

Grow Planet*

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Abstract—The Grow Planet initiative intends to help farmers by providing a comprehensive web-based platform with useful tools and features. The project has four main components: Plantopedia, Plant Lab, Crop Sell, and a Bidding System. The project also contains a News Section for timely updates and a Feedback Section for user feedback. The project's implementation makes use of web development technologies such as HTML, CSS, Javascript, EJS, and Node.js, using MySQL as the database. This document provides a summary of the project's features, possible benefits for farmers and consumers, design and implementation approach, and so far positive results. The paper concludes with acknowledgement to individuals and mentors and a list of references used during its development

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I. INTRODUCTION

Although farmers face several difficulties that reduce their production and profitability, the agriculture sector is crucial in providing food for the world's population. To help farmers overcome these obstacles, a web-based initiative called "Grow Planet" has been created. It gives farmers crucial information, optimises crop selection and sales, and keeps them informed about the newest agricultural technologies. The project's goal is to close the information gap by providing farmers with the tools they need to become more knowledgeable consumers and enhance their farming methods. Feeding the world's population is a major responsibility of the agricultural sector, yet farmers face many difficulties that reduce their output and profitability. To address these issues, a web-based project called "Grow Planet" has been established to aid farmers in overcoming them by providing them with crucial information, optimizing crop selection and sales, and keeping them updated on the latest agricultural advances. The project aims to overcome the information gap and equip farmers with the materials they need to make informed decisions and enhance their farming operations. The Grow Planet project is dedicated to supplying crucial knowledge, optimising crop selection,

and enabling farmer sales. The goal of the initiative's Crop Sell component is to maximise profits for both farmers and customers. To determine the best selling locations, it takes into account a number of variables, including the type of product, growing region, and distance to potential customers. Both farmers and buyers gain from the transparent and long-lasting relationships fostered by this simplified market. Farmers can modify their tactics to match with cutting-edge technology, methodology, and market demands thanks to the regular updates provided by the News Section on agricultural practises, market trends, and industry news.

II. DESIGN

The Grow Planet project's design incorporates HTML, CSS, JavaScript, EJS, Node.js, and MySQL as the database management system. MySQL was chosen because of its capacity to successfully handle the essential data tables. Plantopedia, Plant Lab, Crop Sell and Bidding system are primary features and along with it News Section and Feedback System are the secondary components of the project.

A. Plantopedia

Farmers looking for knowledge on crop cultivation will benefit greatly from the Grow Planet initiative's Plantopedia component. It offers in-depth insights into many facets of crop cultivation, including soil characteristics, requirements for water and sunlight, pest control methods, and harvesting procedures. Farmers can readily find and explore the content they need for their particular crops thanks to the Plantopedia's user-friendly information organisation. The Plantopedia offers farmers the required information and instructions to achieve effective cultivation, whether they are looking for advice on how to grow fruits, vegetables, cereals, or other crops. Farmers can refer to The Plantopedia as a useful resource at various phases of crop cultivation. It is user-friendly and offers thorough and in-depth information to aid in making decisions

and implementing best practises. All levels of competence can use it, from seasoned farmers wishing to improve their methods to new farmers looking for direction. The Grow Planet initiative's Plantopedia component gives farmers the information and guidance they need for effective crop production, enabling them to make educated decisions and increase their agricultural productivity.

B. Plant Lab

Support Vector Machines (SVM), a machine learning technology, are used by the Grow Planet initiative's Plant Lab feature to estimate the best yield for a given set of inputs. Farmers can input information on seasonality, rainfall patterns, and nutrient content (NPK), and the SVM algorithm analyses this information to determine which crop is most likely to grow in the given circumstances. By suggesting crops that are well-suited to the particular nutrient levels, rainfall patterns, and seasonal fluctuations, this predictive power considerably increases the likelihood of a successful harvest. Farmers can improve their agricultural methods and reduce potential dangers brought on by unfavourable conditions by using the Plant Lab function. Farmers can boost their chances of obtaining higher yields and enhancing overall productivity by selecting the crop that will produce the highest yields based on predictive analysis. The feature's incorporation of machine learning and the SVM algorithm exemplifies how technology may assist farmers in overcoming obstacles and enhancing their farming results. This feature assists in the overall success and sustainability of agricultural practises by offering precise and individualised crop recommendations, empowering farmers to adjust to shifting conditions and maximise their yield potential.

C. Crop Sell

The Grow Planet initiative's Crop Sell function aims to increase revenues for both farmers and consumers. It considers the kind of crop, the particular growing area, and the distance to prospective consumers. The system guarantees that farmers receive fair pricing for their produce while simultaneously cutting down on consumer transportation expenses through an optimisation process. The Crop Sell feature connects farmers with nearby purchasers in an effort to establish a win-win situation. The benefits to farmers include getting fair pricing for their products, doing away with the need for middlemen, and ensuring a larger share of the profits. Due to the product being supplied locally or from nearby areas, customers benefit from lower shipping expenses. In addition, the platform assists in determining the markets that are best suited for a given crop based on its geographic location, demand, and supply. The Crop Sell function streamlines the selling procedure, enabling efficient transactions and encouraging open communication between farmers and customers, creating a more competitive and effective agricultural market. The research discovers the most favourable sites for selling each crop by optimising the selling process based on these criteria, guaranteeing farmers can earn fair prices for their produce while lowering transportation costs for consumers.

D. Bidding System

The Grow Planet project's fourth feature is the creation of a bidding system. This approach allows farmers to promote their products and prospective purchasers, such as businesses, to place bids on the available produce. Farmers can get competing offers for their crops through the bidding procedure, assuring fair pricing and maximising profitability. This is done through Farmer Registration, Crop Listing, Bid Placement, Bid Evaluation and Transaction Completion.

Farmer Registration: Farmers must register on the Grow Planet platform in order to participate in the bidding process. Farmers give important information throughout the registration process, including their contact information, the location of their farm, and the kinds of crops they grow.

Crop Listing: Farmers that have registered may make listings for their crops. They contain data on crop kind, amount, quality, and any additional pertinent data that may be needed.

Bid Placement: Business entities may peruse the accessible crop listings and assess their attractiveness in the capacity of prospective buyers. On particular crops, they may submit bids if they are interested. Buyers are able to specify the crop's price as well as any other terms or conditions they need in the bidding process. **Bid Evaluation:** Farmers can look over the submitted bids and assess them based on aspects including pricing, the buyer's reputation, and potential business connections. According to their tastes and business plans, they are free to accept or reject bids.

Transaction Completion: The technology enables transaction completion after a successful bid acceptance. It creates the appropriate paperwork, such as purchase orders or contracts, and offers a safe way to transfer money from the buyer to the farmer. The Grow Planet project's bidding system attempts to create a fair and transparent marketplace for agricultural products. It gives farmers more power by allowing them to negotiate pricing and terms with potential purchasers directly, promoting a mutually beneficial partnership. Furthermore, the structure encourages healthy buyer rivalry, resulting in competitive prices and a dynamic marketplace.

E. News Section

Farmers will take advantages of the News Section, which provides them with regular updates on vital agricultural information. Farmers may increase the efficiency and sustainability of their agricultural practises by remaining knowledgeable on the latest farming techniques, crop diseases, market trends, and environmental variables.

Farmers appreciate the News Section's regular updates on important agricultural news, which it offers them. Farmers can make timely adjustments to their agricultural practises that will increase efficiency and sustainability by being updated about the most recent farming techniques, crop diseases, market trends, and environmental concerns.

III. CONCLUSION

The Grow Planet project addresses significant agriculture industry concerns for farmers and consumers. The project

provides a comprehensive platform that empowers farmers with knowledge, optimises crop choices, maximises profitability, and improves market access by integrating elements such as Plantopedia, Plant Lab, Crop Sell, Bidding System, News Section, and Feedback Section.

The design and implementation of the project make use of web development technologies such as HTML, CSS, Javascript, EJS, Node.js, and MySQL to ensure a user-friendly interface and effective data administration.

According to preliminary findings, the Grow Planet project has the potential to considerably benefit both farmers and consumers. The features have been shown to improve crop productivity, facilitate informed decision-making, and promote fair trade practises. Continuous changes and enhancements based on user feedback will further polish the platform and assure its relevance and usefulness to the community.

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