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Crop Recommendation and Monitoring using AI

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Abstract: Agriculture is crucial for India's economy, with over 50% relying on it for survival. Climate and weather variations pose risks to agriculture's health. AI can monitor crops by using machine learning methods. Crop monitoring includes Crop Recommendation, Weed Detection, Plant Disease Detection, Yield Prediction. The models are trained with Image and numerical datasets. A website will be developed to monitor crops and provide solutions. The optimal crop can be suggested based on the surrounding conditions by analysing important variables like composition of Nitrogen, Phosphorous and Potassium in the soil, its pH value, humidity, and rainfall using various models namely Gaussian Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression, Gradient boosting, Ensemble which fall under the domain of Machine Learning. ANN can be used for crop yield prediction. Weed and Plant disease can be detected using ResNet which can be utilized for deep neural networks. The intent of this project is to help farmers choose suitable crops, differentiate crops from weeds, detect diseases, provide remedies to protect crop. It enables to improve yield and productivity, Enhanced sustainability, Increased Profitability.

Keywords: Gaussian Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression, Gradient boosting, Ensemble, ResNet9, ResNet50, ANN, Flask, CRMS.

I. INTRODUCTION

For both human survival and the Indian economy, agriculture is important. It is one of the main jobs that are necessary for human survival. It also makes a significant contribution to our daily lives. Getting the most crop output at the lowest possible cost is one of the objectives of agricultural production. Crop yield indicators can lead to increased production and profit if issues are identified early and managed. The growth of crops is affected due to parallel growth of weeds and diseases at various crop stages. Weeds are nothing but it grabs the nutrition from the sun and water and competes with the crop, and destroys the quality of cultivation.

The Crop Recommendation and Monitoring System (CRMS) emerges as a groundbreaking tool to address these challenges. CRMS is an integrated digital platform designed to assist farmers in making informed decisions regarding crop selection, cultivation practices, and resource management. This system leverages advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, and deep learning to provide timely and data-driven recommendations. Artificial Intelligence provides computational intelligence such that the machines can learn, understand, and respond according to varying situations. It can be used to improve crop yields by monitoring crop growth and identifying issues such as diseases and pest infestation. Significant advantages, such as better agricultural output, increased profitability, and enhanced sustainability, could result from the use of this technology. Nonetheless, it is critical to recognize that the system's performance may be impacted by several constraints, including contextual factors, local variability, and the availability and quality of data. However, the main objective is to utilize AI and machine learning's potential to transform the agriculture industry and contribute to food security and economic growth in India.

The use of AI and machine learning algorithms for crop monitoring is at the heart of these approaches, providing a data-driven response to the ever-changing problems the agriculture industry faces. Important elements of the research include early detection of plant illnesses, precise crop yield prediction, and crop and weed detection. The creation of machine learning models, such as ensemble models, Gradient Boosting, Logistic Regression and Gaussian Naive Bayes, is suggested to help achieve these goals. A comprehensive understanding of crop health and possible problems is made possible by the fact that these models are trained on both picture and numerical datasets. The study also analyses important variables that impact crop growth, such as pH levels, humidity, rainfall, and soil composition (nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium). These elements are essential for creating accurate crop recommendations, matching crop choices to environmental circumstances, and enhancing agricultural decision-making. Enhancing the project's capabilities is the incorporation of artificial neural networks (ANN) for agricultural yield prediction. Furthermore, for pixel-level detection of crops, weeds, and plant diseases, sophisticated image processing methods as ResNet are used. Because of this granular approach, the system can identify problems with a high degree of precision. The project involves creating a user-friendly website to help farmers and agricultural specialists understand these approaches.

This platform ensures full support and solutions by facilitating data input, offering real-time crop health monitoring, and connecting customers with agricultural professionals. This project's main objective is to assist farmers in making informed crop selections, identifying crops from weeds, recognising and treating plant illnesses, and gaining access to agricultural experts. The project hopes to increase crop output, sustainability, and overall profitability in the agriculture industry. These approaches have a lot of potential, but they also have certain drawbacks. It is known that there are difficulties with data availability and quality, contextual considerations, and local variability. For the system to be implemented successfully and to reach its maximum potential in supporting agricultural practices, several restrictions must be addressed.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Agriculture is the backbone of many economies, especially in countries like India, where a significant portion of the population relies on it for sustenance. However, the sector faces various challenges, including unpredictable climate patterns and the prevalence of diseases and pests. In recent years, there has been a growing interest in leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) techniques to address these challenges and optimize agricultural practices.

TABLE I
COMPARISION TABLE FOR MODEL PAPERS

Base paper	Model and accuracies	Our models and accuracies
[1]	KNN(96.36), DT(86.64), RF(97.18), XGBoost(95.62), SVM(87.38)	Naïve Bayes(99.09), Logistic regression(95.22), Gradient boosting(99.318)
[2]	MobileNet(96.31), SqueezeNet(95.05), NasNetMobile(95.09), MobileNetV2(94.59), ShuffleNet(91.50)	ResNet9(99.2)

A novel method for plant disease identification using picture texture analysis and tiny neural networks for Bayesian optimization is proposed by Restrepo-Arias et al. (2022)[1]. The goal of the project is to increase agricultural crop diseasedetection's efficacy and precision. The authors improve disease detection skills by using image texture attributes that are extracted from plant photos. In order to maximize the effectiveness of tiny neural networks for illness categorization, Bayesian optimization techniques are utilized. The outcomes of the experiments show how well the suggested method works to correctly identify different plant diseases, which enhances agricultural management techniques.

A cloud-enabled platform powered by machine learning algorithms for crop recommendation in precision farming is presented by Thilakarathne et al. (2022)[2]. In an effort to maximize farming methods and raise output, the platform uses sensor data and cloud computing to give farmers customized crop advice. The authors create a machine learning-based method for crop recommendation based on sensor data, including soil composition, climate, and past yield information. Farmers may now make decisions in real time by using scalable and effective processing of big agricultural datasets thanks to the implementation of a cloud-based architecture. The platform's ability to produce precise crop recommendations that are suited to certain agricultural conditions and requirements is demonstrated by the outcomes of experiments.

Marion (2020)[3] proposed a Machine Learning Based Predictive Farmland Optimization and Crop Monitoring System. This system utilizes ML algorithms to monitor crops, predict yields, and optimize farmland usage. By analysing various factors such as soil composition, weather conditions, and historical data, the system provides recommendations to farmers, enhancing productivity and sustainability.

Assous et al. (2023)[4] focused on developing a sustainable ML model to predict crop yield in Gulf countries. The study emphasized the importance of considering region-specific factors when building predictive models for agriculture. By incorporating data relevant to the Gulf region, such as soil properties and climate patterns, the model achieved accurate yield predictions, assisting farmers in making informed decisions.

Elbasi et al. (2023)[5] proposed a crop prediction model using ML algorithms. By analysing datasets containing information on soil nutrients, weather conditions, and agricultural practices, the model accurately predicted crop yields. The study highlighted the potential of ML in improving crop management practices and increasing agricultural productivity.

Ranjan et al. (2022)[6] explored various applications of artificial intelligence in soil and crop management. The study reviewed different AI techniques, including ML and image processing, and their potential impact on improving agricultural practices. By harnessing the power of AI, farmers can enhance decision-making processes and optimize resource utilization.

Weed detection is another crucial aspect of crop management, as weeds compete with crops for resources and can significantly reduce yields. Islam et al. (2021)[7] developed a weed detection system using image processing and ML techniques. By analysing images of chilli farms, the system accurately identified and localized weeds, enabling timely intervention by farmers.

Similarly, Vaidhehi and Malathy (2022)[8] proposed a model for weed and paddy detection using regional convolutional neural networks (R-CNN). By leveraging deep learning techniques, the model achieved high accuracy in detecting both weeds and paddy plants, facilitating targeted weed control measures.

Elbasi et al. (2022)[9] conducted a systematic literature review on the application of AI technology in the agricultural sector. The review highlighted the diverse range of AI techniques being employed, from ML algorithms for crop yield prediction to deep learning models for image-based plant disease detection. The study underscored the potential of AI in revolutionizing agricultural practices and addressing global food security challenges.

Finally, Van Klompenburg et al. (2020)[10] conducted a systematic literature review on crop yield prediction using ML techniques. The review synthesized findings from various studies and identified key factors influencing yield prediction accuracy, such as weather conditions, soil properties, and crop management practices. By analysing existing research, the study provided insights into the state-of-the-art in crop yield prediction and outlined future research directions.

Other machine learning models [19-40] are also referred and helped us to develop our proposed model to give solutions for the identified problem.

III. METHODOLOGIES

A. Crop Recommendation

The classification approach for applications involving binary classification is logistic regression. Logistic regression can be utilized in crop recommendation to forecast the likelihood of each crop being appropriate given the input features. Using a logistic function, it estimates the likelihood of the dependent variable (crop suitability) given the independent variables (environmental parameters).

Gradient Boosting is an ensemble learning method that builds a strong prediction model by combining several weak learners (decision trees). In order to fix the mistakes made by the earlier trees, it adds trees one after the other. Gradient boosting can be used in crop recommendation to forecast a crop's compatibility based on numerical features.

A probabilistic classification algorithm called Gaussian Naïve Bayes is predicated on the independence of features and the Bayes theorem. Gaussian Naïve Bayes can be used in crop recommendation to forecast the likelihood that each crop will be suitable in light of the numerical features. Based on the feature values, it determines the likelihood of each class and chooses the class with the highest probability.

B. Plant Disease Detection

For image classification applications, deep learning architectures like ResNet9 (Residual Neural Network) are frequently employed. ResNet9 is a nine-layer version of ResNet that works well for basic jobs and smaller datasets. ResNet9 can be used in disease detection to identify healthy and unhealthy plant pictures. From the input photos, the network learns to extract features and predict things based on those features. The ResNet9 model is trained on a dataset that includes pictures of both healthy and sick plants. To help with supervised learning, these photos have been appropriately labelled. The dataset is reflective of the range of illnesses that might impact crops and is diverse.

C. Weed Detection

ResNet50 is used for weed detection in a similar way to disease detection: it trains the network to identify whether or not photos contain weeds. This challenge is a good fit for the ResNet architecture because of its capacity to handle deep networks and extract complex information from photos. The weed detection model is trained using the dataset, which comprises of pictures of weeds. To ensure robustness, the dataset should include a variety of weed species and environmental circumstances.

D. Yield Prediction

ANN is a flexible machine learning model that draws inspiration from the composition and operations of the human brain. It is made up of interconnected nodes arranged in output, hidden, and input layers. ANNs can be used in yield prediction to forecast crop yields based on numerical characteristics including weather patterns, soil composition, and agricultural practices. The ANN model is trained using a dataset that contains numerical features relevant to crop yield prediction. A few examples of the variables included in this dataset are crop management techniques, sunlight, temperature, precipitation, and soil nutrients. Normalization and standardization are examples of data pre-treatment techniques that might be required to guarantee the ANN performs at its best.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

A. Crop Recommendation

We used a numerical dataset with features like N,P,K,temperature, humidity, Ph, rainfall (independent variables), crop name (dependent variable). The size of the dataset be 17600 with 2200 rows and 8 columns which have the total of 22 crops each crop of 100 rows. 80% of data used for training and 20% for testing.

	N	P	K	temperati	humidity	ph	rainfall	label
2	90	42	43	20.87974	82.00274	6.502985	202.9355	rice
3	85	58	41	21.77046	80.31964	7.038096	226.6555	rice
4	60	55	44	23.00446	82.32076	7.840207	263.9642	rice
5	74	35	40	26.4911	80.15836	6.980401	242.864	rice
6	78	42	42	20.13017	81.60487	7.628473	262.7173	rice
7	69	37	42	23.05805	83.37012	7.073454	251.055	rice
8	69	55	38	22.70884	82.63941	5.700806	271.3249	rice
9	94	53	40	20.27774	82.89409	5.718627	241.9742	rice
10	89	54	38	24.51588	83.53522	6.685346	230.4462	rice
11	68	58	38	23.22397	83.03323	6.336254	221.2092	rice
12	91	53	40	26.52724	81.41754	5.386168	264.6149	rice
13	90	46	42	23.97898	81.45062	7.502834	250.0832	rice
14	78	58	44	26.8008	80.88685	5.108682	284.4365	rice
15	93	56	36	24.01498	82.05687	6.984354	185.2773	rice
16	94	50	37	25.66585	80.66385	6.94802	209.587	rice
17	60	48	39	24.28209	80.30026	7.042299	231.0863	rice
18	85	38	41	21.58712	82.78837	6.249051	276.6552	rice
19	91	35	39	23.79392	80.41818	6.97086	206.2612	rice
20	77	38	36	21.86525	80.1923	5.953933	224.555	rice
21	88	35	40	23.57944	83.5876	5.853932	291.2987	rice
22	89	45	36	21.32504	80.47476	6.442475	185.4975	rice
23	76	40	43	25.15746	83.11713	5.070176	231.3843	rice

Fig.1 Sample of Crop recommendation data set

```

In [13]: df.dtypes
Out[13]: N          int64
         P          int64
         K          int64
         temperature float64
         humidity     float64
         ph           float64
         rainfall     float64
         label        object
         dtype: object

```

Fig. 2 Features of Crop recommendation dataset

```
df['label'].value_counts()
rice          100
maize         100
jute          100
cotton        100
coconut       100
papaya        100
orange        100
apple         100
muskmelon    100
watermelon   100
grapes        100
mango         100
banana        100
pomegranate  100
lentil        100
blackgram     100
mungbean      100
mothbeans     100
pigeonpeas   100
kidneybeans   100
chickpea      100
coffee       100
Name: label, dtype: int64
```

Fig.3Crop labels of recommendation dataset

To ensure consistency, we handle missing numbers, and eliminate noise, clean up and pre-process the data that has been gathered. Determine which characteristics are most important for predicting crop growth and yield. This stage contributes to the reduction of dimensionality and enhancement of the model's efficiency.

We trained the data set by using models like Naïve bayes, gradient boosting, logistic regression where we obtained the following accuracies 0.990, 0.993, 0.952 respectively.

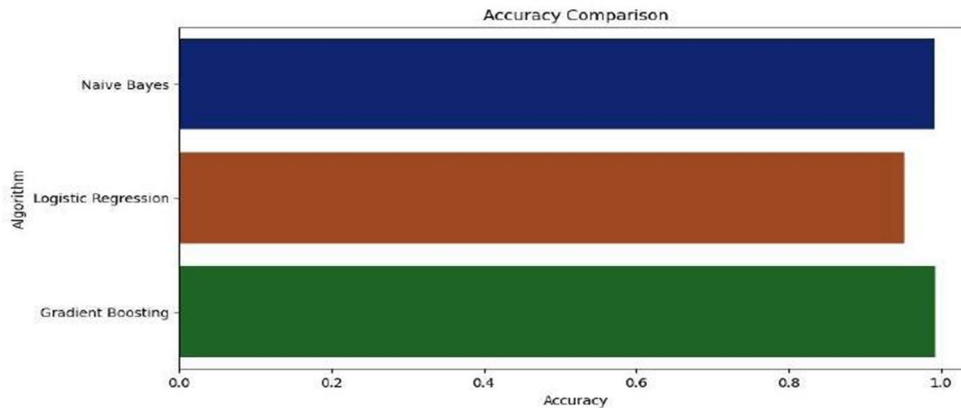


Fig. 4Accuracy comparison of Crop recommendation

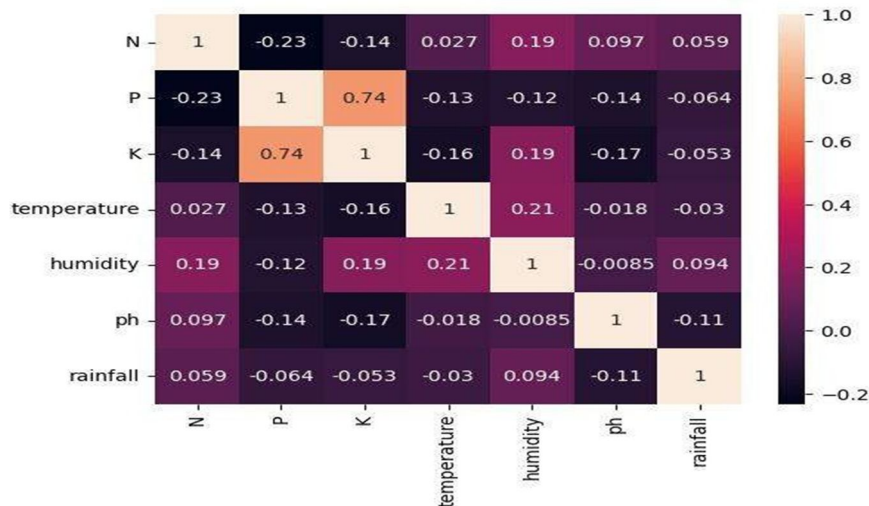


Fig. 5Heatmap for crop recommendation

B. Plant Disease Detection

Compiled a dataset of photos showing both plants in good condition and plants afflicted with different illnesses. This dataset is well-labelled, diversified, and contains a variety of disease categories. Disease dataset consists of 38 disease classes with total of 70295 images. There are unique plants of 14 and unique diseases of 26. To guarantee consistency throughout the collection, all photos were resized to a uniform size and their pixel values were standardized.

The model ResNet9 was selected for image classification tasks. Make training, validation, and test sets out of the dataset. 70295 images are used to train the chosen model. Adjusted the model to take into account the unique features of the dataset on plant diseases. Assessed the performance of the trained model in terms of accuracy where we obtained 99.2 for 2 epochs with 32 as batchsize and 0.001 as learning rate. Following the model's performance, we put it into practice. A web application that lets people submit plant photos for the purpose of identifying diseases.



Fig. 6 Sample of disease dataset

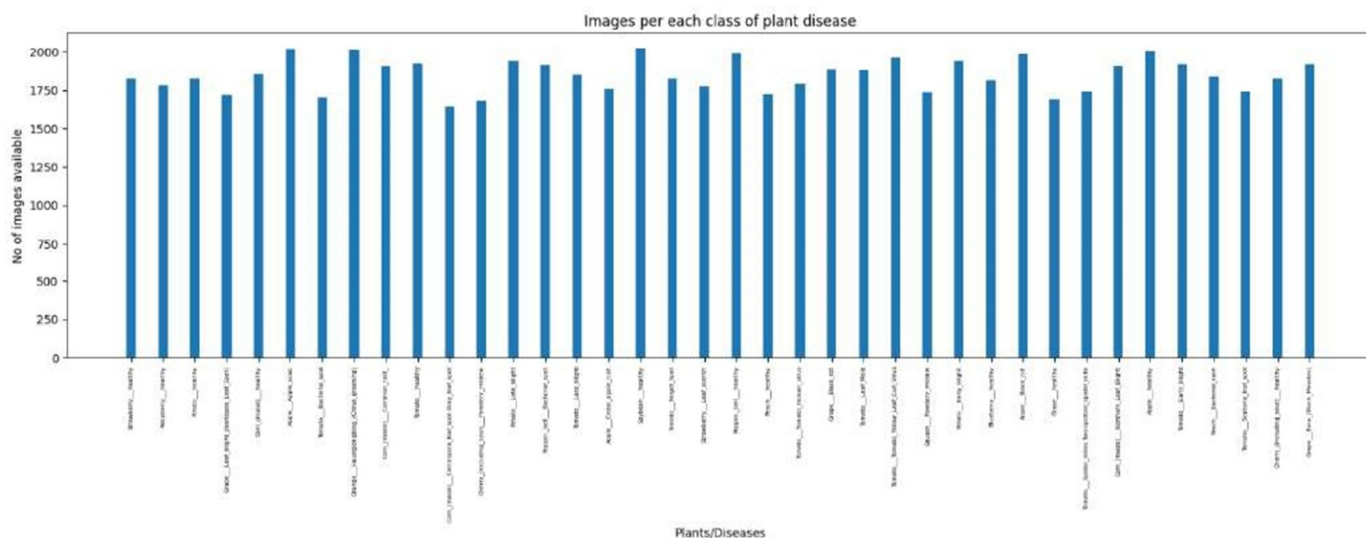


Fig. 7 Graph depicts images for each class of data set

C. Weed Detection

Compiled a dataset of pictures showing weeds. The dataset is well-labelled, varied, and covers a range of weed species. Weed dataset consists of 1300 images of weed along with 1300 box labels. To guarantee consistency across the dataset, all photos were resized to a uniform size and their pixel values were normalized. Utilized data augmentation methods including flipping, rotating, and zooming to broaden the dataset's variety and strengthen the model's resilience.

Determined that the best deep learning architecture for weed detection was ResNet50. A popular convolutional neural network design called ResNet50 is renowned for its deep layers and exceptional image categorization performance. Make training, validation, and test sets out of the dataset. Using ImageNet or other comparable large-scale picture datasets, fine-tune the pre-trained weights of the ResNet50 model during training. As necessary, modify the learning rate and other hyper-parameters.

D. Yield Prediction

Compiled a numerical dataset of Indian Agriculture useful for predicting agricultural productivity. Features like Crop, Crop Year, Season, State, Area, Production, Annual Rainfall, Fertilizer, Pesticide, and Yield should be included in the dataset. The dataset consists of 19689 rows and 10 columns. To capture variations in agricultural techniques and environmental factors, makesure the dataset spans several years, crops, and geographical areas.

To deal with missing numbers, outliers, and inconsistencies, clean up the gathered dataset. Create numerical representations for categorical variables (such as crop, season, and state) by utilizing label encoding approach. To make sure that the ranges of numerical features are similar, normalize or scale them. we use MinmaxScaler to scale the values. Extrapolate the characteristics from the dataset that could impact the forecast of crop output. Divided the dataset into sets for testingand training. 80% of the data is used for testing, 20% is used for training. We train the dataset using ann.



Fig. 8 Sample of yield dataset

A box plot, sometimes called a box-and-whisker plot, is a visual depiction of a dataset's distribution. It is very helpful for detecting outliers and showing the distribution and central tendency of numerical data.

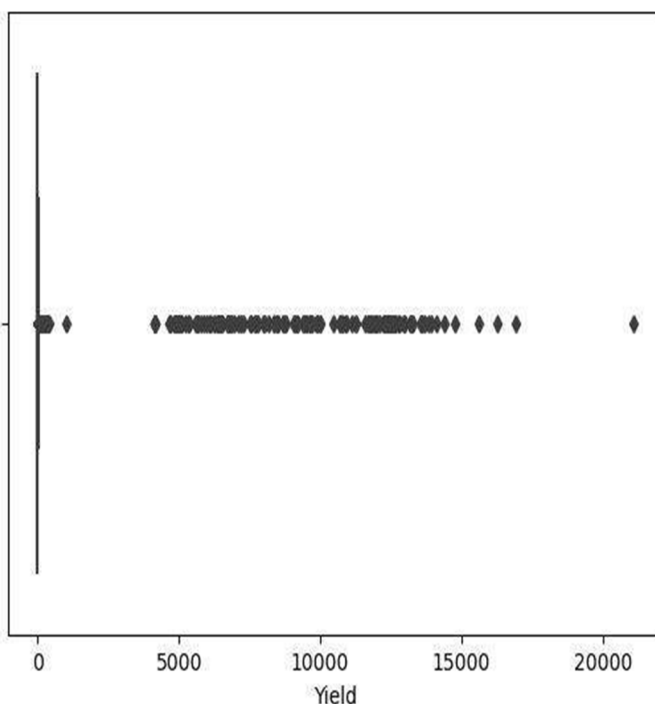


Fig. 9 Before removing outliers in yield dataset

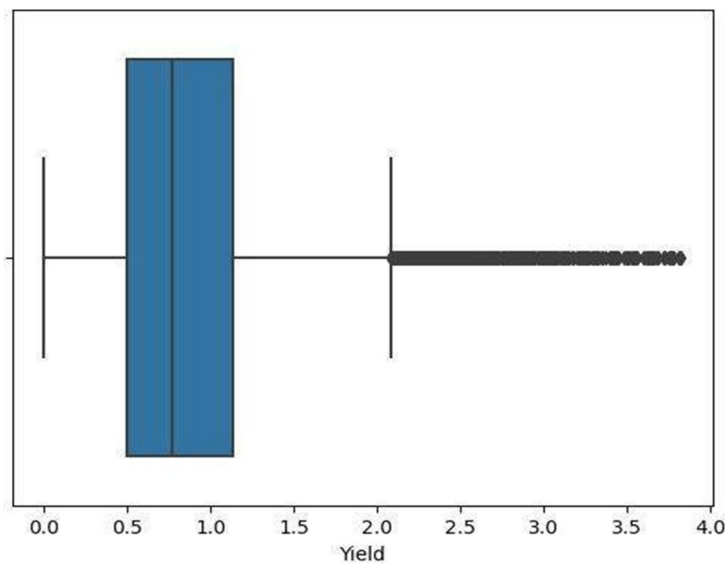


Fig. 10 After removing outliers in yield dataset

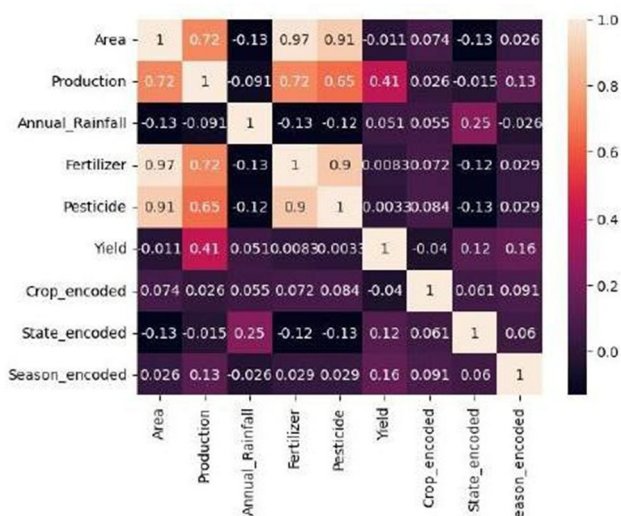


Fig. 11 Heatmap for yield prediction

R-squared (R^2) gives an indication of how well the model fits the data by measuring the percentage of the variance in the dependent variable (Yield) that can be predicted from the independent variables (features). The Mean Squared Error (MSE) between the expected and actual values is a measurement. Larger errors are given more weight when calculating the average of the squared discrepancies between the actual and anticipated values.

MSE is calculated using the formula:

$$\text{MSE formula} = (1/n) * \sum(\text{actual} - \text{forecast})^2$$

Where:

- n = number of items,
- Σ = summation notation,
- Actual = original or observed y-value,
- Forecast = y-value from regression.

The Mean Absolute Error (MAE) between the expected and actual values is a measurement. Giving each inaccuracy equal weight, it computes the average of the absolute disparities between the values that were predicted and those that were observed.

MAE is calculated using the formula:

$$MAE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - x|$$

Where:

- n = the number of errors,
- Σ = summation symbol (which means "add them all up"),
- $|x_i - x|$ = the absolute errors.

```
from sklearn.metrics import r2_score, mean_squared_error, mean_absolute_error
y_pred = neural_regressor.predict(x_test)
r2 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
print("Validation")
print("R2 Score:", r2)
print("MSE: ", mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred))
print("MAE: ", mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred))
```

```
48/48 [=====] - 0s 2ms/step
Validation
R2 Score: 0.8987474946793602
MSE: 0.04383977308656608
MAE: 0.11865997506454838
```

Fig. 12 R2 Score, MSE, MAE values for yield prediction

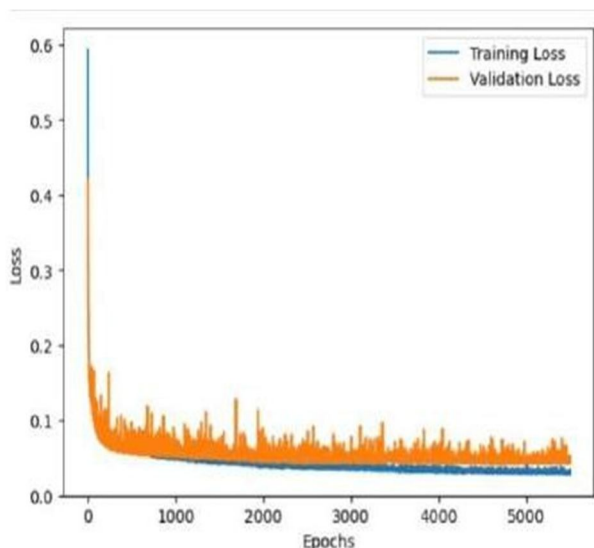


Fig. 13 Training and validation loss for yield prediction data set

E. Flask Project

Made a folder for our Flask application. Flask was installed with pip: pip install Flask, made a Python file of app.py, created an instance of the Flask app after importing Flask, defined paths for serving HTML templates and managing HTTP requests.

```
crop_recommendation_model_path = 'models/model.pkl'  
crop_recommendation_model = pickle.load(  
    open(crop_recommendation_model_path, 'rb'))  
yield_prediction_model_path='models/yield_prediction.pkl'  
yield_prediction_model=pickle.load(  
    open(yield_prediction_model_path, 'rb'))
```

Fig. 14 Loading the pickle files in flask application

V. RESULTS

For our project, we made an easy-to-use website using FLASK. On the webpage, we made a navigation bar with the following items: Home, Crop, disease, Weed, Yield.



Fig. 15 Home page of the project

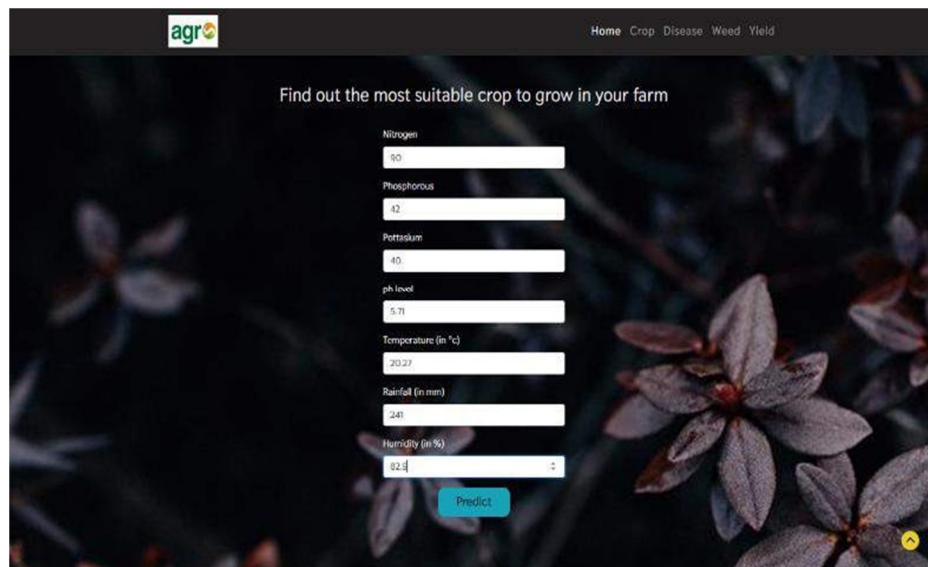


Fig. 16 Crop recommendation page



Fig. 17 Sample output of crop recommendation

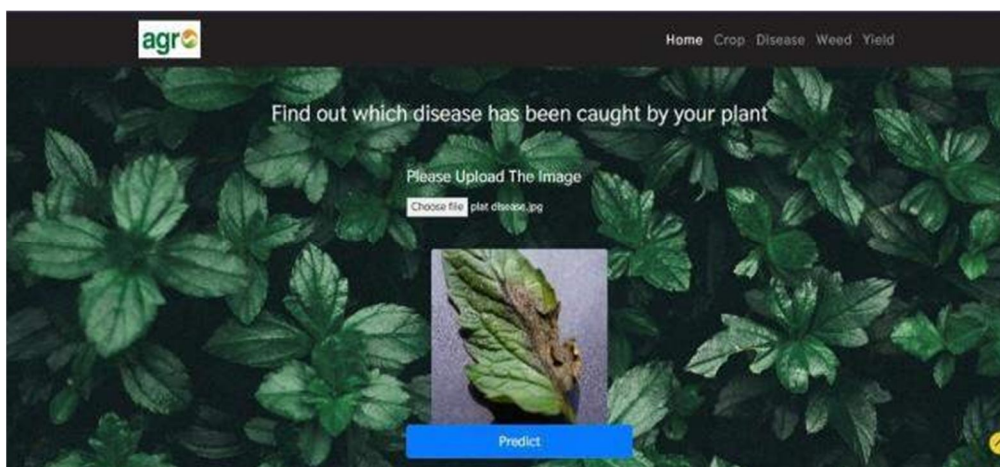


Fig. 18 Plant disease page of the project

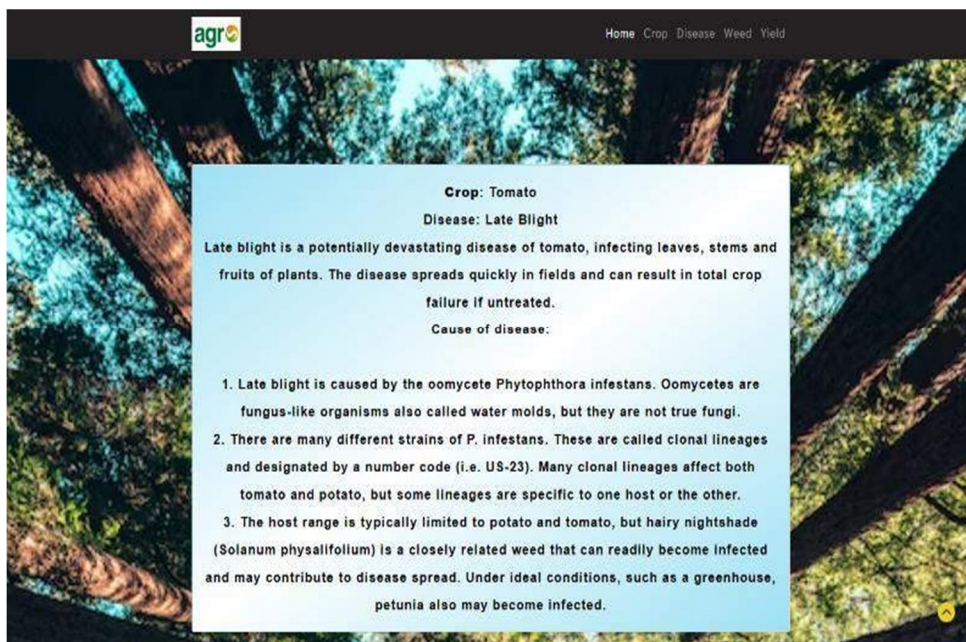


Fig. 19 Sample output of plant disease

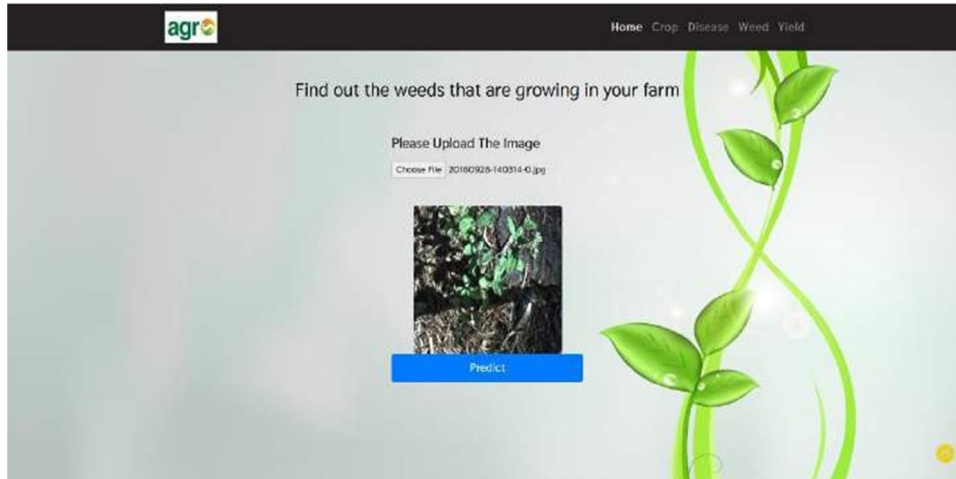


Fig. 20Project's weed detection page

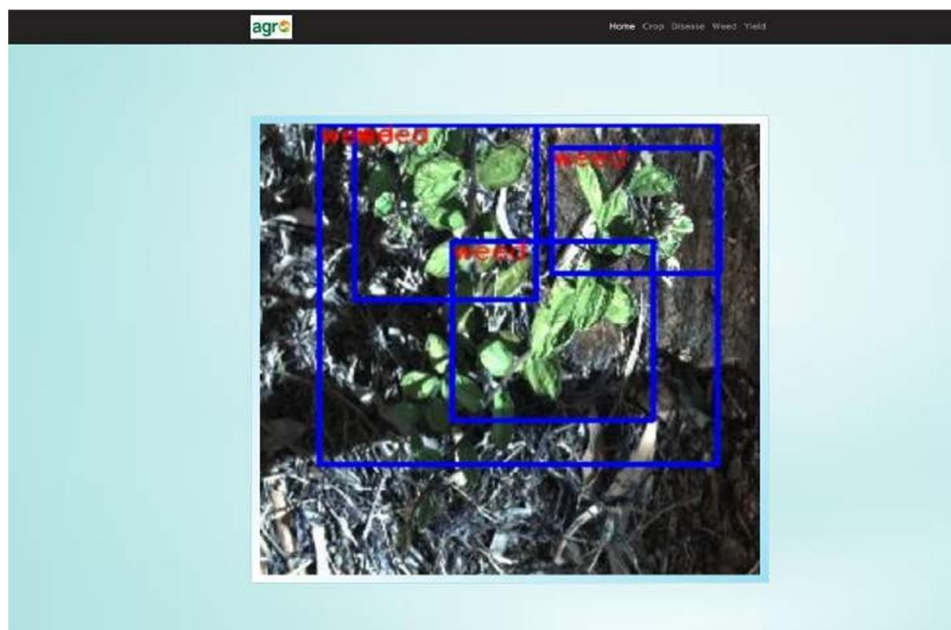


Fig. 21 Sample output of weed detection

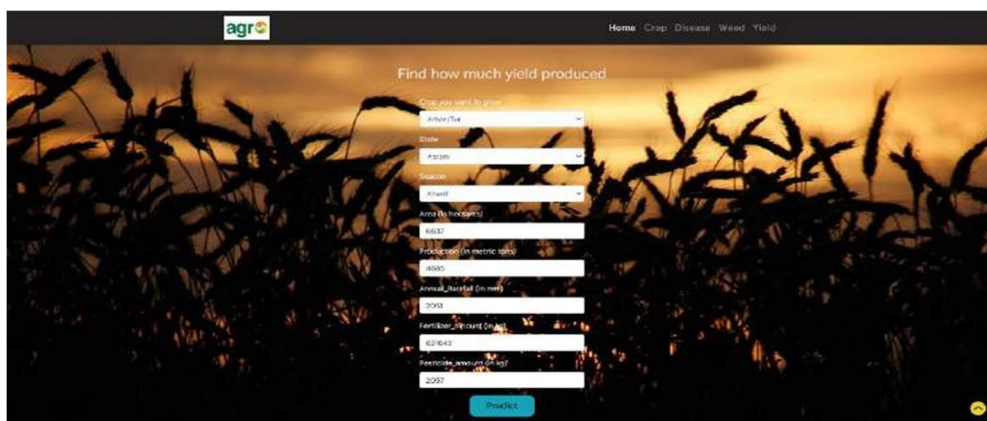


Fig. 22Project's yield prediction page

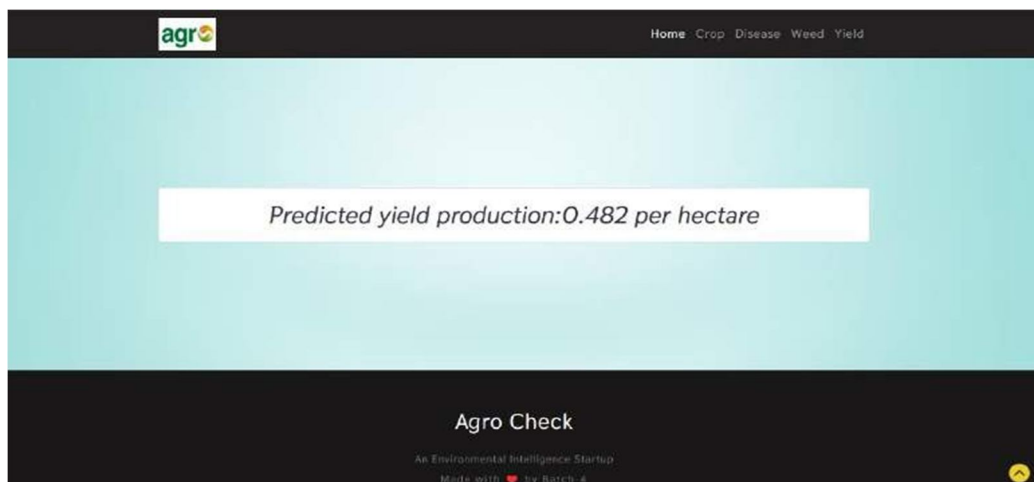


Fig. 23 Sample output of yield prediction

For crop recommendation, we obtained accuracies of 0.990, 0.993, and 0.952 for Naïve bayes, Gradient Boosting, and Logistic regression, in that order. We utilized the Gradient boosting model as our foundational model for crop recommendation while keeping accuracy in mind.

Using the ResNet9 model, we obtained accuracy of 0.992 for the detection of plant diseases. Additionally, the ResNet50 model produced a box plotting accuracy of 0.79 for weed detection. Using an ANN model, we were able to forecast yield with a R2 Score of 0.892.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, the AI-powered crop recommendation and monitoring project offers a viable solution to some of the major issues facing agriculture today, including yield prediction, weed and disease detection, and optimal crop selection. Through the application of machine learning algorithms and image processing techniques, the initiative seeks to offer farmers insightful advice on how to improve profitability, sustainability, and productivity. Throughout the project, a variety of machine learning models are used to analyse numerical and image datasets for crop recommendation, weed detection, and yield prediction. These models include Gaussian Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression, Gradient Boosting, Ensemble, and Artificial Neural Networks. The system gains more complexity with the incorporation of sophisticated algorithms such as ResNet for pixel-level identification of diseases and weeds. The creation of an intuitive online interface makes crop monitoring and suggestion tools easily accessible, enabling farmers to make well-informed decisions based on variables including soil composition, meteorological conditions, and historical data. To help farmers manage their crops more successfully, the system also offers contact information for agricultural professionals and cures to safeguard crops. Even though the initiative has a lot of potential to improve agricultural practices, it's crucial to be aware of its limits, which include infrastructural restrictions, contextual considerations, and data quality and availability. In order to ensure the project's relevance and impact in a variety of agricultural settings, it will be imperative to address these issues.

VII. LIMITATIONS

- 1) The models' efficacy is largely dependent on the quantity and caliber of available data. Reliability of data is often limited, particularly in rural or isolated places, which can make predictions and recommendations less accurate.
- 2) Environments and farming communities differ greatly in terms of agricultural practices. Due to variations in soil types, climatic trends, and farming practices, models trained on data from one place could not generalize well to others.
- 3) Crop growth and productivity can be greatly impacted by localized factors like pest outbreaks, soil variances, and microclimates. Models that don't take this unpredictability into consideration could provide incorrect forecasts or suggestions.
- 4) For farmers and other agricultural stakeholders to use the system efficiently, training and assistance may be needed. To optimize the system's impact and encourage adoption, it is imperative to ensure that the interfaces are easy to use and to provide teaching resources.
- 5) The system needs to be updated and maintained on a regular basis due to the dynamic nature of agricultural and environmental circumstances. Maintaining the system's relevance and efficacy over time requires constant observation, model retraining, and adaptation to shifting circumstances.

VIII. FUTURE WORK

Increase the quantity and Caliber of data gathered, obtaining more representative and varied datasets on crop yields, weather patterns, soil composition, and pest and disease incidences. For real-time monitoring, combine data from IoT sensors and satellite pictures. Refine and optimize machine learning models for yield prediction, weed identification, and crop recommendation on a continuous basis. To increase accuracy and robustness, investigate cutting-edge strategies like transfer learning, ensemble approaches, and deep learning architectures.

Create adaptable models that can dynamically modify forecasts and recommendations in response to shifting weather patterns, new pest and disease outbreaks, and changing agricultural techniques. Put algorithms for reinforcement learning into practice to facilitate ongoing learning and adaption. Incorporating Stakeholder Input: Work closely with farmers, agricultural specialists, and other stakeholders to get input on how well the crop monitoring system works. To better serve end users' demands, incorporate user feedback into feature development and system design.

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