enter the Power 2 Configuration dialog.



FIGURE A1.5.1.2 Power 2 Configuration Dialog

- **3.** Using the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons on the iFarm device, scroll through the available PLines to choose **PLine2**, where we connected our misting system. Press the **Enter** button to confirm and move the blinking cursor to the Timeline option.
- **4.** Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to select **Always** and press the **Enter** button to confirm and move the blinking cursor to the Timer option.

When the Timeline is set to Always, the external device will be turned on at consistent intervals according to the time interval you set in the Timer setting.

NOTE: Choosing Always means that the PLine will always follow the parameters listed in the Timer, Sensor 1 and Sensor 2 settings. If none of them set, the power output will constantly turned ON.

The Timer setting will toggle the state of the connect external device OFF/ON or more specifically, No Power/Power according to the time set here. Time is configured as 0:00 where it stands for Minutes and Seconds.

5. Set the Timer to 45 seconds by using the menu button to navigate between minutes and seconds, and using the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to select 45. This means the misting system will be turned on for 45 seconds once every minute. When the external device is active (ie. when the water source is turned on), the iFarm controller LCD screen backlight will flash green and the active Power entity(s) label will appear on the screen to indicate activity.



FIGURE A1.5.1.3 Setting Power 2 Timer

- **6.** Once you have set your timer, press the **Enter** button to move to the Sensor 1 settings.
- 7. Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to scroll through the available Sensor units. Only those Sensor eUnits plugged into the iFarm are available to be selected. You will see 4 available options, including the **A1:Light** Sensor we have already configured.

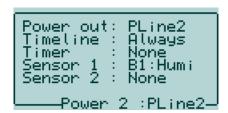


FIGURE A1.5.1.4 Selecting Humidity Sensor



NOTE: The Humi sensor eUnit reports Humidity, Temperature, and VPD. Temperature & Humidity are measured, while VPD is a calculated variable based on Temperature & Humidity. The Humidity measurement is temperature corrected.

The Humi sensor eUnit will provide you with 3 values: **B1:Humi**, **B2:Temp**, and **B3:VPD**.

8. Select B1: Humi using the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons and press the **Enter** button to save. The parameters available for the Humidity sensor will appear.

For this test we want the PLine2 (the misting system) to be turned on whenever the Humidity Sensor detects that the relative Humidity has dropped to be below 50% relative Humidity.

- **9.** Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to navigate between the equal, greater than, or less than symbols, and press the **Enter** button to select **less than**.
- **10.** Adjust the Humidity setting to 50.00% and press the **Enter** button to save your selection.
- **11.** There is no need to have an additional Sensor on this Power Entity so leave Sensor 2 set to None and press **Enter** to save your settings.



FIGURE A1.5.1.5 Setting Sensor 1 Parameters

12. A **Done!** message on the iFarm controller screen indicates that your settings have been saved successfully.

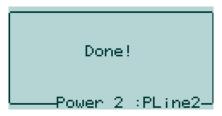


FIGURE A1.5.1.6 Settings Saved

NOTE: If the eUnit status changed during the setup process (i.e. sensor eUnit was removed), the conditions pending on the removed sensor will be voided.

A1.5.2 Temperature

To configure the fan or air circulation system use the navigation buttons on the front of the iFarm to navigate to **Menu** » **iFarm** » **Set Power**.

We will now be setting Power Line 3 (The power port we plugged the our fan into) to correspond to sensor port B (The port we plugged the Humidity sensor into).

1. Using the **Up** and **Down** arrows on the front of the iFarm device, highlight **Power 3: None**. Press the **Enter** button.

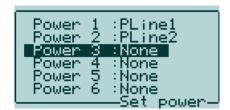


FIGURE A1.5.2.1 Setting Power 3

- **2.** Using the **Up** and **Down** arrows, scroll through the options and Select **PLine 3** (this is where our Fan System is plugged in) as the Power Out and press the **Enter** button to enter the Power 3 Configuration dialog.
- **3.** Using the **Up** and **Down** arrows on the iFarm device, scroll through the available PLines to choose **PLine3**, where we connected our fan system. Press the **Enter** button to confirm and move the blinking cursor to the Timeline option.
- **4.** Use the **Up** and **Down** arrows to select **Always** and press the **Enter** button to confirm and move the blinking cursor to the Timer option.

When the Timeline is set to Always, the External Device will be turned on at consistent intervals according to the time interval you set in the Timer setting.

The Timer setting will toggle the state of the connect external device OFF/ON or more specifically, No Power/Power according to the time set here. Time is configured as 0:00 where it stands for Minutes and Seconds.

5. Leave the Timer at 0 00 to set no timer for this PLine.

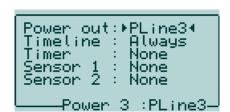


FIGURE A1.5.2.2 Setting Power 3 Timeline and Timer

- **6.** Once you have selected your time, press the **Enter** button to move to the Sensor 1 settings.
- 7. Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to scroll through the available Sensor units. (Only those Sensor eUnits plugged into the iFarm are available to be selected.) You will see 4 available options, including the **A1:Light** Sensor we have already configured.

The Humi sensor eUnit will provide you with 3 values: **B1:Humi**, **B2:Temp**, and **B3:VPD**.



8. Select **B2: TEMP** using the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons and press the **Enter** button to save. The parameters available for the Temperature sensor will appear.

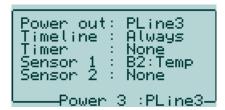


FIGURE A1.5.2.3 Selecting Temperature Sensor

For this test we want the PLine3 (the Fan system) to be turned on whenever the Temperature Sensor detects that the relative temperature has risen above 25° Celcius.

- **9.** Use the **Up** and **Down** arrow buttons to navigate between the equal, greater than, or less than symbols, and press the **Enter** button to select **greater than**.
- **10.** Adjust the Temperature setting to 25.00°C and press the **Enter** button to save your selection.

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Power out: PLine3
Timeline : Always
Timer : None
B2:Temp > 25.00 C
Sensor 2 : None
Power 3 :PLine3-
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FIGURE A1.5.2.4 Setting Temperature Sensor Parameters

- **11.** There is no need to have an additional sensor on this Power Entity so leave Sensor 2 set to None and press **Enter** to save your settings.
- **12.** A Done! message on the iFarm controller screen indicates that your settings have been saved successfully.

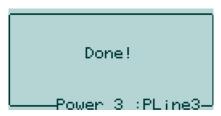


FIGURE A1.5.2.5 Settings Saved

We now have 3 devices connected to our iFarm controller and have configured 3 sensors that will ensure that the light never drops below 150 Lux, the humidity never drops below 50% and the temperature never rises above 25° Celcius.

The process for adding additional devices and sensors will always follow the same pattern as described above, with the main difference being the available settings on the sensors you are using, and the choices you make in terms of external device activation.

Appendix 2. System Warnings

The system warnings are generated when there is a inconsistency between the iFarm controller settings and the actual eUnit connected to the device.

NOTE: When system warning is displayed, the affected eUnit is inactive until the issue is resolved.

A2.1 List of Warnings - setting mismatch

SCREENSHOT	WARNING	DESCRIPTION
233 LUX DEFAULT LOW 233 LUX PEFAULT SPOWER 2	S <u>//</u> Power / Alarm	Sensor Warning This warning indicates the sensor associated with a Power Entity / Alarm is not reading correctly or not connected. Double check your connections and/or the placement of your sensors. Only connecting the right sensor to the right port will remove the warning; connecting a different sensor to the port will not remove the warning. This warning is also generated for Alarms.
0.23 KLX DEFAULT 0.23 KLX 0.24 Power 1	U <u>^</u> Power / Alaram	Unit Warning This warning indicates the measurement units for a eUnit sensor assigned to the listed Power Entity / Alarm do not match the measurement units as set in the eUnit's configuration. The Units are set automatically according to current eUnit's setting. There are two ways to fix it - either change the measurement units of the eUnit or reassign the entity (power or alarm). This warning is generated for Power and Alarms.
0.23 KLW DEFAULT 6K. 29.74 %1 PPower 1	P <u>()</u> Power	Power Warning This warning indicates there is no valid power eUnit connected, in the case where an external device has been connected to the iFarm via one of the Input Ports, using a Power eUnit, and it has been disconnected. Reconnect the external Power eUnit to clear the warning.



Appendix 2. System Warnings (continued)

A2.2 List of Warnings - power override

SCREENSHOT	WARNING	DESCRIPTION
© 0.23 KLX DEFAULT 6.K. 29.74 %1 GPower 1	Power Forced ON	Power entity is always on This warning indicates the power entity is forced to ON state in Power menu. This state will override other settings for selected power output. The warning will dismissed when the Power Entity set to "auto" in power menu.
© 0.23 KLX DEFAULT AT AT SEPONDER 1	Power Forced OFF	Power entity is always off This warning indicates the power entity is forced to OFF state in Power menu. This state will override other settings for selected power output. The warning will dismissed when the Power Entity set to "auto" in power menu.

Appendix 3. Software / Firmware

Software

iFarmCommander - iFarm command centre. Please visit www.sesadesign.com/ifarm for more information.

Firmware

iFarm firmware is based on FreeRTOS (www.freertos.org) and can be upgraded by iFarmCommander software.

Please refer iFarmCommander user manual for upgrade instructions.

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