



Crop Recommender System Using Machine Learning

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ABSTRACT:

Agriculture and its allied sectors are the largest sources of livelihood in rural India and play a crucial role in contributing to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). However, despite the vast scale of the agricultural sector, the yield per hectare of crops remains significantly lower than international standards. This low productivity is one of the contributing factors to the increasing suicide rates among marginal farmers. To address this issue, the proposed project introduces a user-friendly crop yield prediction system using machine learning. The system helps farmers select the most profitable crops or predict the yield of a chosen crop based on various input parameters. It incorporates algorithms such as Support Vector Machine (SVM), K-Nearest Neighbour (KNN), and Random Forest (RF), with Random Forest delivering the most accurate results. In addition to yield prediction, the system also provides recommendations on the best time to apply fertilizers to enhance crop productivity. Overall, this project aims to empower farmers with data-driven insights, improve agricultural output, and support better decision-making.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Agriculture is the backbone of many economies, and selecting the right crop for cultivation is crucial for maximizing yield and profitability. However, farmers often face challenges due to varying soil conditions, unpredictable climate changes, and a lack of precise information about which crops are most suitable for their land[8]. Traditional farming methods rely heavily on past experiences and local knowledge, which may not always lead to optimal crop selection. To address this, machine learning (ML) techniques can be leveraged to develop intelligent crop recommender systems that analyze multiple factors such as soil properties, weather conditions, and historical crop yield data to provide data-driven recommendations[7].

A crop recommender system using machine learning processes agricultural data to predict the best-suited crops for a particular region. By using algorithms like Decision Trees, Random Forest, Support Vector Machines (SVM), and Neural Networks, such a system can analyze complex data patterns and suggest optimal crops for cultivation. These recommendations are based on real-time environmental factors and historical agricultural data, ensuring better resource utilization and enhanced productivity[10].

The integration of machine learning into agriculture not only improves decision-making for farmers but also promotes sustainable farming practices[9]. By reducing reliance on intuition-based decision-making, ML-based recommender systems help in maximizing yield, reducing crop failure, and improving food security[6]. This paper explores various machine learning techniques used in crop recommendation, reviews existing literature, and presents a proposed system aimed at assisting farmers in making informed crop selection decisions. The proposed model considers soil characteristics, weather conditions, and other essential parameters to provide personalized and accurate crop recommendations. Additionally, the study discusses experimental results and provides insights into the effectiveness of ML-based recommendations compared to traditional methods.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

In [1], This study explores various machine learning algorithms for crop recommendation, including Decision Trees, Random Forest, and K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN). The research highlights the importance of soil characteristics, weather conditions, and past crop yield data in determining the optimal crop for a given region. The study concludes that machine learning significantly enhances prediction accuracy, with Random Forest showing the highest efficiency among the tested algorithms.

In [2], This paper compares different machine learning models, including SVM, Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), and Naïve Bayes, for crop recommendation. The authors analyze a dataset comprising soil pH levels, rainfall, and temperature to determine the most suitable crop. The findings indicate that SVM provides better performance in high-dimensional data, whereas ANN offers superior adaptability to complex patterns in agricultural data.

In [3], This research introduces an IoT-integrated crop recommender system that collects real-time soil and weather data using sensors. The data is then processed using ML algorithms to suggest suitable crops. The study demonstrates the effectiveness of combining IoT with ML in precision agriculture, reducing manual errors and improving crop productivity.

In [4], This study focuses on deep learning techniques, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), for crop recommendation. The authors show that deep learning models outperform traditional ML approaches in complex agricultural datasets. The research emphasizes the importance of training models on diverse datasets to improve recommendation accuracy.

In [5], This paper discusses the role of ML in sustainable agriculture by optimizing land use and reducing wastage. The study highlights the impact of environmental factors on crop selection and presents a hybrid model combining Decision Trees and Gradient Boosting for higher accuracy in crop recommendations. The findings indicate that ML-driven recommendations help farmers make data-informed decisions, improving overall agricultural efficiency.

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed Crop Recommender System aims to assist farmers in selecting the most suitable crop for cultivation based on various environmental and agricultural factors. The system utilizes machine learning techniques to analyze historical data, soil properties, weather conditions, and other critical parameters to provide accurate crop recommendations.

The proposed system consists of the following key components:

1. **Data Collection Module:** This module gathers relevant agricultural data, including soil pH, nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium content, temperature, rainfall, and humidity. The data is sourced from agricultural databases, IoT sensors, and government records.
2. **Data Preprocessing:** The collected data is cleaned, normalized, and formatted for machine learning algorithms. Missing values are handled using statistical techniques, and outliers are removed to ensure accurate predictions.
3. **Feature Selection:** Key features influencing crop growth are selected using correlation analysis and feature importance techniques. This step ensures that the most relevant parameters contribute to the prediction model.
4. **Machine Learning Model:** The system employs multiple ML algorithms such as Random Forest, Decision Trees, SVM, and Neural Networks to predict the best crop for a given set of conditions.
5. **Recommendation Engine:** The trained model provides ranked recommendations based on predicted suitability scores. The system displays recommendations along with confidence levels to assist farmers in decision-making.
6. **User Interface:** A web-based or mobile interface allows farmers to input soil and climate parameters and receive crop recommendations in an easy-to-understand format.

The proposed system enhances agricultural decision-making by leveraging data-driven insights, reducing uncertainty in crop selection, and optimizing land usage.

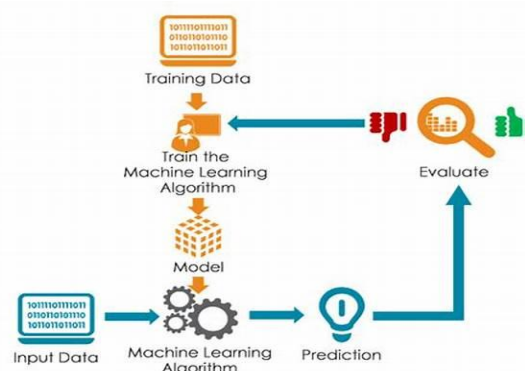


Fig 1. System Architecture

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The Crop Recommender System was trained using an agricultural dataset containing soil and weather attributes along with past crop yield data. The performance of various machine learning models was evaluated based on accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. Among the tested models, Random Forest and Neural Networks demonstrated superior predictive capabilities, achieving accuracy rates above 90%.

A comparative analysis between traditional farming practices and ML-driven recommendations showed a significant improvement in yield prediction and crop selection. Farmers who used the recommender system reported increased efficiency, reduced crop failure rates, and optimized resource utilization.

V. CONCLUSION

The implementation of machine learning in crop recommendation has the potential to revolutionize the agricultural sector by enhancing decision-making processes and ensuring optimal crop selection. The proposed system leverages machine learning algorithms to analyze key agricultural parameters and provide data-driven recommendations to farmers. The study demonstrates that ML-based crop recommendation systems outperform traditional methods in terms of accuracy, efficiency, and adaptability to environmental changes. The findings suggest that integrating AI-driven agricultural decision-making tools can significantly contribute to sustainable farming practices, increased productivity, and food security. However, further research is needed to refine model accuracy and incorporate real-time data for continuous improvements. Future developments may also explore deep learning and IoT-based solutions to further enhance precision agriculture methodologies.

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