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# **Chapter – 1 - Introduction**

### 1.1 Crop Yield Dataset

A new technique called machine learning is used to comprehend the structure of data and fit it into models that may be used to make predictions in the future. The parameters in the data set selected for training the learning models may have an impact on the machine learning models' ability to forecast crop production in addition to the models themselves. The core of the Indian economy is agriculture. Predicting crop yields is a significant agricultural issue. Our proposed model uses supervised machine learning techniques to analyse multiple aspects such as crop type, state, season(assuming same weather and soil conditions in a certain region) in order to forecast the crop yield in advance. This aids farmers in anticipating crop yields(Harika et al., 2877)

Although there are significant regional variations in cuisine, most basic human needs are met by a comparable set of components. We consume a lot of simple crops like corn, wheat, and rice. In this study, machine learning techniques are applied to calculate the yield of top 10 most consumed yields globally (kaggle.com, n.d.).

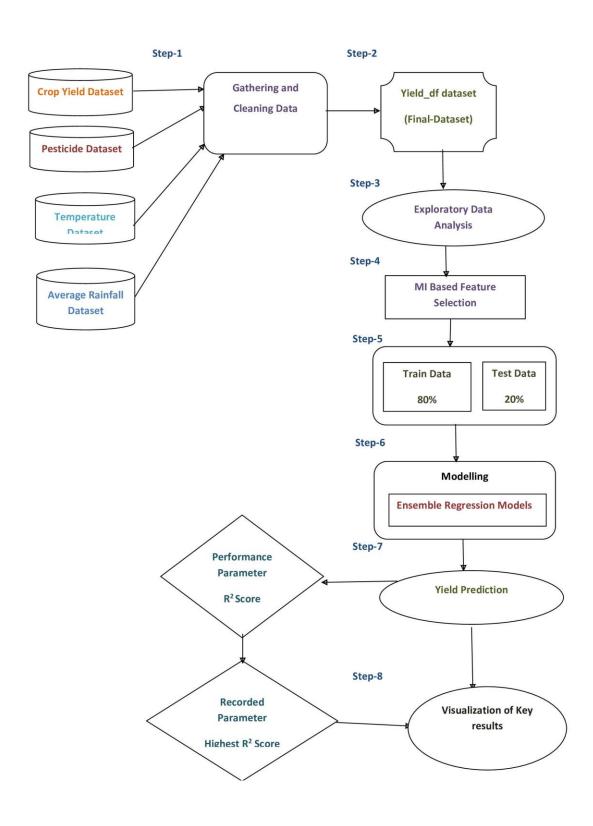
### 1.2 Analytical Question

- What patterns or trends can be seen in crop yield data over time, and how can
  past yield data be used to predict yields in the future and help farmers choose
  crops and cultivate their land wisely? (Harika et al., 2877)
- What are the main climatic parameters influencing successful agricultural growth, and how do varying climatic conditions across world regions affect the production of different crops? (Harika et al., 2877)
- How can machine learning techniques be used to properly estimate crop yields under different environmental conditions? What are the primary traits or features that significantly affect crop yield prediction models? (Harika et al., 2877)

### 1.3 Purpose of the Dataset

Knowing how weather affects crop yield can help consumers, policymakers, and farmers all gain important insights. With the use of this data, farmers will be able to make well-informed choices on crop selection, planting dates, irrigation plans, and pest control techniques. Using this information, policymakers can create agricultural policies and support initiatives that effectively reduce the negative effects of unfavourable weather occurrences on crop productivity and food security. As agricultural productivity is maximized, consumers may benefit from more consistent food supply, higher-quality produce, and maybe lower pricing. In general, the examination of the dataset's weather-crop yield connections helps both agricultural stakeholders and the larger objective of guaranteeing food security and sustainability for the general public (Malhi, Kaur and Kaushik, 2021).

# 1.4 Workflow of the Data Analysis



# Chapter – 2 – Working Progress On the Dataset

## 2.1 Dataset Description

The final dataset which is obtained is derived from series of different dataset such as rainfall dataset, pesticide dataset, temperature dataset and yield dataset. This is performed as gathering and cleaning data to obtain a final dataset which is being used for Exploratory Data Analysis. The dataset is being taken from Kaggle website.

- **Pesticide Dataset** : <a href="https://www.kaggle.com/code/tipatle/crop-yield-prediction-data-integration/input?select=pesticides.csv">https://www.kaggle.com/code/tipatle/crop-yield-prediction-data-integration/input?select=pesticides.csv</a>
- Rainfall Dataset : <a href="https://www.kaggle.com/code/tipatle/crop-yield-prediction-data-integration/input?select=rainfall.csv">https://www.kaggle.com/code/tipatle/crop-yield-prediction-data-integration/input?select=rainfall.csv</a>
- **Temperature Dataset** : <a href="https://www.kaggle.com/code/tipatle/crop-yield-prediction-data-integration/input?select=temp.csv">https://www.kaggle.com/code/tipatle/crop-yield-prediction-data-integration/input?select=temp.csv</a>
- **Yield Dataset** : <a href="https://www.kaggle.com/code/tipatle/crop-yield-prediction-data-integration/input?select=yield.csv">https://www.kaggle.com/code/tipatle/crop-yield-prediction-data-integration/input?select=yield.csv</a>

From all this datasets the important column is identified and those columns from all the dataset is being merged to obtain the final dataset that is named as yield\_df.

❖ Final Dataset : <a href="https://www.kaggle.com/code/tipatle/crop-yield-prediction-data-integration/input?select=yield\_df.csv">https://www.kaggle.com/code/tipatle/crop-yield-prediction-data-integration/input?select=yield\_df.csv</a>

The final dataset contains 28242 rows and 7 columns in total which meets the criteria of this Report.

### 2.2.1 Python Libraries

- **NumPy** This library is being imported for supporting large mathematical calculations and it is a scientific computing in Python (AlmaBetter, n.d.).
- Pandas This library is being imported for the purpose of merging, reshaping and aggregating data in short (AlmaBetter, n.d.).
- Seaborn This library is being imported for the purpose of Data Visualization providing high-level interface of graphs (AlmaBetter, n.d.).
- Matplotlib.pyplot This library is being imported for creating static, interactive and animated visualization (AlmaBetter, n.d.).
- **Sklearn** This library is being imported for performing the tasks such as classification, regression, clustering and model selection (AlmaBetter, n.d.).
- One-Hot-Encoder This library is being imported to convert the encoding variables to one-hot encoded format which can be used as input in Machine Learning Models (AlmaBetter, n.d.).
- **MinMaxScaler** This library is being imported to measure the scale of numerical features from a specified range typically from 0 and 1 (AlmaBetter, n.d.).
- train\_test\_split This library is being imported to divide the given datset into two half which is one for training and the other one is for testing (AlmaBetter, n.d.).
- r2score This library is being imported to evaluate the performance of regression models (AlmaBetter, n.d.).
- DecisionTreeRegressor This library is being imported to create decision tree models specifically for regression based tasks (AlmaBetter, n.d.).

# 2.2.2 Import Libraries and Mount the Dataset

The initial stage of the program is that importing necessary libraries and mounting the dataset which is being to be used further. The libraries used are being explained in previous section.

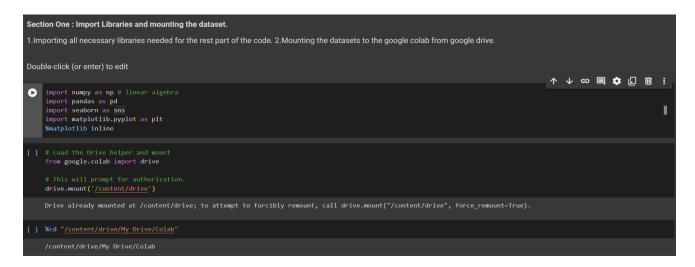


Figure 1 - Import Libraries and Mount the Dataset

# 2.3 Gathering and Cleaning the Data

The first section is to gather all the dataset to get a final data-frame in which we perform all visualisations and other analysis for the rest of the part. In this section, all the four factors are involved such as pesticide dataset, rainfall dataset, temperature dataset and yield dataset are all coordinated and all these datasets are cleaned to derive a final data-frame or dataset called yield\_df.

#### 2.3.1 Yield Dataset

In this dataset, the keyword used is df\_crop. There are two main steps being involved that is renaming and dropping column for better understanding.

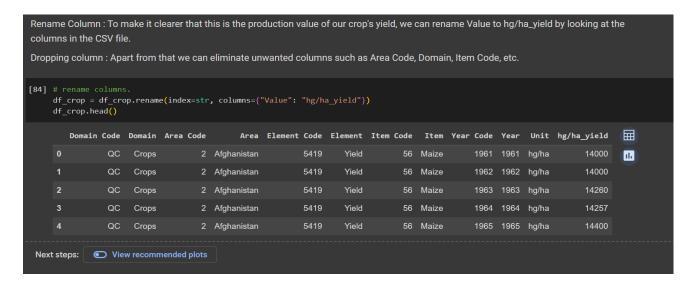


Figure 2 Rename column Value as hg/ha\_yield



Figure 3 Dropping the unnecessary columns

#### 2.3.2 Rainfall Dataset - Climate Factor

In this dataset, the keyword used is df\_climate. Here, in avg\_rain\_fall\_mm\_per\_year contains NaN values which can interrupt the progress. So we can either empty it or take mean of the column or drop it. In this case we are dropping it.



Figure 4 Convert NaN values to empty or other string

The data-frame now is being merged with previous cleaned dataset which is assigned to keyword as yield\_df.

<pre># merge yield dataframe with rain dataframe by year and area columns yield_df = pd.merge(df_crop, df_climate, on=['Year','Area']) yield_df.head()</pre>										
∃		Area	Item	Year	hg/ha_yield	average_rain_fall_mm_per_year				
	0	Afghanistan	Maize	1985	16652	327.0	11.			
	1	Afghanistan	Potatoes	1985	140909	327.0				
	2	Afghanistan	Rice, paddy	1985	22482	327.0				
	3	Afghanistan	Wheat	1985	12277	327.0				
	4	Afghanistan	Maize	1986	16875	327.0				

Figure 5 Merged data-frame

#### 2.3.3 Pesticide Dataset - Another Influential Factor

In this dataset, the keyword used is df\_pest . Rename and dropping the column to obtain final data-frame. Then merge the data-frame to yield\_df.

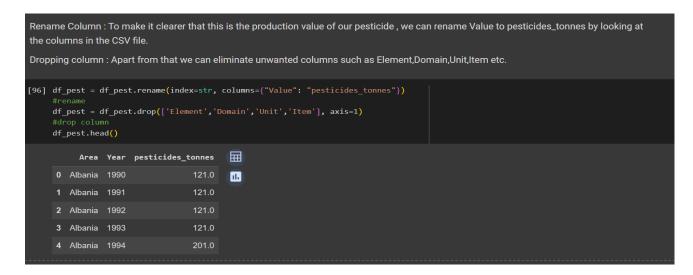


Figure 6 Rename and Drop the column

## 2.3.4 Temperature Dataset

In this dataset, the keyword used is avg\_temp. Here we are renaming and merging the dataframe again to obtain a complete data-frame.

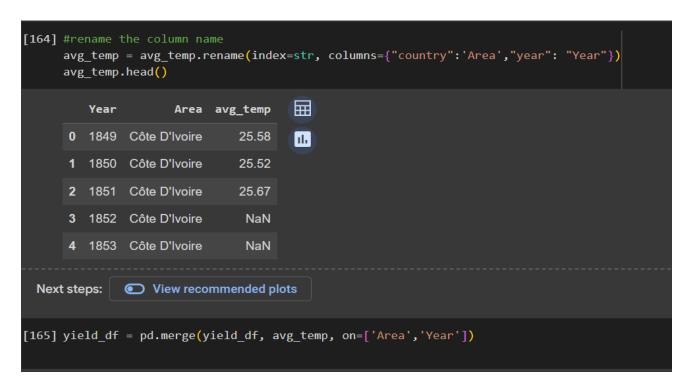


Figure 7 Rename and Merge the column

## 2.4 Final Dataframe - yield\_df

The final dataset obtained is yield\_df. It is constructed from merging the all the above mentioned datasets.

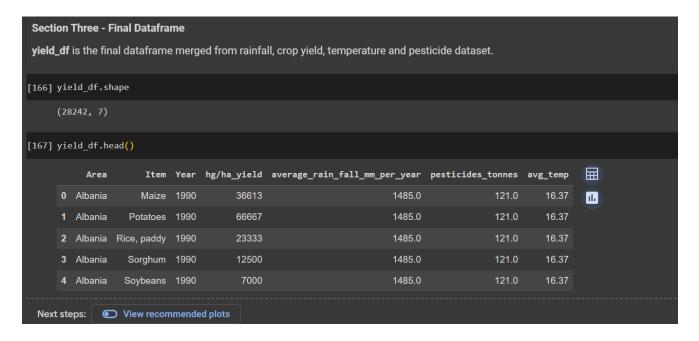


Figure 8 yield\_df dataframe

### 2.5 Exploratory Data Analysis

- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) on the yield\_df dataset is the process of studying and summarising the data's major properties in order to better understand its structure, patterns, and relationships. Here are some typical EDA steps for this dataset. (Mahadevan, 2022)
- **Data Overview**: Begin by loading the dataset and inspecting its fundamental attributes, such as the number of rows and columns, data types, and missing values. (Mahadevan, 2022)
- Normalization: Calculate descriptive statistics for numerical variables such as mean, median, standard deviation, minimum, and maximum values to better understand the data's central tendency and distribution (Mahadevan, 2022).
- **Data Visualisation**: Develop various forms of plots and charts to visualise the distribution of numerical variables (e.g., histograms, box plots), investigate correlations between variables (e.g., scatter plots, pair plots) (Mahadevan, 2022).
- Correlation Analysis: Use correlation coefficients between numerical variables to determine the strength and direction of linear relationships. Use a correlation matrix or heat-map to visually represent the correlations (Mahadevan, 2022).
- **Feature Engineering**: Create new features or modify existing ones to better capture patterns in data and improve model performance (Mahadevan, 2022).
- Data pre-processing: It involves handling missing values, encoding categorical variables, and scaling or normalising numerical features as needed to prepare the data for modelling (Mahadevan, 2022).

Overall, the purpose of EDA is to gather insights into the dataset that will help with later processes in the data analysis process, such as model selection, feature selection, and model evaluation.

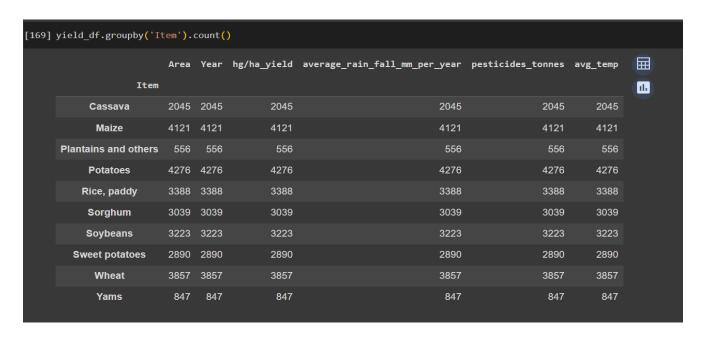


Figure 9 yield\_df dataframe

## 2.5.1 Data Visualisation for 'Top 10 areas with Largest Crop Yield'

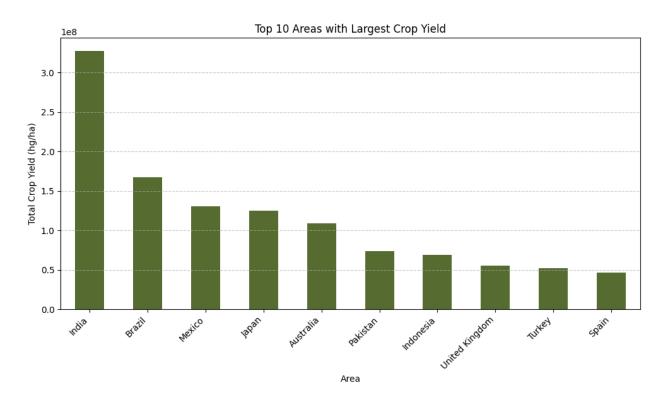


Figure 10 Top 10 Areas with Largest Crop Yield

This Visualization depicts that the range of crop yield all over the countries mentioned in final dataframe. This visualization helps in researching which has suitable land for crops to be implanted. The diagram itself specifies that India has much yield when compared to other countries which also explains that it has wide range of all types of crops that is being mentioned in the dataframe.

# 2.5.2 Top 10 Combinations of Crop Items, Areas by Crop Yield'

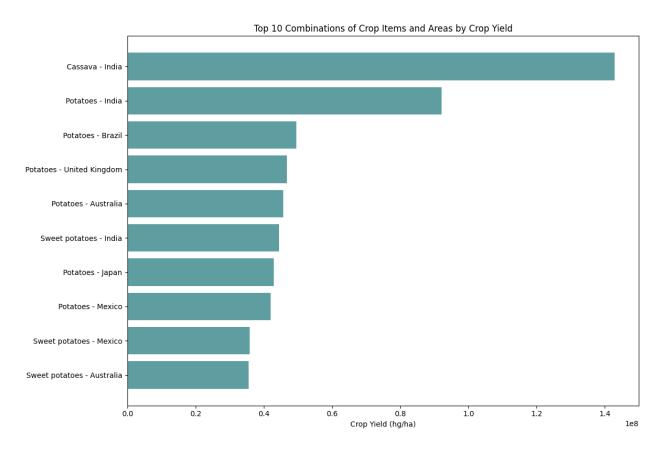


Figure 11 Top 10 Combinations of Crops, Areas by Crop Yield

The visualization is being visualized based on the crop yield of crops across the countries. This is to explain that it helps to detect which land is being suitable for type of crop. From this we can understand that which country has high yield of what crop.

# 2.5.3 Data Visualization for 'Crop Yield Over The Years'

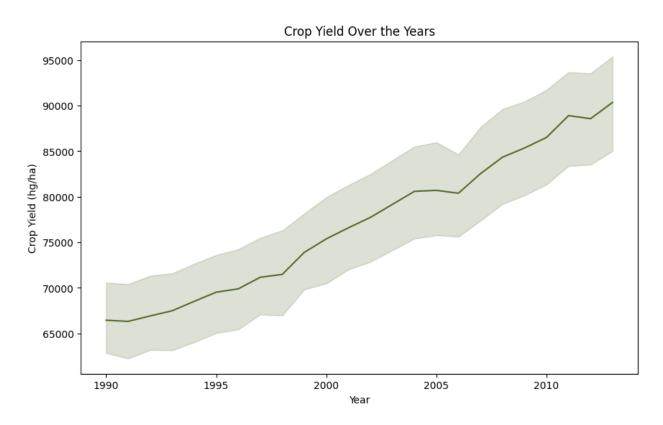


Figure 12 Crop Yield Over The Years

This visualization depicts that the crop yield has been increased or not all over these upcoming years. This is constructed because to prove that agriculture is in stable positioning of the crop standards.

# 2.5.4 Data Visualization for 'Crop Yield Vs Average Rainfall'

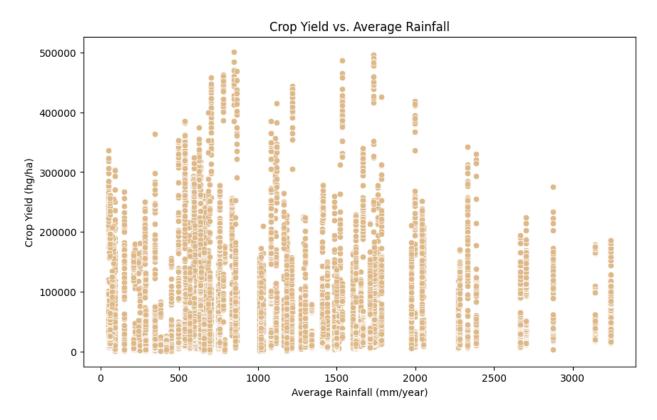


Figure 13 Crop Yield Vs Average Rainfall

This scatterplot depicts that there is huge crop yield when there is more rainfall. So, the average rainfall is being taken into account because it is one of the influential and basic factor for a crop yield. So when there is average rainfall there is more or average yield when compare to less rainfall.

### 2.5.6 Correlation Analysis

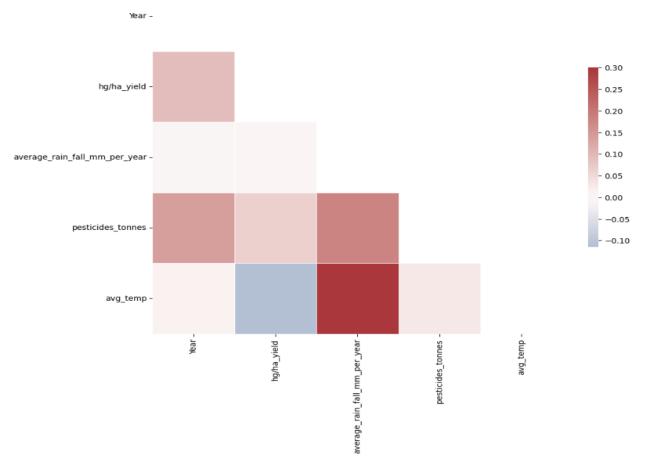


Figure 14 Correlation between the columns of the dataset

**Note**: From above correlation heat-map it is found that there is no correlation between any of the columns of the dataframe. It is so because we have limited number of columns so each column is associated with output column but no desired relationship with each of other defined columns. The variables in the dataset may not change enough to reveal meaningful associations. Identifying correlations can be difficult if the data is excessively uniform or lacking variation (Szabo, 2020).

## 2.5.7 Data Pre-Processing – One-Hot-Encoding

The data-frame contains two categorical columns, which are variables with label values rather than numeric values. In many cases, the number of possible values is limited to a specific set, such as the values for objects and datatypes. (Ali, 2023).

This means that category data must be transformed into numerical form. One hot encoding is the process of converting categorical information into a form that may be used by ML algorithms to improve prediction accuracy. One-Hot Encoding will be used to turn these two columns into a single numeric array (Ali, 2023).

The category value is the numerical value of an entry in the dataset. This encoding generates a binary column for each category and produces a matrix with the results (Ali, 2023).

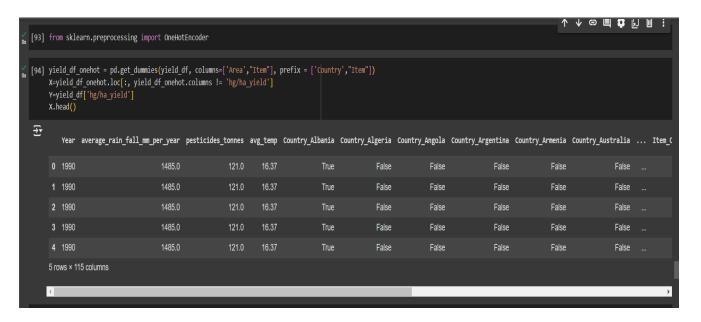


Figure 15 Encoding Categorical Variables

This phase of code creates new binary columns by performing one-hot encoding on the categorical columns "Area" and "Item" in Data-Frame yield\_df. This is done for regression algorithm, separating predictor variables (X) and the desired variable (Y) and removing the 'hg/ha\_yield' column from predictors, since we already know that hg/ha\_yield is the output column. The encoded data is shown in the generated X Data-Frame (Ali, 2023).

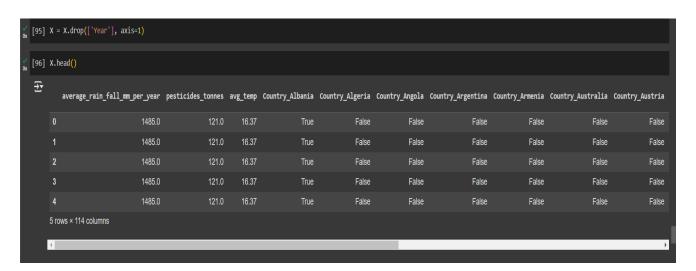


Figure 16 Dropping Year Field from X Dataframe

In this phase, we are dropping the Year column we are dealing with the country and item that has to be yielded which accordingly nothing to do with the year. And the further analysis is also based on Country and Item and not Year so to keeping it simple we are dropping the respective column 'Year'.

#### 2.5.8 Normalization

Scaling the numerical features to a similar range is commonly referred to as normalization in the context of the yield\_df dataset. This keeps features with higher magnitudes from controlling the model training process and guarantees that every feature contributes equally to the analysis. When working with machine learning methods that are sensitive to feature sizes, like support vector machines (SVM) normalization is extremely crucial (Bhandari, 2020).

Scaling variables like agricultural yield, average rainfall, pesticide use, and average temperature to a common range, like [0, 1] or [-1, 1], may be necessary for normalization in the context of the yield\_df dataset.Normalization ensures that algorithms can learn from the data efficiently and are not influenced by feature size. It also makes the dataset more suited for analysis and modelling (Bhandari, 2020).

The dataset shows significant variation in magnitudes, units, and ranges. Features with high magnitudes will be weighted more heavily in distance estimates than those with low magnitudes. To suppress this impact, we must bring all characteristics to the same magnitude level. This can be accomplished by scaling (Bhandari, 2020).

Figure 17 Normalization

This code scales the features in the 'X' variable using the scikit-learn Min-Max-Scaler. By transforming the features to fall inside a given range—typically between 0 and 1—MinMaxScaler ensures that all features have the same scale. We are doing this because we can compare with accuracy by using our SVM approach. It is utilized for several other distant calculative procedures in addition to the SVM technique. Each feature's minimum and maximum values are determined, and each feature is then scaled appropriately by deducting the minimum value and dividing by the range. For many machine learning algorithms, this normalization stage is crucial because it improves the algorithms' numerical stability, convergence speed, and performance(scikit-learn, 2019).

# Chapter – 3 – Model Selection

## 3.1 Train and Split Data

The performance of machine learning algorithms when they are applied to prediction on non-training data is estimated using the train-test split approach. Here we are splitting in range of 80 percent training and 20 percent split. Even though the technique is easy to use and understand, there are scenarios in which it should not be used, such as when you have a tiny dataset, and others in which further configuration is necessary, like when the dataset is not balanced and the procedure is being used for classification (Brownlee, 2020).

Figure 18 Train and Split Data

#### 3.2 Model Selection

The system in this research uses machine learning approaches to forecast crop yield rate. Python is the programming language of choice since it is well-liked for implementing novel concepts in the field of machine learning. The gathered data set will be submitted for this project, and a crop yield estimate will be produced by using machine learning techniques such as \*\*decision tree regression, gradient boosting regression, and random forest regression.\*\* (Harika et al., 2877)

The information in the gathered data set determines the outcome. More accurate the parameter information in the gathered datasets, the better the outcomes will be(Harika et al., 2877)

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```
[492] from sklearn.metrics import r2 score
      def compare_models(model):
          model_value = model.__class_
         fit=model.fit(X_train,Y_train)
          pred=fit.predict(X_test)
          r2=r2_score(Y_test,pred)
          return([model_value,r2])
     from \ sklearn. ensemble \ import \ Random ForestRegressor
      from \ sklear \textbf{n.ensemble} \ import \ Gradient \textbf{Boosting} \textbf{Regressor}
      from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
          GradientBoostingRegressor(n_estimators=200, max_depth=3, random_state=0),
           RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=200, max_depth=3, random_state=0),
        DecisionTreeRegressor()
      model_train=list(map(compare_models, models))
     print(*model_train, sep = "\n")
 : ['GradientBoostingRegressor', 0.8996773945430375]
      ['RandomForestRegressor', 0.6964963480549694]
['DecisionTreeRegressor', 0.9644252268229165]
```

Figure 19 Model Evaluation and Accuracy rate

## Note: Why Decision Tree Regression Tree has more accuracy?

The Decision Tree Regressor was chosen for the Crop yield\_df dataset because of its capacity to handle the complicated, non-linear correlations found in agricultural data. Unlike linear regression models, decision trees can efficiently capture the interplay of different factors influencing crop output, such as weather, soil qualities, and agricultural techniques. This is critical in agriculture, where the link between input variables and crop production is frequently non-linear and affected by a variety of factors (Gupta et al., n.d.).

Furthermore, decision trees are highly interpretable, allowing stakeholders to better grasp the decision-making process and which factors are most relevant in crop yield prediction. Transparency is critical in agricultural decision-making, as farmers and policymakers require actionable facts to optimize crop output and resource allocation (Gupta et al., n.d.).

Furthermore, decision trees are resistant to outliers and can handle both numerical and categorical data, making them ideal for the diverse nature of agricultural information. Using the capabilities of decision tree regression, we can effectively model and estimate crop production based on a variety of agricultural parameters, resulting in more informed decision-making and resource management in agriculture (Gupta et al., n.d.).

# **Chapter – 4 – Key Visualizations based on Model Evaluation**

## 4.1 Scatterplot for R<sup>2</sup> Score

Using agricultural data, this code segment trains a Decision Tree Regressor model (clf). The dataset's features are probably contained in the X\_train variable, while crop yield (hg/ha\_yield), which appears to be the target variable in this instance, is stored in Y\_train (Amir, 2023).

Based on the features in the training set, the model predicts the crop yield (yield\_predicted) after training. The actual yield values, which are added to the plot\_df dataframe as yield\_actual, are then compared to these predictions and saved in Y\_train (Amir, 2023).

The data is then grouped by item type (Item) in the code, which probably corresponds to various crops. The R-squared score for each group is then determined. The percentage of variance in the dependent variable (crop yield) that can be predicted from the independent variables (features) is measured by the R-squared score (Amir, 2023).

For each crop type, the scores that are obtained show how well the model fits the data. Strong fits are indicated by high R-squared values near 1, which imply that most crop kinds' actual yield values and the model's forecasts closely match each other. Through an examination of the model's performance on diverse crops, this analysis sheds light on how well the model predicts crop yields in a range of agricultural settings (Amir, 2023).

Figure 20 R2 Score for Crop Items

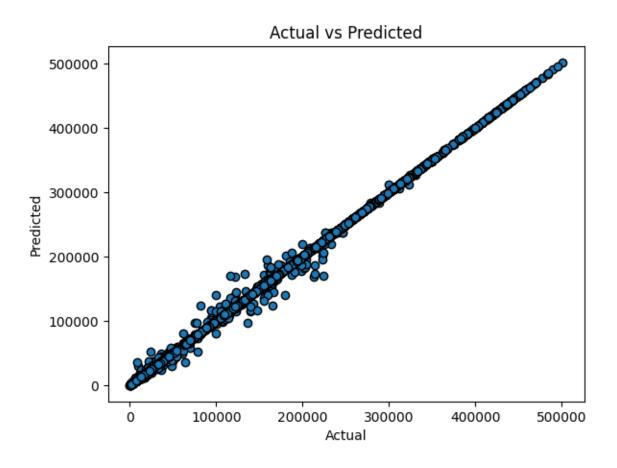


Figure 21 Scatterplot for Actual Vs Predicted

**Note:** The above figure displays the goodness of fit as a line based on the predictions. The excellent R Square score is evident. This indicates that we have discovered a well-fitting model to forecast the value of a given country's crop produce. The model's forecasts will likely be improved by including more factors, such as information on the climate, wind, pollution, the state of a particular nation's economy, and so forth (Frost, 2018).

## 4.2 Boxplot Visualisation on Crop Yield

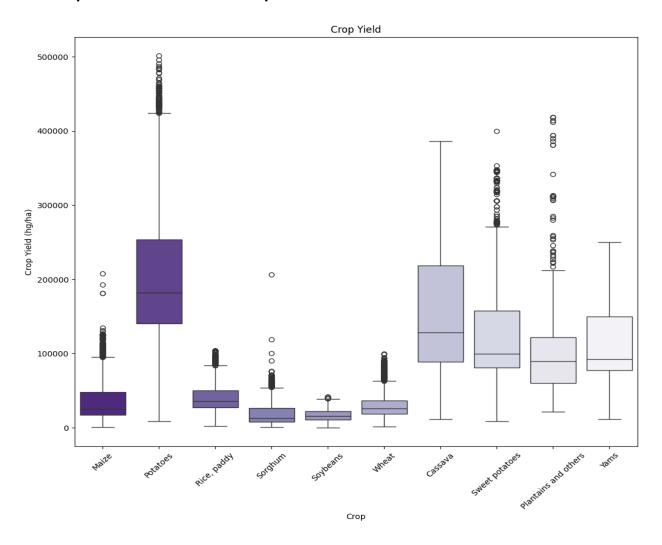


Figure 22 Boxplot Visualization on Crop Yield

The distribution of crop yield data is probably visualized by the yield\_df boxplot function. The dataset's median, quartiles, and any outliers are shown in a boxplot. The range is represented by each box, with a line inside each box depicting the median. Usually 1.5 times the range extend to the lowest and maximum values within a certain range. Plotting of outliers outside of this range is done separately. The yield distribution's central tendency and spread are briefly summarized in this graphic, which makes it easier to spot any notable deviations or outliers in the data (www.ncl.ac.uk, n.d.).

# 4.3 Factors Influenced in Decision Making

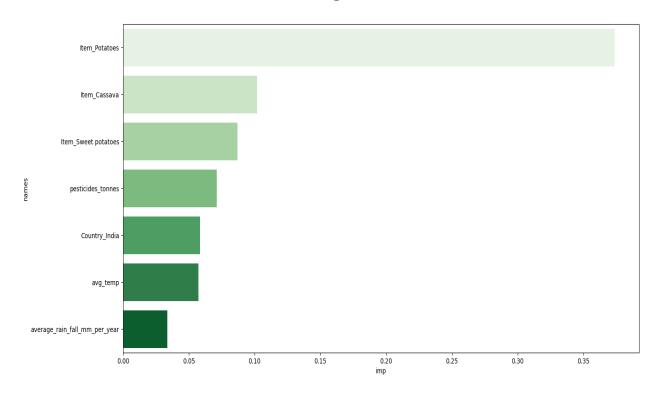


Figure 23 7-Factors Influenced In crop Yield Dataset

The most important variables influencing crop yields are graphically represented by this code, which facilitates the identification and prioritization of these variables in agricultural decision-making (Liliane and Charles, 2020).

### Conclusion

The goal of this project is to help farmers become more financially stable and to address the rising number of farmer suicides. Farmers can use this project to choose the highest producing and most suited crops to plant on their land and to achieve the desired output. Machine learning tools were utilized to gather, analyze, and train relevant datasets. This project advances the agricultural industry. A list of crops and their productions according to climate conditions is one of the project's most significant and original contributions. This innovative, clever method of crop yield prediction works well for computing precise results. If this innovative method is applied to the cultivation of crops, choosing which of crops for farmers (Harika et al., 2877).

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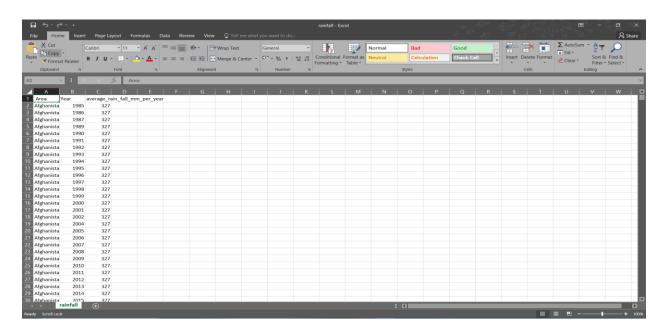
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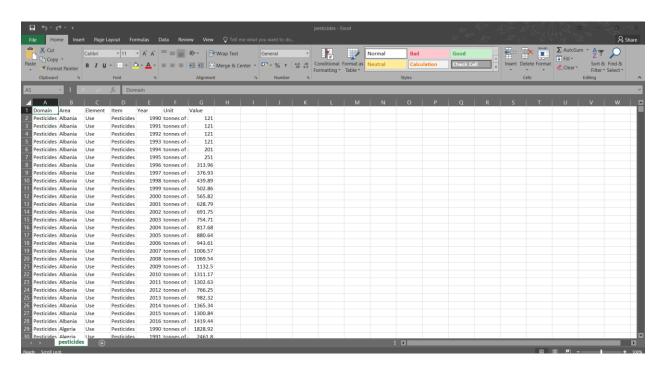
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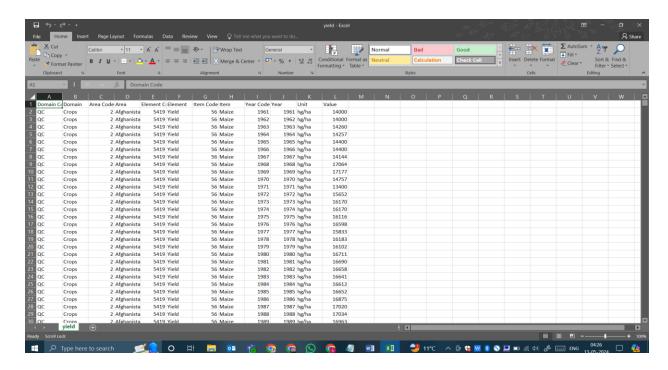
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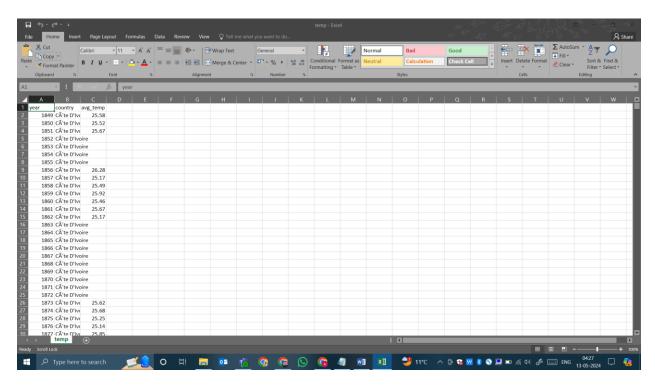
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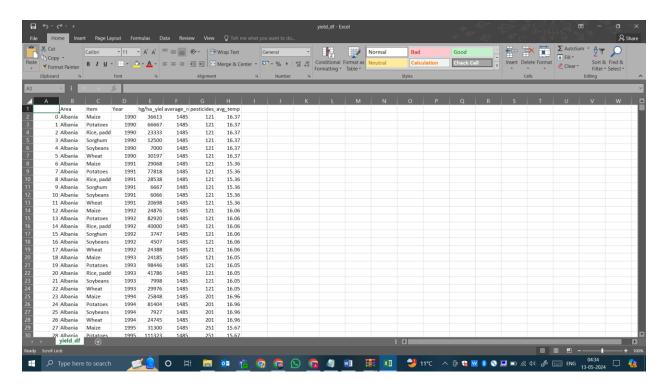
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## **A4. Temperature Dataset**



#### A5. Final Data-frame



## A6. Google Colaboratory

