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TITLE: SmartFarmer -IoT based Smart Agriculture Monitoring System

IDEATION:

Introduction on Internet of Things (IoT), application of IoT in agricultural field to improve the yield and quality by reducing the cost is provided. The sensors which are used in the architecture are discussed briefly and the process of transmission of data from the agriculture field to the central system is explained. The proposed system advantages are included. In addition, open research issues, challenges, and future of IoT in agricultural field are highlighted.

The concept is basically developed on an idea, where there are numerous things or objects - such as Arduino, sensors, GSM models, LCD display, etc., that are connected with the Internet. Each of the objects has a different address and is able to interact with other items. The things or objects co-operate with each other to reach a common goal.

We are going to construct a smart agricultural monitoring system which can collect crucial agricultural data and send it to an IoT platform called Thingspeak in real time where the data can be logged and analyzed. The logged data on Thingspeak is in graphical format, a botanist or a reasonably knowledgeable farmer can analyze the data (from anywhere in the world) to make sensible changes in the supplied resources (to crops) to obtain high quality yield.

Smart agriculture monitoring system or simply smart farming is an emerging technology concept where data from several agricultural fields ranging from small to large scale and its surrounding are collected using smart electronic sensors. The collected data are analyzed by experts and local farmers to draw short term and long term conclusion on weather pattern, soil fertility, current quality of crops, amount of water that will be required for next week to a month etc.

We can take smart farming a step further by automating several parts of farming, for example smart irrigation and water management. We can apply predictive algorithms on microcontrollers or SoC to calculate the amount of water that will be required today for a particular agriculture field.

Say, if there was rain yesterday and the quantity of water required today is going to be less. Similarly if humidity was high the evaporation of water at upper ground level is going to be less, so water required will be less than normal, thus reducing water usage.