

# Problem Statement: AI-Based Crop Recommendation for Farmers

## ■ 1. Soil Health Monitoring & Fertilizer Guidance

### How it works:

- Farmers enter their location / upload soil test data (pH, NPK levels, moisture, organic content).
- App connects to a soil database (ICAR/FAO standards).
- AI recommends suitable crops, fertilizers & dosage, and organic alternatives.

### Value for farmers:

- Prevents excessive fertilizer use.
- Improves soil fertility & crop yield.
- Reduces environmental damage.

## ■■ 2. Weather-Based Alerts & Predictive Insights

### How it works:

- Real-time weather API integration (IMD, OpenWeather, IBM Weather).
- AI model gives predictive alerts for rainfall, drought, temperature, humidity.
- Farmers get personalized notifications like irrigation advice, mulching, pest prevention.

### Value for farmers:

- Timely action = less crop loss.
- Saves water & costs.
- Increases resilience to climate change.

## ■ 3. Pest & Disease Detection (AI/ML Image Recognition)

### How it works:

- Farmer uploads a photo of crop leaf/plant.
- AI/ML model (trained on PlantVillage dataset) analyzes image.
- Returns disease/pest detected, treatment suggestions, and prevention tips.

### Value for farmers:

- Quick identification.
- Reduces crop loss.
- Lowers dependency on random advice.

# ■ Data Requirements & Sources

## 1. Soil Health Monitoring & Fertilizer Guidance

### **Needed Data:**

Soil type classification (pH, NPK, moisture, organic carbon, micronutrients).  
Crop-soil suitability mapping.  
Fertilizer recommendation guidelines.

### **Datasets / Sources:**

- ICAR & NBSS&LUP; (India) – soil maps & recommendations.
- FAO Soil Database.
- Government soil health card data.
- OpenAgri / Kaggle datasets.

## ■■ 2. Weather-Based Alerts & Predictive Insights

### **Needed Data:**

Historical weather data (rainfall, temperature, humidity, wind speed).  
Forecast models (7–14 days ahead).  
Crop growth stage vs. weather impact.

### **Datasets / Sources:**

- IMD (India) – free weather data.
- NASA POWER API.
- OpenWeather API.
- NOAA climate datasets.

## ■ 3. Pest & Disease Detection (AI/ML – Image-based)

### **Needed Data:**

High-quality crop disease images.  
Pest attack patterns.  
Labels: crop name, disease type, treatment.

### **Datasets / Sources:**

- PlantVillage Dataset (Kaggle).
- ICAR-IARI research papers.
- PlantDoc Dataset (India-specific).
- Mendeley / Zenodo datasets.

## ■ Extra Dataset for Market Price Tracking

- Agmarknet (Govt. of India) – daily mandi prices.
- FAOSTAT – international crop prices.