## 1. What is a sensor network?

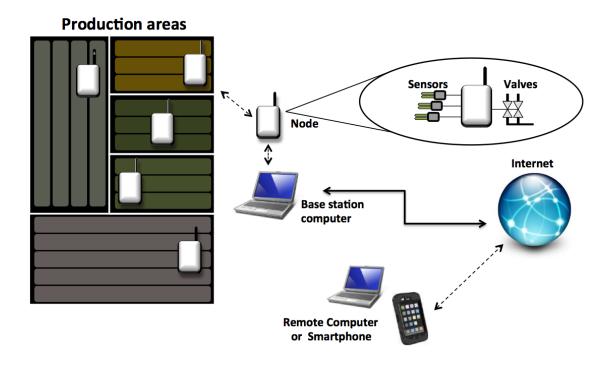


Figure 1. Overview of a wireless sensor network that depicts components and the flow of information (data) from the sensor to the node, then to the base station computer, then to the Internet and last to any web-enabled computers or mobile devices. Wireless transmissions are depicted by dashed lines and wired connections are depicted by solid lines.