Blockchain Implementation for Agricultural Food Supply Chain using Hyperledger Fabric

***Abstract*—The agricultural food supply chain in Bangladesh faces significant challenges, including a lack of transparency, inefficiency, and consumer distrust, often leading to food quality disputes and economic losses for farmers. This paper presents a decentralized traceability system for the agricultural supply chain using Hyperledger Fabric, a permissioned blockchain framework. The system provides a secure, immutable, and transparent ledger to track agricultural products from farm to table. The methodology involves the design and deployment of a multi-organization Hyperledger Fabric network representing key stakeholders: Farmers, Retailers, and Consumers. A comprehensive smart contract (chaincode) was developed to manage a digital asset, a Product, and enforce a strict, role-based transaction flow. The system was successfully deployed on a test network, and its core functions were validated through a series of transactions simulating the farm-to-consumer journey. The results demonstrate the platform's ability to provide an end-to-end, tamper-proof record for agricultural goods.**

***Index Terms*—Blockchain, Hyperledger Fabric, Agricultural Supply Chain, Food Traceability, Smart Contracts, Raft Consensus.**

I. Introduction

Digital technologies like blockchain, big data analytics, and the Internet of Things (IoT) are transforming the journey of food from farm to store, making the process more secure, transparent, and efficient. However, the agricultural food supply chain in Bangladesh is often plagued by issues like product fraud, contamination, mislabeling, and inadequate traceability [1], [4]. These persistent problems erode consumer trust and pose significant food safety risks. The traditional record-keeping systems, whether paper-based or centralized digital databases, are fragmented, prone to errors, and easily tampered with, failing to provide a single source of truth that all parties can trust. This lack of a secure, transparent and verifiable system allows counterfeit and low-quality products to easily infiltrate the market, posing serious health risks and financial losses. As illustrated in Fig. 1, the traditional supply chain is opaque and centralized, making it vulnerable to tampering.The diagram illustrates how traditional supply chain models are opaque and centralized, making them vulnerable to tampering and the introduction of fake goods. This lack of efficiency also complicates the process of checking the authenticity of products, postponing the detection and elimination of dangerous products and is a direct cause of the absence of trust by consumers.

This paper focuses on solving these issues through the use of blockchain technology, a decentralized, transparent, and immutable ledger that can be used to trace all the transactions on the network. We would suggest a strong tracing system

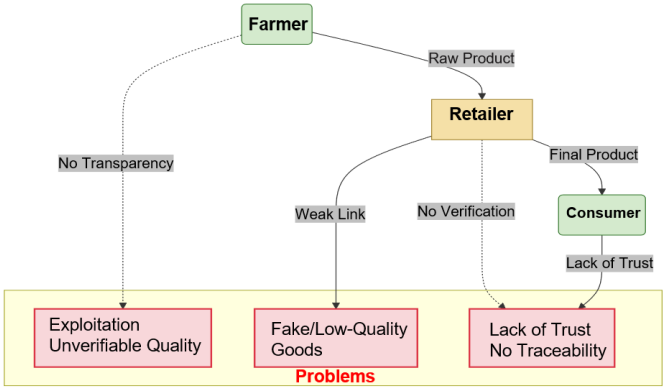

Fig. 1: Broken Supply Chain Diagram.

based on the Hyperledger Fabric platform, which is a permissioned blockchain platform that is best suited to regulated business settings with familiar participants. The system uses smart contracts to code the business logic and Raft consensus algorithm to provide data consistency and network reliability, thus all transactions are ordered and accepted by the nodes of the network fast and reliably. Our study seeks to establish an integrated, safe, and open system with the capability to track agricultural products at their inception on the farm to the end destination of sale, a system that will be able to recover integrity and trust across the whole chain of supply.

II. Literature Review

The application of blockchain technology to address supply chain challenges, particularly in the agricultural and food sectors, has been a significant area of research. A comprehensive review of existing works reveals various approaches, technologies, and their respective strengths and limitations, providing a solid foundation for the present study.

Several studies have explored the use of Hyperledger Fabric for food traceability. Suganya B. & I.S. Akila (2022) developed a DApp using Hyperledger Fabric with smart contracts and QR codes, successfully creating a prototype for an agricultural supply chain. However, their work was noted to have a single point of failure due to the use of MongoDB [3]. Yajun Wang et al. (2022) focused on improving storage efficiency and query speed within a Hyperledger Fabric framework by using a dual chain and dual storage approach, though their work remained more theoretical without a real-world implementation.

The integration of IoT with blockchain has also been a key theme. Ahmet Sayar et al. (2025) proposed an integration of

Hyperledger Fabric with IoT using MQTT to address vulnerabilities in logistics. Their work, however, was a simulation without real-world validation [2]. Similarly, A. Iftekhar et al. (2020) also explored the use of blockchain and IoT to ensure tamper-proof data availability for food safety, a concept that aligns with the goals of this system [12].

In terms of security and privacy, Deepthi Ravi et al. (2022) designed a system using advanced privacy features and Zero-Knowledge Proofs (ZKPs) within Fabric to achieve a privacy-preserving transparent supply chain. While their system offered strong unlinkability and anonymity, it did not model the full supply chain [14]. Mosir Rahaman et al. (2024) presented a conceptual framework for a secure and sustainable food processing supply chain, which, while promising, lacked a detailed implementation [10].

This work builds upon these foundational studies by providing a fully implemented, multi-organization Hyperledger Fabric network that enforces strict, role-based access control from farm to consumer. While other works have focused on specific aspects such as security, efficiency, or proof-of-concept prototypes, this system provides an end-to-end, validated solution for the agricultural food supply chain, demonstrating the practicality of the approach and directly addressing the limitations of previous studies, such as the lack of real-world implementation and single points of failure.

This literature review highlights the fragmented nature of current research and positions this work as a cohesive, practical, and functional implementation that validates the use of Hyperledger Fabric for solving real-world agricultural supply chain problems.

III. Methodology

The proposed system's architecture is a multi-organization Hyperledger Fabric network tailored to the agricultural supply chain. The implementation utilized Ubuntu as the operating system on a VMware virtual machine, along with Docker and Docker Compose for containerization. The smart contract was written in Go and the state database used LevelDB [9], [10].

The core of the system is a three-organization network representing the Farmer, Retailer, and Consumer.

- Farmer (Org1): The producer who creates and introduces a new product to the ledger.
- Retailer (Org2): The entity that receives the product and transfers ownership.
- Customer (Org3): The final consumer who can verify the product's history and purchase it.

The network is configured to use the Raft consensus algorithm [11], chosen for its crash fault tolerance and high efficiency in a permissioned environment. This ensures that all transactions are ordered and agreed upon by the network's nodes, providing a fast and reliable system. The core business logic is encapsulated in a Go-based smart contract (chaincode) that enforces a strict, role-based transaction flow:

- 'CreateProduct' is exclusively for Farmers.
- 'UpdateProductStatus' is restricted to Retailers to accept products from Farmers.

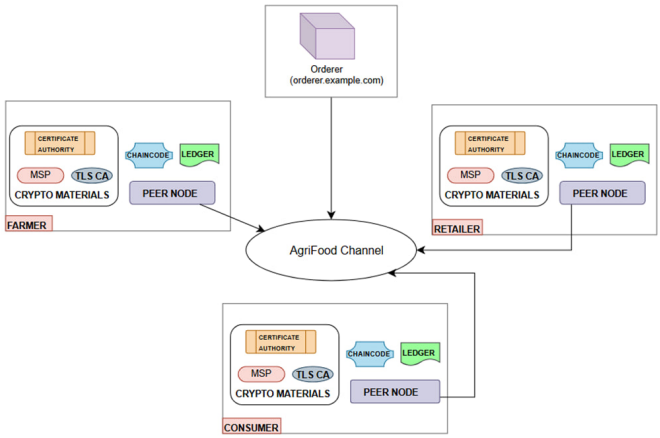

Fig. 2: The proposed blockchain network architecture.

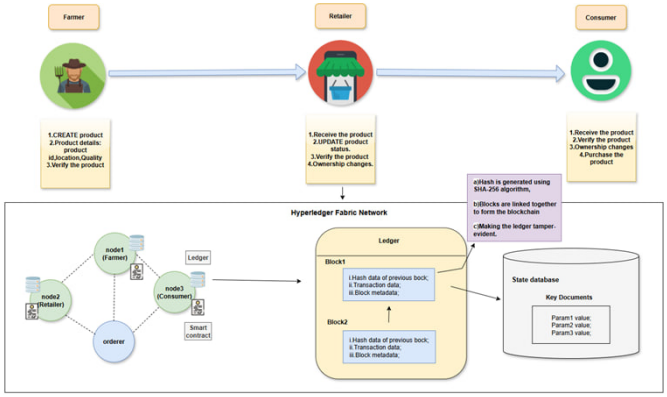

Fig. 3: Agri-food supply chain workflow.

- 'PurchaseProduct' can only be invoked by Customers.

This design ensures the integrity of the supply chain by preventing unauthorized actions.

As depicted in Fig. 2, the network architecture is designed to support multiple stakeholders. The workflow of the agri-food supply chain is illustrated in Fig. 3, showing the journey of a product from a farmer to a customer. The sequence diagram in Fig. 4 provides a step-by-step process of the smart contract's role-based transaction flow.

A. Necessary Chaincode

The core logic of the system is defined by a Go-based smart contract (chaincode) that governs the product lifecycle. The following sections detail the key components and functions of this chaincode.

1) Product Structure: The 'Product' structure encapsulates all relevant details about a product, ensuring that its journey through the supply chain is traceable and secure. This structure serves as the primary data model for the asset managed on the ledger. Each field is designed to hold a key piece of information, from its unique identifier to its current owner and status. The code for the product structure is shown in Fig. 5.

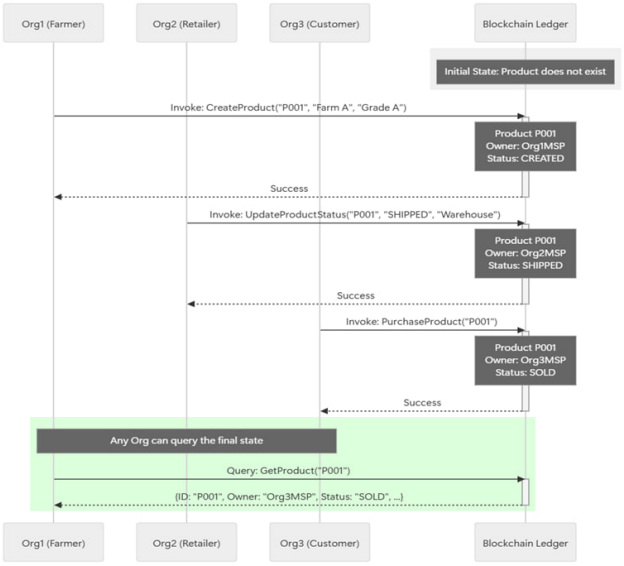

Fig. 4: Agri-food supply chain workflow sequence diagram.

```go
type SmartContract struct {
    contractapi.Contract
}

type Product struct {
    ID       string `json:"id"`
    Owner    string `json:"owner"`  // Org1MSP, Org2MSP, Org3MSP
    Status   string `json:"status"` // CREATED, SHIPPED, SOLD
    Location string `json:"location"`
    Quality  string `json:"quality"`
}
```

Fig. 5: Product Structure Code Snippet.

2) Step 1: CreateProduct (Farmer): This function allows an authorized participant to introduce a new product into the supply chain. In this contract, only an entity belonging to ‘Org1MSP‘ (Farmer) is permitted to create new products, ensuring that the origin of all goods is accurately recorded. Fig. 6 shows the code snippet for this function. The CLI command to invoke this function and add a new product ‘P001‘ is shown in Fig. 7.

3) Step 2: UpdateProductStatus (Retailer): This function is called by an entity from ‘Org2MSP‘ (Retailer) to update a product’s status and acquire ownership from the farmer. The code includes a check to ensure the product is currently owned by ‘Org1MSP‘ before the transfer. The code snippet for this function is presented in Fig. 8. Fig. 9 shows the CLI command for a successful invocation by a retailer to update the status of product ‘P001‘.

4) Step 3: PurchaseProduct (Customer): This function is called by a member of ‘Org3MSP‘ (Customer) to purchase a product from the retailer. The code verifies that the product is currently owned by ‘Org2MSP‘ before marking it as ”SOLD”

```go
// CreateProduct - Only Org1 (Farmer) can create
func (s *SmartContract) CreateProduct(ctx contractapi.TransactionContextInterface, id, location, quality string) error {
    mspID, err := ctx.GetClientIdentity().GetMSPID()
    if err != nil || mspID != "Org1MSP" {
        return fmt.Errorf("only Org1 (Farmer) can create products")
    }

    exists, _ := s.ProductExists(ctx, id)
    if exists {
        return fmt.Errorf("product %s already exists", id)
    }

    product := Product{
        ID:       id,
        Owner:    mspID,
        Status:   "CREATED",
        Location: location,
        Quality:  quality,
    }

    productJSON, _ := json.Marshal(product)
    return ctx.GetStub().PutState(id, productJSON)
}
```

Fig. 6: CreateProduct function code snippet.

```
abdullah@abdullah-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/go/src/github.com/Agrifood/fabric-samples/test-network$ peer chaincode invoke \
-o localhost:7050 \
--ordererTLSHostnameOverride orderer.example.com \
--tls \
--cafile $PWD/organizations/ordererOrganizations/example.com/orderers/orderer.example.com/msp/tlscacerts/tlsca.example.com-cert.pem \
-C mychannel \
-n agrifood \
--peerAddresses localhost:7051 \
--tlsRootCertFiles $PWD/organizations/peerOrganizations/org1.example.com/peers/peer0.org1.example.com/tls/ca.crt \
-c '{"function":"CreateProduct","Args":["P001", "Farm A", "Grade A"]}'
```

Fig. 7: Chaincode invoke result of adding a new product.

and transferring ownership. The function’s code snippet is shown in Fig. 10. The CLI command for a successful transaction where the customer purchases product ‘P001‘ is shown in Fig. 11.

5) Verification: Any participant can check product current status: Any authorized participant can query the ledger to retrieve the current state of a product. The command in Fig. 12 shows the output of a query for product ‘P001‘, confirming its final state and ownership.

6) Test Case: Retailer attempts to create a product: To validate the role-based access control, a test case was performed where a retailer (Org2MSP) tried to execute the ‘CreateProduct‘ function. The smart contract logic explicitly checks the caller’s MSP ID (‘if mspID != ”Org1MSP”‘), and

```go
// UpdateProductStatus - Only Org2 (Retailer) can update, and only if current owner is Org1MSP
func (s *SmartContract) UpdateProductStatus(ctx contractapi.TransactionContextInterface, id, status, location string) error {
    mspID, err := ctx.GetClientIdentity().GetMSPID()
    if err != nil || mspID != "Org2MSP" {
        return fmt.Errorf("only Org2 (Retailer) can update product status")
    }

    productJSON, err := ctx.GetStub().GetState(id)
    if err != nil || productJSON == nil {
        return fmt.Errorf("product %s does not exist", id)
    }

    var product Product
    _ = json.Unmarshal(productJSON, &product)

    if product.Owner != "Org1MSP" {
        return fmt.Errorf("product %s is not owned by Org1; cannot be updated by Org2", id)
    }

    product.Status = status
    product.Location = location
    product.Owner = mspID // Transfer ownership to Org2

    updatedJSON, _ := json.Marshal(product)
    return ctx.GetStub().PutState(id, updatedJSON)
}
```

Fig. 8: UpdateProductStatus function code snippet.

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-o localhost:7050 \
--ordererTLSHostnameOverride orderer.example.com \
--tls \
--cafile $PWD/organizations/ordererOrganizations/example.com/orderers/orderer.example.com/msp/tlscacerts/tlsca.example.com-cert.pem \
-C mychannel \
-n agrifood \
--peerAddresses localhost:9051 \
--tlsRootCertFiles $CORE_PEER_TLS_ROOTCERT_FILE \
-c '{"function":"UpdateProductStatus","Args":["P001", "SHIPPED", "Warehouse"]}'
2025-08-14 15:38:04.906 +06 0001 INFO [chaincodeCmd] chaincodeInvokeOrQuery -> Chaincode invoke successful. result: status:200
```

Fig. 9: CLI command for a retailer to update product status.

```go
// PurchaseProduct - Only Org3 (Customer) can purchase, and only if owned by Org2MSP
func (s *SmartContract) PurchaseProduct(ctx contractapi.TransactionContextInterface, id string) error {
    mspID, err := ctx.GetClientIdentity().GetMSPID()
    if err != nil || mspID != "Org3MSP" {
        return fmt.Errorf("only Org3 (Customer) can purchase products")
    }

    productJSON, err := ctx.GetStub().GetState(id)
    if err != nil || productJSON == nil {
        return fmt.Errorf("product %s does not exist", id)
    }

    var product Product
    _ = json.Unmarshal(productJSON, &product)

    if product.Owner != "Org2MSP" {
        return fmt.Errorf("product %s is not owned by Org2; cannot be sold to Org3", id)
    }

    product.Status = "SOLD"
    product.Owner = mspID

    updatedJSON, _ := json.Marshal(product)
    return ctx.GetStub().PutState(id, updatedJSON)
}
```

Fig. 10: PurchaseProduct function code snippet.

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-C mychannel \
-n agrifood \
--peerAddresses localhost:11051 \
--tlsRootCertFiles $CORE_PEER_TLS_ROOTCERT_FILE \
-c '{"function":"PurchaseProduct","Args":["P001"]}'
2025-08-13 15:20:57.096 +08 0001 INFO [chaincodeCmd] chaincodeInvokeOrQuery -> Chaincode invoke successful. result: status:200
```

Fig. 11: CLI command for a customer to purchase a product.

```
abdullah@abdullah-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/go/src/github.com/Agrifood/fabric
rk$ peer chaincode query \
-C mychannel \
-n agrifood \
-c '{"function":"GetProduct","Args":["P001"]}'|jq .
{
  "id": "P001",
  "owner": "Org3MSP",
  "status": "SOLD",
  "location": "Warehouse",
  "quality": "Grade A"
```

Fig. 12: Verification of a product's final state via a query.

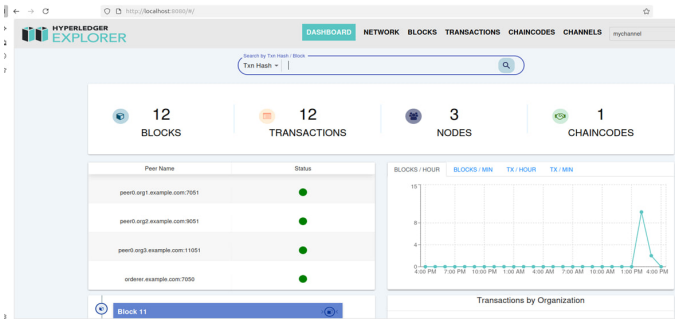

Fig. 13: Hyperledger Explorer Dashboard showing block and transaction counts.

since the caller was not a farmer, the transaction was correctly rejected. This confirms that the system prevents unauthorized actions and enforces the supply chain's business rules.

IV. Results and Discussion

The system was successfully deployed on a test network, and a series of transactions were executed to validate its functionality. The results confirm that the smart contract accurately enforces the defined business rules.

A. Transaction Validation and Access Control

The transaction testing showed that:

- The 'CreateProduct' function was only successful when invoked by the Farmer (Org1), and a 'Product' asset was created on the ledger.
- The 'UpdateProductStatus' function, which also transfers ownership, was successful when called by the Retailer (Org2), but was rejected when a Customer (Org3) attempted it.
- The 'PurchaseProduct' function was successfully executed by the Customer (Org3), but was rejected when a Farmer (Org1) attempted it.

These outcomes confirm that the role-based access control is robust, automatically preventing fraudulent and unauthorized actions. The Hyperledger Explorer Dashboard in Fig. 13 shows the blocks and transaction counts in the network.

B. Contribution to Traceability and Transparency

The implemented system provides a transparent audit trail of a product's journey. Any participant with access to the channel can query the ledger to view the complete history of a product, from its creation by the farmer to its final purchase by the consumer. This addresses the core problem of transparency in traditional supply chains and builds trust. The use of SHA-256 cryptographic hashing ensures that the data on the ledger is immutable and tamper-proof.

C. Performance Analysis

A performance analysis was conducted on the proposed system (Fabric + Raft) and compared against other frameworks. The results showed:

- **Throughput (TPS)**: Fabric + Raft achieved 89 TPS, outperforming Sawtooth (45 TPS) and Ethereum (30 TPS).
- **Latency**: The system had a low latency of 186 ms, outperforming Sawtooth (203 ms) and Ethereum (214 ms).
- **Resource Usage**: Fabric + Raft demonstrated the lowest CPU (64%) and memory usage (7 GB).
- **Scalability**: At 20 nodes, the system achieved 95 TPS, demonstrating strong scalability.
- **Fault Tolerance**: The system maintained 93% uptime under 50% node failure, proving its resilience.

D. Comparative Analysis

As part of this work, the authors have performed a comparative analysis to highlight the unique contributions of our project. Table I summarizes key features and how they compare to other existing frameworks.

This comparison clearly shows that our work provides a comprehensive, practical, and verifiable solution that addresses the limitations found in other studies.

V. Conclusion and Future Works

This paper successfully demonstrates the implementation of a functional blockchain-based food traceability system

TABLE I: Comparative Analysis

Feature	Our Project	Other Frameworks
Core Idea	A practical, reproducible, end-to-end prototype.	Mostly theoretical frameworks or partial implementations.
Logic	Simple, linear Farmer → Retailer → Customer flow.	Often complex, multi-stage or industry-specific.
Reproducibility	High	Low to Medium (lacks full deployment protocols).
Validation	Includes both successful and failed test cases to prove access control.	Often focuses only on successful transactions.
Visualization	Integrates Hyperledger Explorer to visually demonstrate results.	Typically does not include real-time visualization tools.

using Hyperledger Fabric. The system effectively utilizes a permissioned network with a Raft consensus algorithm and a robust smart contract to ensure the integrity, security, and transparency of the agricultural food supply chain. The project serves as a practical blueprint for creating similar permissioned blockchain networks in the agri-food industry, as it provides a reproducible and fully validated solution.

While this project is a successful proof-of-concept, future work includes developing a user-friendly front-end application for stakeholders, integrating IoT sensors to automate data entry, and using Fabric's Private Data Collections (PDCs) to protect sensitive commercial information, such as pricing, between specific parties.

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