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Intelligent Crop Management Optimization using Machine Learning Algorithms: A Linear Analytical Approach

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Abstract

This research paper explores Utilizing machine learning techniques in practice, to enhance crop management recommendations. It leverages historical and real-time data, encompassing weather conditions, soil characteristics, growth stages, and past information. A rigorous data prepossessing procedure is employed to generate a well-structured 1.31 lacs data set. Various methodologies are utilized to construct predictive. These models' effectiveness is evaluated using common assessment metrics, such as Recall, accuracy, precision, and F1-score. To enhance the reliability and transparency of the recommendations, ensemble methods such as Naive Bayes, Support vector machines, decision trees, gradient boosting, and random forests, Linear Regression, and k-Nearest Neighbors}, along with interpretative techniques, are incorporated. The results provide insights into different algorithms and predict crucial agricultural activities such as planting, irrigation, fertilization, and pest control. Among all the machine learning models considered, Naive Bayes emerges as the best-performing model, achieving perfect scores of 1.0 in accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-scores. The second-best machine learning model is Random Forests, which follows closely behind with Achieving remarkable results reaching 0.99. These prognostic parameters have a big impact on agricultural productivity and sustainability. In order to improve crop management productivity and resource efficiency, this study promotes the use of data-driven decision-making in agriculture.

Keywords: Crop management, Machine learning algorithms, Predictive models, Agricultural sustainability.

1. Introduction

Choosing suitable crops for cultivation is a key decision in the agri-business and the farm management, among others, in part because of the greatest challenges related to climate changes and impact of natural disasters. Traditionally, a good deal of these decisions was based on conventional farming techniques and practical experience, mostly guided by local wisdom. However, due to the emergence of machine learning and data driven techniques, the way how crop advice is generated has shifted a lot. By applying the knowledge and implementing analytical methods, we unpack massive datasets; reveal complex patterns that may improve the precision and personalization of the crop advice.

Crop selection is driven by several factors including across sectors such as type of soil, region specific climate, available resources and market demand. Farmers historically have gone with what they know and what works in their area. But crop recommendations underwent a significant change with the introduction of machine learning and data-driven techniques. Given the dynamic atmosphere and the emergence of new communities, the large datasets enable accurate measurements with these techniques [2]. A study of train advisory may soon follow if machine learning will be used to analyze data and recognize the pattern. The main goal of this crop recommendation is to suggest a suitable crop to the prism land given a variety of factors (markets, soil type organic carbon content, rainfall, and land cover class similarity). Machine learning is well adept at analyzing soil data, forecasting crop climate, tracking market movements and recognizing previous trends all this to boost economic efficiency. It is best suited for complex data, for finding small linkages already known as well as unknown patterns. With a wide range of agricultural data sets, the machine learning models can catch these minor synergies that boost recommendations by numerous magnitudes. This allows hybrids to work with supervised and unsupervised approaches like association rule mining and clustering alongside neural networks, decision trees, and support vector machines to provide personalized recommendations for the specifics of those different locations. In field-crop selection, farmers relied on trial and error, selecting only those varieties of which they had any experience. In today's era, it turned into a great deal greater than that because of gadget getting to know and data-pushed method in crop hint generation. Machine learning methods can process large enough data sets to find subtle patterns that translate into more accurate, personalized recommendations for different types of crops. Given the shifting environment and increasing population, it becomes crucial. We know the enormous state of the the agriculture sector- the machine learning-based crop recommendation systems can change it a lot. In this new method, it employs pattern recognition and data analysis tools for the purposes of supporting industrial economic development [4]. The aim of crop suggestion is to match the attributes of the land with suitable crops, while simultaneously taking into account markets, climate, soil, and history among other range of factors. Machine learning is really good at recognizing connections, investigating trends and managing bandwidth vast data. Machine learning models can provide better recommendations from recognizing subtle synergy among various agricultural data sets. Based on both supervised and unsupervised paradigms like association rule mining, hybrid models and clustering, the personalized recommendations are created for the exclusive characteristics of each sector.

2. Literature Review

Savvy nourishment administration has ended up an vital portion of present day cultivating in arrange to create it more profitable and final longer. The utilize of machine learning (ML) methods in this range has significantly made strides the exactness and adequacy of cultivating strategies. A part of investigate has been done on how to utilize machine learning to move forward nourishment administration. These considers have looked at things like anticipating yields, finding maladies, and making the leading utilize of assets. Anticipating yields is an critical zone of ponder. A few machine learning models, such as Choice Trees (DT), Arbitrary Timberlands (RF), and Back Vector Machines (SVM), have been utilized in thinks about to foresee nourishment yield by looking at past information and outside variables [5]. This appears that ML has the capacity to make strides surrender estimates. Finding illnesses and getting freed of bugs are two other imperative regions where ML has made a huge contrast. A parcel of individuals utilizes Convolutional Neural Systems (CNNs) to recognize infections based on pictures. A profound learning show utilizing CNNs was made that precisely categorized 26 illnesses in 14 sorts of crops. By looking at pictures of debilitated takes off, the show gave ranchers a dependable way to discover maladies early, so they seem take activity rapidly and halt edit misfortunes [6].

ML apps have too made a difference with asset effectiveness, such as overseeing water and supplements. Irregular Timberland and Angle Boosting (GB) calculations were utilized to discover the finest times to water plants and apply fertilizer. This investigate appeared that ML models seem enormously increment nourishment development and water utilize adequacy, which underpins cultivating strategies that are great for the environment. These models gave correct exhortation on how to utilize assets by looking at soil dampness levels, climate estimates, and trim development stages [7]. A part of ML strategies have been utilized in exactness agriculture, which is all about overseeing crops in a way that's best for each put. ML calculations and Geographic Data Frameworks (GIS) have been combined by analysts to create precise models of soil qualities and edit wellbeing. For occurrence, GIS and RF were put together to create a spatial choice bolster framework for exact seeding in corn cultivating. This strategy looked at the sum of supplements in the soil and what the plants required. It at that point made personalized fertilizer plans that made way better utilize of supplements and had less of an impact on the environment [8]. Moreover, multi-modal machine learning strategies that utilize information from numerous sources, like history records, IoT gadgets, and removed detecting, have ended up more prevalent. These strategies permit for more intensive investigate and more precise expectations. A few machine learning (ML) employments in cultivating were looked at, appearing how valuable it is to combine toady pictures, climate information, and gadgets within the field for full edit administration and following [9]. Indeed with these advancements, there are still issues with utilizing ML for edit administration. There are still issues with information quality and get to, show interpretability, and the require for domain-specific alter [10]. For more people to use ML models, they need to be able to be used in more places and with more types of crops [11]. In using machine learning to handle crops has shown promise in predicting yields, finding diseases, making the best use of resources, and practicing precision agriculture. It is believed that more study and development in this area will make farming more productive and long-lasting, meeting the needs of a growing world population [12–17].

Table 1: Related review of crop management

Reference	Algorithm	Application	Key Findings	Challenges	Future Trends
[5]	SVM	Yield Prediction	High accuracy in predicting wheat yields using soil and weather data.	Data quality and availability	Integration with real-time data sources
[6]	CNN	Disease Detection	Accurate classification of 26 diseases across 14 crop species.	Model interpretability	Use of advanced image processing techniques
[7]	RF, GB	Resource Optimization	Improved water use efficiency and crop yield through optimized irrigation schedules.	Need for domain-specific adaptation	Enhancing model adaptability for various crops
[8]	GIS + RF	Precision Fertilization	Tailored fertilization plans enhanced nutrient use efficiency.	Scalability across different regions	Development of universal models for different environments
[9]	Multi-modal ML	Crop Monitoring	Effective combination of satellite imagery, weather data, and sensors.	Integration complexity	Advanced multi-modal data fusion techniques
[10]	DT	Yield Prediction	Effective use of historical data for yield forecasting.	Overfitting in deep trees	Improved pruning techniques
[11]	Naive Bayes	Disease Detection	Efficient and accurate classification with high computational efficiency.	Strong independence assumption	Relaxing assumptions with hybrid models
[12]	KNN	Crop Classification	Reliable classification of various crop types.	Computationally intensive for large datasets	Use of approximate nearest neighbor algorithms
[13]	LR	Resource Management	Simple and interpretable	Limited to linear relationships	Incorporation of non-linear

			models for water and nutrient management.		features
[14]	GB	Pest Management	High accuracy in predicting pest outbreaks.	Requires careful tuning to avoid overfitting	Development of automated hyperparameter tuning
[15]	SVM	Soil Health Analysis	Effective analysis of soil properties for better crop management.	Computationally intensive	Parallel processing techniques
[16]	RF	Crop Yield Prediction	Robust performance in predicting yields under varying conditions.	Data heterogeneity	Creation of standardized data formats
[17]	CNN + IoT	Precision Agriculture	Real-time monitoring and analysis of crop health using IoT devices.	High initial setup costs	Reduction of costs through technological advancements

3. Methodology

Efficient data collection is the first step involved in the methodology. Feature extraction forms the second step which are discussed in detail is following subsections. For feature extraction different machine learning (ML) algorithms are used and the best result is documented. Figure 1 shows the block diagram of the proposed methodology.

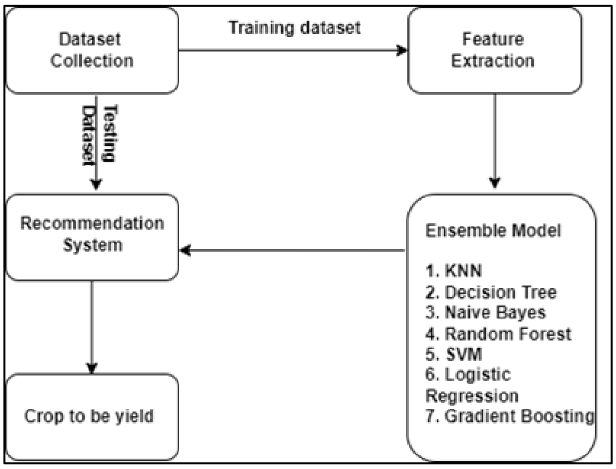

Figure 1. Block diagram of proposed methodology

A. Data set Collection: The data collection is done using a hardware model created with different soil parameters. This data set was collected keeping in mind several conditions like PH of soil, humidity, NPK levels, crop data, and weather temperature of the soil. Pre- processing steps such as reading the dataset, cleaning etc. was done after the collection of data. Missing datasets , redundant attributes were deleted to improve its precision [18].

B. Feature Extraction: To improve the quality of machine learning results, feature extraction is performed. A set of labeled data which forms the training dataset where an input-output vector is chosen or generated for training supervised learning model. On the other hand, the testing set consists of unlabelled data and is used to predict the results without tainted the training or testing data-sets. Machine learning prediction algorithms need precise predictions or making an attempt from data which was under-fed beforehand. Understanding what happened is just one part of the goal; another is coming up with the best remedy and predicting future events: [1] can all be employed to anticipate what comes next. A supervised learning technique called K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) used for classification. A decision tree (DT) is a supervised learning approach used for classification and regression forests. x A decision tree classifier is trained using the greedy decision rules from the training data and a prediction is formed for target variables in the data. Our flow starts with the import Decision Tree Classifier which is one of the easiest to understand from the tree class and we define a classifier object next which will be provided with the required data to fit into the Decision Tree method in our model [7].

Naive Bayes is a widely used probabilistic classifier for both binary and multi-class classification tasks. It is founded on the principles of Bayes' theorem and operates under the assumption of feature independence [19]. It performs well with high-dimensional data and has applications in collaborative filtering, spam filtering, multi-class probability estimates, and real-time forecasts. For producing classifier object, we used Gaussian NB to implement the Naive Bayes method. Data fitting was done using Bayes theorem for probability-based categorization.

1. Figuring out the prior probability

Prior likelihood is the chance of each crop type before any other information is taken into account. This is figured out by looking at records from past crops.

$$P(C_i) = \frac{(Number\ of\ instances\ of\ C_i)}{(Number\ of\ instances, all\ together)}$$

2. Figuring Out the Likelihood

The chance is how likely it is that a trait (like soil pH or wetness) will happen for a certain crop type. It is very important to know how traits and crop types are related.

$$P(X|C_i) = \frac{(Number\ of\ X\ instances\ in\ C_i)}{(Number\ of\ C_i instances)}$$

3. Figuring out the marginal probability

The marginal likelihood is the chance of seeing a certain trait number no matter what type of crop is used. It is a constant that makes Naive Bayes work.

$$P(X) = \lambda P(X|C_i) * P(C_i)$$

4. Figuring Out Posterior Probabilities

Using prior probability and likelihood together, posterior probability estimates the chance of a crop type based on traits that have already been seen. It helps guess what kind of crop will grow most likely.

$$P(C_i|X) = \frac{\left(\frac{P(X|C_i)}{P(C_i)}\right)}{P(X)}$$

5. Classification by Naive Bayes

The Naive Bayes classifier gives a new data point to the crop type that has the highest posterior chance. This makes the classification scheme strong.

6. Assumption of Feature Independence

Naive Bayes assumes that traits don't depend on the type of crop when they are used. The difficulty of computing is greatly reduced by this reduction.

$$P(X|C_i) = P\left(x_j \middle| C_i\right)$$

7. Log-Probability for Stability in Numbers

Log-probabilities are often used to keep numbers from going below zero. Because of this, the product of odds is now a sum of log-probabilities.

$$\log P(C_i|X) = \log P(C_i) + \text{º} \log P\left(x_j \middle| C_i\right)$$

These conditions appear how to utilize the Credulous Bayes strategy to move forward field administration by looking at diverse angles of cultivating and speculating which sorts of crops will do best based on past information.

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This shows the probability, or the chance of watching X within the occasion that lesson B is genuine. Gullible Bayes is especially well-suited for real-time forecast assignments, such spam sifting, as well as for completing multi-class classification in a computationally resource-efficient way since of its viability dealing with high-dimensional information. We utilized Irregular Timberland (RF) to assess highlight pertinence and give strength for an gathering of choice trees [9,10]. For dealing with the issue of classification and relapse, Back Vector Machine (SVM) [11] strategy of slope boosting is utilized. Typically a administered learning calculation whose importance is its remarkable capacity to perform in classification assignments.

1. Objective Function of SVM

The SVM aims to find a hyperplane that best separates the data into different classes (crop types). The objective is to minimize the norm of the weight vector while allowing some misclassifications.

$$\min_{\{w,b,\xi\}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\left||w|\right|^2 + C\,\Sigma\,\xi_i\right)$$

2. SVM Decision Function

The decision function determines the class of a given feature vector x. This function helps in predicting the crop type based on the input features.

$$f(x) = w^T x + b$$

3. Constraints for SVM

The constraints ensure that the data points are correctly classified with a margin, considering possible slack variables ξ_i for misclassified points.

$$y_i(w^T x_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i, \forall i$$

4. Lagrangian Dual Formulation

The Lagrangian dual formulation helps in solving the optimization problem by converting it into a dual problem, making it easier to handle using quadratic programming.

$$L(w, b, \alpha) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left||w|\right|^2 - \Sigma\,\alpha_i[y_i(w^T x_i + b) - 1 + \xi_i]$$

5. Kernel Trick for Non-linear SVM

The kernel function maps the input features into a higher-dimensional space where they become linearly separable. Common kernels include polynomial, radial basis function (RBF), and sigmoid.

$$K(x_i, x_j) = \varphi(x_i)^T \varphi(x_j)$$

6. Dual Problem in Terms of Kernel

The dual problem incorporates the kernel function to handle non-linear boundaries in the original feature space.

$$\max_{\{\alpha\}} \left(\Sigma\,\alpha_i - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\Sigma\,\Sigma\,\alpha_i\alpha_j y_i y_j K(x_i, x_j)\right)$$

$$subject\ to\ 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, \Sigma\,\alpha_i y_i = 0$$

7. Final Decision Rule

The final decision rule uses the support vectors and the kernel function to classify new data points, providing a powerful tool for predicting the optimal crop type.

$$f(x) = \Sigma\,\alpha\_i\ y\_i\ K(x\_i, x) + b$$

Putting SVM model into practical Building the Classifier object and fitting the data; Because SVM can classify well, it is a heavy damage in our model. Crop Recommendations Makes use of the model gives recommendations about the most suitable crop to be cultivated on a certain type of soil. Performance analysis is a gap in which structured objectives are used to increase efficiency and guide decision making. Logistic Regression Model The simplest form of the logistic regression model is one which models a binary dependent variable using a logistic function. As LR is simple and easy to use for classification problems, we follow the Logistic Regression (LR) approach to fit data to our model. [10-14].

4. Results And Discussion

The chart showcases the results of performance evaluation of various machine learning models based on our data set of 1.31 lac records. The models being evaluated are as follows: Naive Bayes has consistently been a top performer across all critical metrics as you can see here [11, 12]. Table 2 shows the comparison of all ML algorithms. It is observed from Table 1 that the best model was Naive Bayes, which received a 1.0 score all metrics The Random Forest follows closely behind, and third is Logistic Regression with scores of 0.99 in each respectively. Decision Trees and Gradient Boosting are the 3rd best models and constantly achieving 0.98 accuracy, precision, recall and F1-score values. 3 of the 5 top 5 models are Random Forest Regression, which got 0.98 and xg boost got 0.92, knowing Random Forest Regression was in the top 2 or 3. Last but not least, k-Nearest Neighbors ranks as our least favored model with commendable scores of 0.96 across all measures, although still being a useful tool. These rankings offer insightful data. Figure 2 shows the sea born graph of environmental parameters like N, P, K, temperature, humidity, pH and rainfall that was considered as requirements of soil for recommendation of crop. Figure 3 discusses the Distance Plot of N Vs Density.

Table 2: Performance Metrics for Various Classifiers

Parameters	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score
KNN	96.00%	96.00%	96.00%	96.00%
DT	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%
NB	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
RF	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%
SVM	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%
GB	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%
LR	97.00%	97.00%	98.00%	97.00%

This table 2 shows how well K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Decision Trees (DT), Naive Bayes (NB), Random Forest (RF), Support Vector Machines (SVM), Gradient Boosting (GB), and Logistic Regression (LR) do at classifying things based on their accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) does a good job; its accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score are all 96%. In other words, this shows that KNN is always good at correctly identifying data points. Because it is simple and easy to set up, KNN is a good choice for many real-world situations. However, because it learns slowly, it might not work as well with very big datasets.

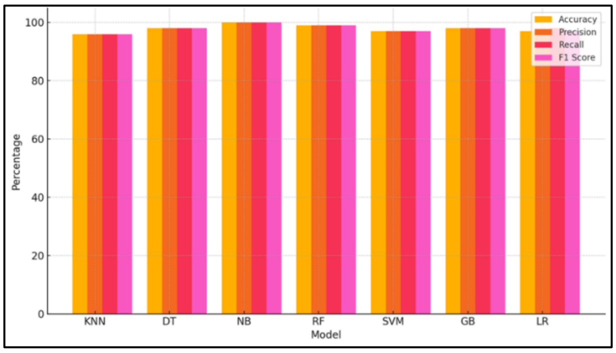

Figure 2: Comparison of each performance metric across all models

All of the measures show that Decision Trees (DT) do a little better than KNN. This method is famous because it is easy to understand and can work with both numerical and categorical data. But DTs can overfit, especially when deep trees are used. To fix this, trimming or group methods like Random Forest may be needed to make the model more general. Naive Bayes (NB) gets perfect scores (100%) on all measures, which means it does a great job with this dataset. Notably, NB is very fast and works well with big numbers. Its strong assumption that features are independent might not always be true in real life, but it can be very useful for text classification and other tasks where this assumption makes sense, shown in figure 2. With a score of 99% on all measures, Random Forest (RF) does a great job. This ensemble method uses more than one decision tree to improve accuracy and keep overfitting in check. RF is a strong and flexible tool for classifying data because it is reliable and can work with many types of data.

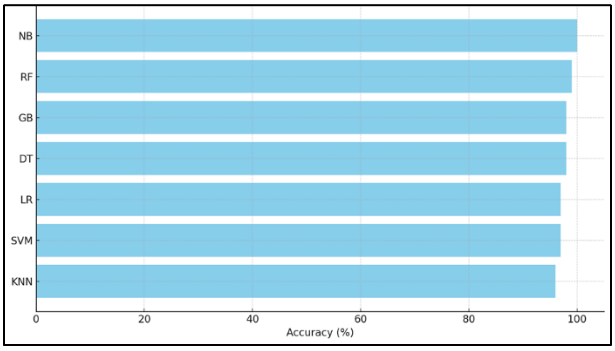

Figure 3: Accuracy Comparison Of Machine Learning Models

Support Vector Machines (SVM) keep up their good work, getting 97% for all measures. SVM works well in areas with a lot of dimensions, and it can be used for both regression and classification tasks. SVM can handle non-linear classification problems because of the choice of kernel functions, but it can be very hard on computers. Gradient Boosting (GB) also does well, getting 98% of the time.

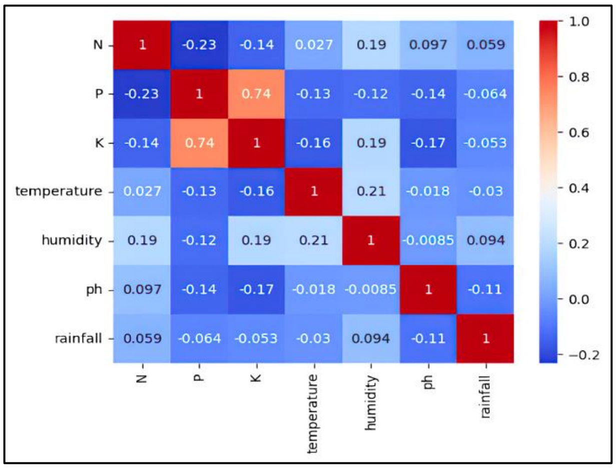

Figure. 4. Sea born Graph of environmental parameters like N, P, K, temperature, humidity, pH and rainfall

GB builds models one after the other, fixing mistakes in the models that came before it. This usually results in very accurate models. If you don't tune it right, it can overfit, but other than that, it works great in many situations. The results of Logistic Regression (LR), a basic and easy-to-understand model, varies slightly, with accuracy and precision at 97% and recall at 98%. In other words, this means that LR might have a small tendency to correctly identify positive cases, shown in figure 3. It is often used as a starting point in binary classification jobs because it is simple and easy to set up. The research All of the models do a great job, but Naive Bayes stands out with perfect scores. Random Forest and Gradient Boosting are close behind, both showing very good and consistent measures. The type of classification used can be affected by the needs of the application, such as how easy it is to understand, the amount of computing power available, and the type of data being used, shown in figure 5.

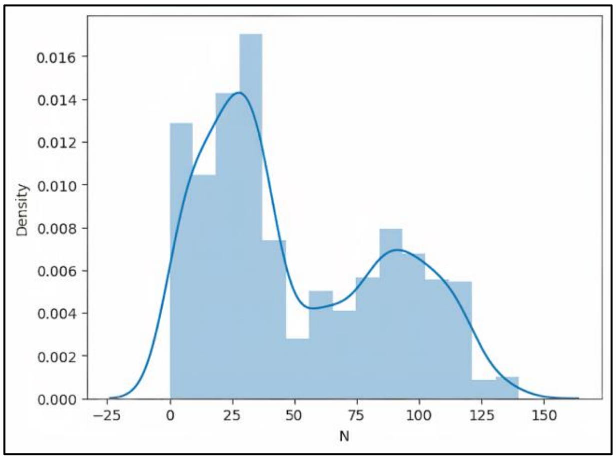

Figure 5. Distance Plot of N Vs Density

5. Conclusion

This has led to a groundbreaking combination of artificial intelligence and farming. Investigations of several machine learning algorithms has enabled accurate forecasts for the best methods of pest management and fertilizer, irrigation, and planting. This work includes a number of crucial components that will increase its efficiency. First, a larger dataset with more attributes is being added in an effort to increase the accuracy of crop suggestions. Second, by developing a paradigm for disease classification and assisting in the distinction between healthy and diseased crop leaves, the system expands its utility beyond general suggestions. The creation of an accessible website and mobile application also makes it possible for farmers to interact and access information quickly. Last but not least, a dedication to continued improvement is essential, with ongoing initiatives concentrated on equipping farmers with information to enable educated crop decisions and ultimately increase agricultural production.

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