AgriConnect – Phase 1: Problem Understanding & Industry Analysis

Problem Statement

Agriculture supply chains often face inefficiencies due to: - Lack of centralized farmer and crop data.

- Manual tracking of buyer inquiries and farmer-buyer transactions.
- Poor coordination between farmers, officers, and buyers.
- No real-time insights into crop availability, yield, or sales.

This leads to missed sales opportunities, delays in advisory services and field visits, and limited decision-making for farmers and buyers.

Therefore, a Salesforce CRM solution is needed to digitize farmer support, buyer engagement, and crop-to-market visibility.

Objectives

- 1. To centralize farmer, crop, and buyer data in Salesforce.
- 2. To automate capture (farmer inquiries, buyers).
- 3. To streamline field visit scheduling .
- 4. To provide real-time dashboards for records and engagement.
- 5. To improve farmer–buyer engagement through automated notifications and reporting.

Use Cases

- 1. **Farmer Management:** Register farmers with details like crops grown, and location. Assign officers.
- 2. Crop & Inventory Tracking: Maintain digital records of crops, and availability.
- 3. Visit Scheduling: . Farmers receive emails.
- 4. Buyer Inquiry & Deal Closure: Capture buyer requests, with crop availability
- 5. Reporting & Dashboards: Farmer engagement, crops, officer activity reports.

Stakeholder Analysis

- Farmers: Want advisory help, better market access, timely updates.
- Officers: Need to track farmers, schedule visits, provide support.
- Buyers/Distributors: Need crop availability, pricing, and faster deals.
- Administrators: Want dashboards for yield, sales, and performance.

Business Process Mapping (Before Salesforce)

- Farmer calls officer manually

 Officer notes crops.
- Buyers approach farmers individually \square Delays in deals.
- No central database \square Limited visibility into stock & yield.
- Reports prepared manually \square Time-consuming.

Industry-Specific Use Case Analysis (Agriculture)

- Similar to real estate CRM: crops to buyers.visits similar to doctor appointments in healthcare CRM.