Database Management System (IT615)

Software Requirements Specification (SRS)

for

Sustainable Agriculture Resource Management

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A. Description of the Case Study

A.1. Purpose

The primary aim of this study is to analyse and assess the current level of farmers' knowledge regarding **Sustainable Agriculture Resource Management** and its various aspects. The study seeks to evaluate farmers' understanding of sustainable farming practices, including resource conservation, soil health, water management, and eco-friendly crop cultivation techniques. Additionally, the study aims to explore how these sustainable agricultural activities are being applied on farms and to identify the challenges and opportunities farmers face in adopting them.

A.2. Intended Audience and Reading Suggestions

- **Farmers and Agricultural Practitioners:**
  Farmers can apply the practical solutions highlighted in this study to enhance crop productivity, manage resources efficiently, and promote long-term farm sustainability.

- **Policy Makers and Government Officials:**
  Those involved in agriculture and rural development can use this study to formulate policies that promote sustainable agricultural practices and resource management to improve farmer livelihoods.

- **Agricultural Researchers and Academicians:**
  Researchers and scholars in agricultural and environmental sciences can explore the study for insights into sustainable farming practices and innovation gaps.

- **Students and Academics in Agriculture and Environmental Sciences:**

The case study provides a comprehensive resource for understanding the significance and impact of sustainable agriculture, suitable for educational and research purposes.

- **Agricultural Technology Providers:**
  Companies developing farming technologies can identify opportunities for innovation in precision farming and resource management based on the challenges presented in the study.

A.3. Description

- **Historical Context:**
  In ancient India, farming was characterized by sustainable practices such as crop rotation, organic fertilizers, and efficient irrigation systems.
  Agricultural activities were deeply connected to community traditions and rituals, contributing to stable food supplies and resilient economies.

- **Modern Challenges:**
  Despite technological advancements in mechanized equipment, genetically modified crops, and irrigation techniques, modern

  - **Indian agriculture faces significant difficulties:**
    Environmental Degradation: Excessive use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides is leading to soil depletion and contamination.

  - **Water Scarcity:**
    Advanced irrigation systems have not fully solved the problem of water overuse, especially in water-stressed regions.

  - **Soil Health Decline:**
    Intensive farming practices have degraded soil quality, reducing fertility and making it harder to maintain high yields.

  - **Financial Instability:**

Small-scale farmers, who form a large portion of the agricultural community, often face limited access to resources, leading to economic struggles and debt.

Ranking number	Specification	Farm size, ha		Farmers age, yr		Education	
		13–45	46–150	20–45	46–67	basic	basic plus
1	soil survey	19	9	12	16	12	16
2	fertilization plan (balance)	6	10	11	5	2	14
3	identifying hotspots for leaching (i.e. farm-walk)	7	7	8	6	3	11
4	farm-gate nutrient bal-ance (FGB)	1	5	3	3	1	5

Farmer's experiences regarding the use of sustainable nutrient management tools

Source:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/324178764_Sustainable_agriculture_The_study_on_farmers'_perception_and_practices_regarding_nutrient_management_and_limiting_losses

- The table presents a comparison of agricultural practices among farmers, focusing on factors like farm size, farmers' age, and education level. Four specific agricultural activities are ranked: soil surveys, fertilization plans (balance), identifying hotspots for leaching through farm-walks, and farm-gate nutrient balance (FGB).

- Farmers are divided by two ranges of farm size: 13–45 hectares and 46–150 hectares. The data shows that a higher number of farmers with larger farms (46–150 ha) engage in soil surveys (9 farmers) and fertilization plans (10 farmers), compared to smaller farms (13–45 ha) where 19 farmers conduct soil surveys and 6 engage in fertilization planning.

- Age is another key factor, with farmers split into two age groups: 20–45 years and 46–67 years. The table shows that older farmers (46–67 years) tend to be more involved in soil surveys (16 farmers) compared to their younger counterparts (12 farmers). However, younger farmers (20–45 years) show higher participation in fertilization plans (11 farmers) than the older group (5 farmers).

- Finally, the education levels of the farmers are categorized as "basic" and "basic plus" (likely indicating additional or higher education). Farmers with "basic plus" education are more engaged in practices like fertilization planning (14 farmers) and soil surveys (16 farmers) compared to those with only basic education (2 farmers for fertilization plans and 12 for soil surveys).

- In summary, the data suggests that larger farms, older farmers, and those with higher education are more likely to adopt critical agricultural practices like soil surveys and fertilization plans, indicating that these factors might influence the implementation of advanced farming techniques.

- **Key Problems:**

    - **Lack of Sustainable Practices:**
      The shift away from traditional methods has led to unsustainable farming practices, impacting long-term productivity.

    - **Resource Management Issues:**
      Farmers lack tools to efficiently track and manage critical resources such as soil health, water usage, and weather patterns.

    - **Balancing Productivity and Conservation:**

While technology has increased yields, it has also intensified the challenge of balancing high productivity with sustainability.

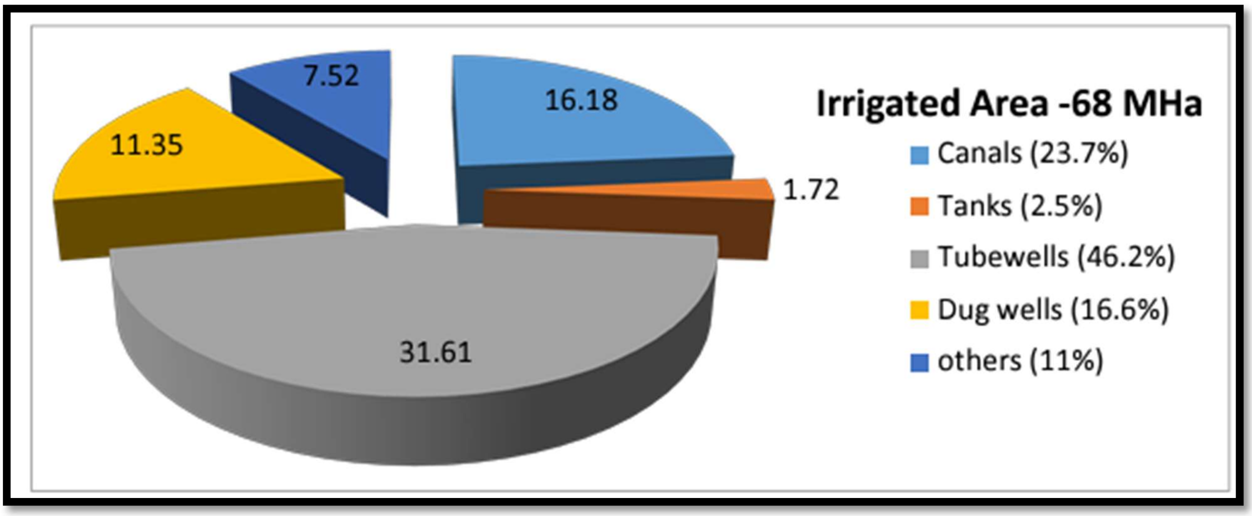
- **Inadequate Access to Real-time Data:**
  Farmers often do not have access to crucial real-time information, such as weather forecasts or crop growth metrics, which could help optimize their decisions.

- **Knowledge Gaps:**
  Many farmers have limited access to training and information about modern sustainable practices, resulting in a reliance on outdated methods.

- **Impact of Climate Change:**
  Unpredictable weather patterns, such as droughts or floods, severely disrupt farming cycles and strain water resources. Farmers face difficulties in adapting their practices without real-time data or technologies to manage the effects

- **Water Mismanagement:**
  The mismanagement of irrigation systems, compounded by water scarcity, leads to inefficient water use and stress on water resources, particularly in drought-prone areas. Traditional irrigation practices are often not optimized for modern water conservation needs.

- **Technological Access:**
  The lack of precision farming tools, such as sensors for soil monitoring or automated irrigation systems, makes it difficult for farmers to adopt efficient resource management strategies.

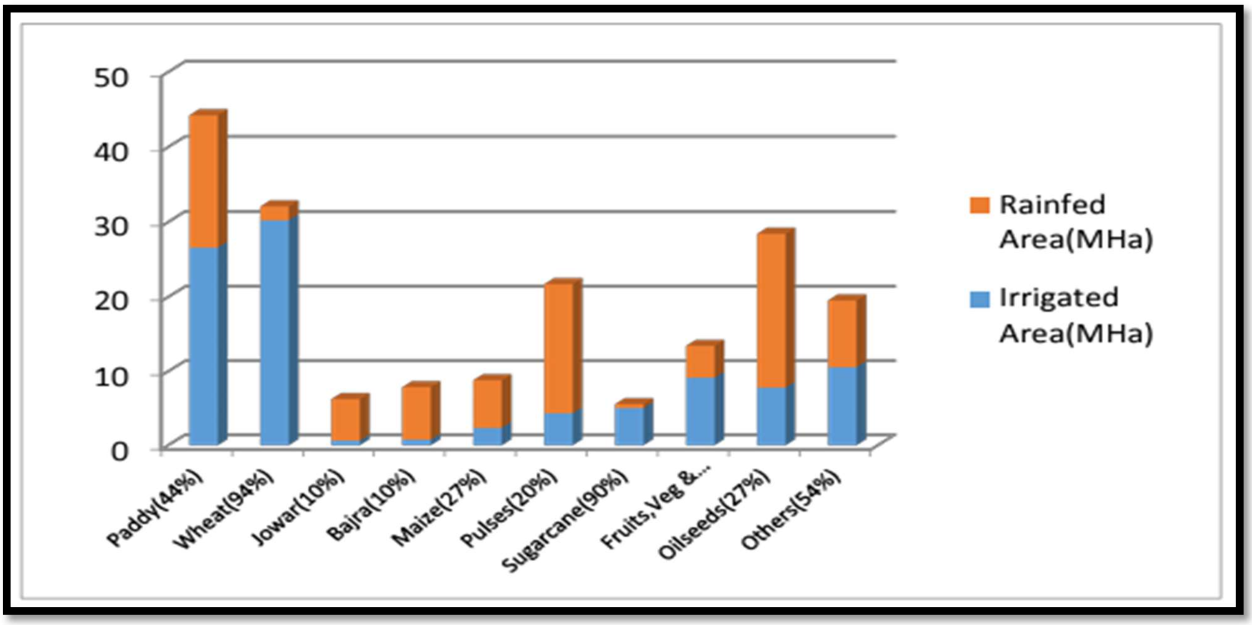


Extent and sources of irrigation in Agriculture
Source: https://agriwelfare.gov.in/Documents/DFI%20Volume%207.pdf

- The pie chart illustrates the distribution of irrigated areas across different water sources in a total of 68 million hectares (MHa). Most of the irrigation comes from tubewells, which account for 46.2% of the irrigated area, indicating a heavy reliance on groundwater. Canals are the second most significant source, contributing to 23.7% of the irrigated land, followed by dug wells with 16.6%.

- Tanks and other sources make up smaller proportions, at 2.5% and 11%, respectively. This highlights that while tubewells dominate irrigation, there is also a need to diversify and improve water management strategies, especially in light of water scarcity issues in many regions. The over-reliance on groundwater for irrigation through tubewells may also raise concerns about groundwater depletion in the long term.

- Tubewells account for 46.2% of the total irrigated area, highlighting a strong reliance on groundwater as the primary irrigation source. This dependence raises concerns about the long-term sustainability of groundwater reserves, particularly in regions facing water scarcity.



Crop-wise ratio of rainfed and irrigated area

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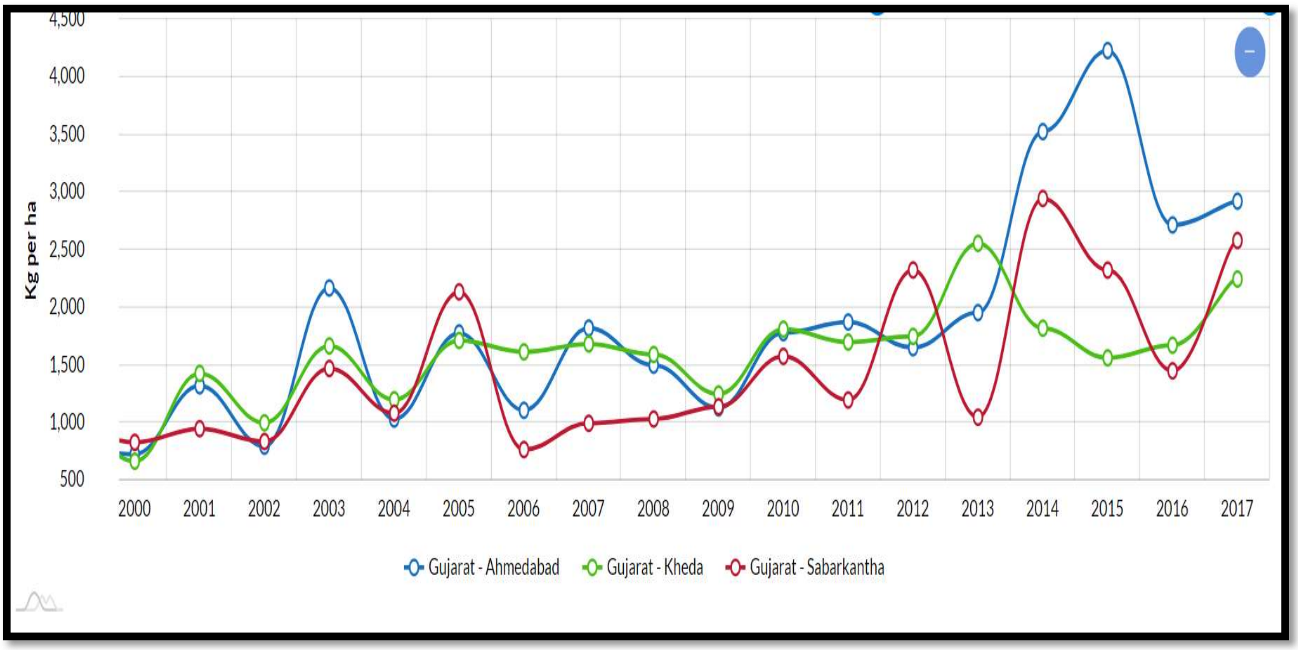
- It shows issue of water dependency in agriculture is a critical challenge that significantly impacts Sustainable Agriculture Resource Management (SARM). The reliance on irrigation for high-demand crops such as wheat, paddy, and sugarcane places immense pressure on water resources, leading to potential over-extraction from rivers, aquifers, and lakes. This over-reliance not only jeopardizes the sustainability of these water sources but also raises concerns about long-term soil health, crop productivity, and ecological balance.

- Conversely, the continued dependence on rainfed conditions for crops like jowar and bajra emphasizes the vulnerability of agricultural systems to climate variability and unpredictable weather patterns. In regions where rainfall is erratic, farmers face heightened risks of crop failure and reduced yields, exacerbating food insecurity and economic instability. This scenario highlights the necessity for effective water management strategies that integrate both irrigation and rainfed agriculture.



Source: http://data.icrisat.org/dld/

- The graph illustrates the trend in crop production, likely cotton, across three districts in Gujarat from 2000 to 2017, measured in kilograms per hectare (Kg/ha).
- **District-wise Analysis:**
  - Ahmedabad experienced fluctuations with peaks in 2002, 2004, 2013, and 2015, resulting in a slight overall increase.
  - Kheda showed a similar pattern with peaks in 2003, 2013, and 2017, though the upward trend is less pronounced than Ahmedabad.
  - Sabarkantha saw a significant rise from 2000 to 2013, peaking in 2013 but declining sharply thereafter, indicating concerns about the sustainability of its growth.
- **Comparison:** Sabarkantha recorded the most dramatic increase, followed by Ahmedabad and Kheda, but its recent decline raises questions about future productivity.
- **Possible Factors Influencing Trends:** These include weather patterns, agricultural practices, government policies, and market dynamics.

B. Document the Requirements Collection/Fact Finding Phase

i. Background Reading/s

B.i.1. Description of each reading done

- **Doubling Farmers' Income: Report by the Committee on Doubling Farmers' Income.**
  Government of India, 2018.
  https://agriwelfare.gov.in/Documents/DFI%20Volume%207.pdf

➢ The "Doubling Farmers' Income" report stresses a holistic strategy to boost farmers' incomes by enhancing agricultural productivity, diversifying income streams, and improving value addition. It addresses environmental degradation, water scarcity, and soil health, emphasizing the need for infrastructure, market access, and supportive policies.

➢ The report calls for investments in research, capacity building, and sustainable farming practices. It outlines that to achieve the goal, a comprehensive approach integrating modern technology, education, and better resource management is crucial for long-term agricultural sustainability and economic upliftment.

- **Sustainable Agriculture in India: Socioeconomic and Environmental Issues.**
  Journal of Rural Development, Vol. 37, No. 1, 2018
  https://www.ceew.in/sites/default/files/CEEW-FOLU-Sustainable-Agriculture-in-India-2021-20Apr21.pdf

➢ The report "Sustainable Agriculture in India: Socioeconomic and Environmental Issues" discusses the challenges and opportunities in promoting sustainable agricultural practices. It highlights the environmental impacts of traditional farming, such as soil degradation and water scarcity, while exploring the socioeconomic factors that influence farmers' decisions. The report emphasizes the need for policies that support eco-friendly methods, technological innovations, and economic incentives to encourage sustainability in agriculture. It also stresses the importance of balancing productivity with environmental conservation.

- **Sustainable agriculture: The study on farmers' perception and practices regarding nutrient management and limiting losses** https://www.researchgate.net/publication/324178764_Sustainable_agriculture_The_study_on_farmers'_perception_and_practices_regarding_nutrient_management_and_limiting_losses

➢ The study on "Sustainable Agriculture: Farmers' Perception and Practices Regarding Nutrient Management and Limiting Losses" investigates farmers' awareness and adoption of sustainable nutrient management practices. It explores how farmers manage soil health, reduce nutrient losses, and implement eco-friendly farming techniques. The research highlights the challenges faced by farmers in adopting sustainable practices and provides insights into their perceptions of nutrient use, crop productivity, and environmental impact.

- **Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program** https://sarep.ucdavis.edu/sustainable-ag

➢ The Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program at UC Davis helps farmers improve their agricultural practices while protecting the environment. It focuses on sustainable farming techniques such as improving soil health, efficient water use, and pest management. The program provides research-based resources and educational outreach to support farmers in reducing their environmental impact, increasing productivity, and achieving long-term farm sustainability.

- **Sustainable Agriculture Practices & Their Management** https://eos.com/blog/sustainable-agriculture/

➢ The article provides an overview of eco-friendly farming methods designed to balance agricultural productivity with environmental conservation. It discusses practices like crop rotation, cover cropping, agroforestry, and reduced tillage, all aimed at improving soil health, conserving water, and reducing chemical use. The article highlights how these methods promote long-term sustainability, increase biodiversity, and help farmers adapt to climate change.

- **Sustainable agriculture**
  https://krishi.icar.gov.in/jspui/bitstream/123456789/2852/1/Sustainable%20Agriculture%20-%20ISA%20article%20-%20DM%20Hegde%20&%20SNS%20Babu%20July%2030%202016.pdf

➢ The article on "Sustainable Agriculture" explores practices that aim to balance productivity with environmental conservation. It highlights techniques like organic farming, soil management, crop diversification, and water-efficient irrigation methods. The focus is on reducing the use of chemical inputs, improving soil health, and addressing the socioeconomic challenges faced by farmers. The article also emphasizes the importance of research and government policies in promoting sustainable agricultural systems.

- **What is Sustainable Agriculture? - TNAU Agritech Portal**
  https://agritech.tnau.ac.in/pdf/sustainableagriculture.pdf

➢ The document "What is Sustainable Agriculture?" from the TNAU Agritech Portal defines sustainable agriculture as farming that meets current food needs while conserving natural resources for future generations. It focuses on practices like organic farming, crop rotation, integrated pest management, and water conservation. The goal is to enhance soil health, biodiversity, and farm productivity while minimizing environmental impact. It also highlights the role of education, technology, and policy in promoting sustainable agriculture.

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B.i.3. List the combined Requirements gathered from Background Reading/s.

- Lack of Sustainable Practices

1. Sustainable Practices Database:
   - ➢ The system shall include a comprehensive repository of sustainable farming practices, including details on their implementation, benefits, and case studies.
   - ➢ The database shall provide guidelines on transitioning from traditional methods to sustainable practices, highlighting their long-term benefits.

2. Best Practices Repository:
   - ➢ The database shall catalog both traditional and innovative farming techniques, with documentation on best practices for improving sustainability.
   - ➢ The system shall offer resources and educational materials to facilitate the adoption of sustainable methods.

- Resource Management Issues

1. Resource Tracking Database:
   - ➢ The system shall integrate with sensors and IoT devices to track and record data on soil health, water usage, and other critical resources.
   - ➢ The database shall provide historical and real-time data on resource status, allowing farmers to monitor and manage resources effectively.

2. Soil and Water Health Records:
   - ➢ The database shall maintain detailed records of soil and water quality, including historical data and trends.
   - ➢ The system shall support data analysis and reporting to aid in resource management and early detection of potential issues.

- Balancing Productivity and Conservation

1. Productivity vs. Conservation Data:
   - ➢ The system shall include a model that analyzes the impact of various practices on productivity and conservation.
   - ➢ The database shall provide insights and recommendations on achieving an optimal balance between high yields and environmental sustainability.

2. Decision Support System:
   - ➢ The system shall incorporate a decision support tool that offers recommendations based on historical data and current conditions.
   - ➢ The tool shall assist farmers in making informed decisions that consider both productivity and conservation goals.

- Inadequate Access to Real-time Data

1. Real-time Data Integration:
   - ➢ The system shall integrate real-time data sources, including weather forecasts, crop growth metrics, and other relevant information.
   - ➢ The database shall provide a centralized platform for accessing and managing this data.

2. Dashboard and Alerts:
   - ➢ The system shall feature a user-friendly dashboard that presents real-time data in an accessible format.
   - ➢ The database shall include alert functionalities to notify users of critical conditions, such as adverse weather or potential crop diseases, enabling prompt responses.

Interview Plan

System: Sustainable Agriculture Resource Management

Project Reference: G2

Participants:
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Date: 10/09/2024 **Time:** 10:00 AM

Duration: 45 minutes **Place:** DA-IICT

Purpose of Interview:
The purpose of the interview is to understand the challenges farmers face in sustainable agricultural practices, gather insights on modern farming techniques, and evaluate potential solutions for improving resource management. Additionally, it aims to share practical experiences and explore how research can support farmers in adopting sustainable methods.

Agenda

1. **Farmer's Views on Sustainability:**
   Gather insights on how farmers perceive sustainability, including their beliefs about its importance and impact on long-term agricultural practices.

2. **Current Resource Management Techniques:**
   Assess the methods farmers currently use for managing water, soil health, and crop rotation, identifying best practices and areas for improvement.

3. **Challenges in Adopting Sustainable Methods:**
   Identify the barriers farmers face in implementing sustainable practices, such as financial constraints, lack of training, and limited access to technology.

4. **Technology Integration in Farming:**
   Explore the extent to which farmers are incorporating modern technologies into their operations, including tools for precision farming, data analytics, and resource monitoring.

Questionnaire for Farmers:

1. How do you define sustainable agriculture?

2. Are you aware of new agricultural technologies? If yes, how did you learn about them? If no, do you want to learn?

3. Do you wish to pass down your agricultural knowledge to your children? Are they interested in continuing farming?

4. Are you familiar with crop rotation? If yes, how did you learn about it, and where are you practicing it?

5. How do you currently manage resources like water, land, and technology?

6. Would you benefit from more awareness about crop diseases and guidance on using technology for weather forecasting?

Questionnaire for Researcher:

1. How do you define sustainable agriculture?

2. Are there any emerging innovations with the potential to revolutionize sustainable agriculture management?

3. What are the pros and cons of genetically modified crops in the context of sustainable agriculture?

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Summary of Key Points:

1. Farmers need increased awareness and training on sustainable practices and new agricultural technologies.
   - A table can store details on sustainable practices, including session records and completion status for each farmer.

2. Farmers seek better access to tools like weather forecasting, soil health monitoring, and disease management systems.
   - Integrate real-time data for weather forecasting, soil health reports, and disease tracking into a table. These records would be regularly updated for decision-making.

3. Programs to encourage youth to continue farming and adopt sustainable methods.
    - A table can track involvement in training programs and farming initiatives, monitoring their progress and interest in sustainable methods.

4. There is a need for improved water conservation techniques and irrigation systems.
    - A table can store irrigation schedules, water usage statistics, and recommended conservation techniques based on local conditions.

5. Education on crop rotation and diversified farming for better productivity and sustainability.
    - A table would record crops, timing, and fields used, optimizing yield and sustainability. It would link with the table for more effective recommendations.

6. Cost-effective technological solutions for small-scale farmers to integrate into their practices.
    - A table can track which farmers have integrated affordable technologies, like smart irrigation systems or mobile apps, and how effectively they are using them.

7. Researchers stress the need for more clarity and education on sustainable farming, focusing on long-term resource conservation and ecosystem health.
    - A table could monitor usage of natural resources, tracking trends in water, soil, and crop data over time, ensuring long-term sustainability.

8. Both farmers and researchers agree on the need for new technologies like precision farming and smart irrigation systems to enhance sustainability and productivity.

- A table would store sensor data and provide detailed recommendations for optimal water, fertilizer, and pesticide usage based on real-time metrics.

9. While crops can boost yields, careful management is required to avoid environmental risks.
    - A table could track the use and performance of genetically modified seeds, recording pros/cons like yield improvement versus any environmental concerns.

10. Improved techniques for soil and water conservation are needed for more efficient farming.
    - Separate tables for Soil and Water would log practices adopted by each farmer, linking them to the outcomes in the Farmers table for evaluation.

11. Follow up
    - Prepare a detailed survey to assess farmers' awareness and needs regarding sustainable agriculture resource management, focusing on their current practices, technology usage, and training requirements.

12. next step
    - Prepare a detailed survey to collect data from the people about the awareness and need for sustainable agriculture resource management.

Questionnaire of Google form:

1. How familiar are you with the concept of sustainable agriculture?

A. Very familiar
B. Somewhat familiar
C. Not familiar

2. Do you currently use any modern agricultural technologies (e.g., weather forecasting, soil monitoring)?
A. Yes, frequently
B. Yes, occasionally
C. No, but I am interested
D. No, and not interested

3. What is your main source of learning about new farming techniques?
A. Online platforms
B. Government programs
C. Farmer communities
D. I don’t use any

4. Do you practice crop rotation on your farm?
A. Yes, regularly
B. Yes, sometimes
C. No, but I’m interested
D. No, and not interested

5. How do you manage water resources on your farm?
A. Modern irrigation systems
B. Traditional methods
C. Rely on rainfall
D. Not sure

6. How well do you think young farmers are prepared to continue sustainable farming practices?
A. Very well prepared
B. Moderately prepared
C. Not prepared at all

7. Are you familiar with hybrid crops and their potential benefits/risks?
A. Yes, fully aware

B. Somewhat aware
C. Not aware, but interested to learn
D. Not aware and not interested

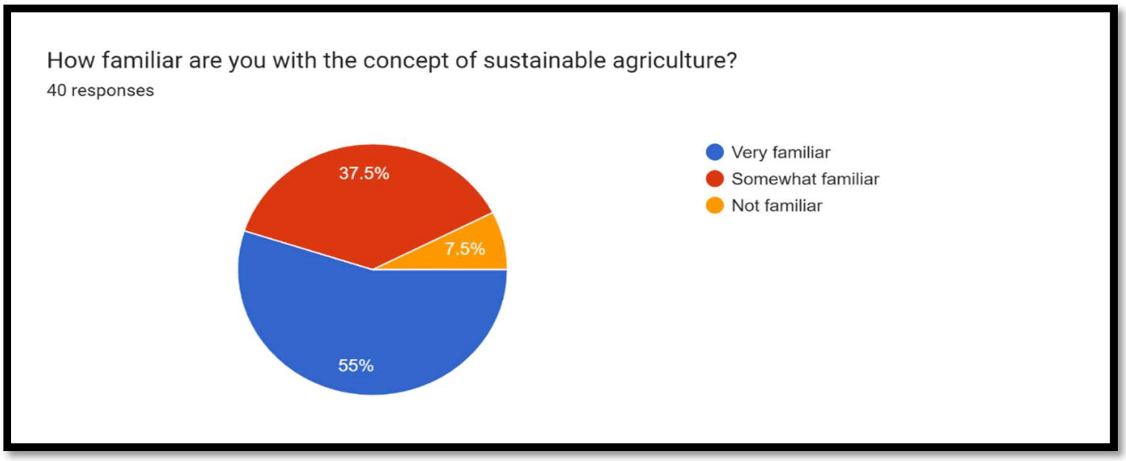
8. What is your biggest challenge in adopting sustainable practices?
A. Lack of awareness
B. Lack of resources
C. High cost of technology
D. No challenges

9. What type of support would help you most in adopting sustainable methods?
A. Training programs
B. Access to technology
C. Financial aid
D. Government policies

10. What additional challenges do you face in managing resources like water, soil, and crop health?

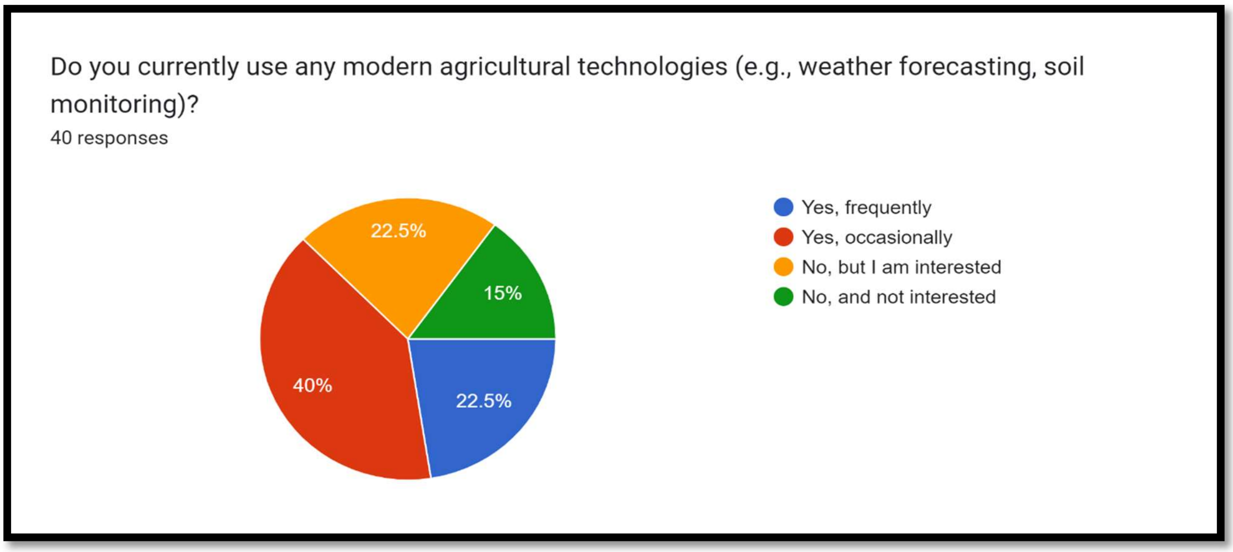
11. In your opinion, what would help most to promote sustainable agriculture in your region?

Summary



1.

- Most respondents are very familiar with sustainable agriculture, which indicates a good foundational knowledge among the surveyed group.



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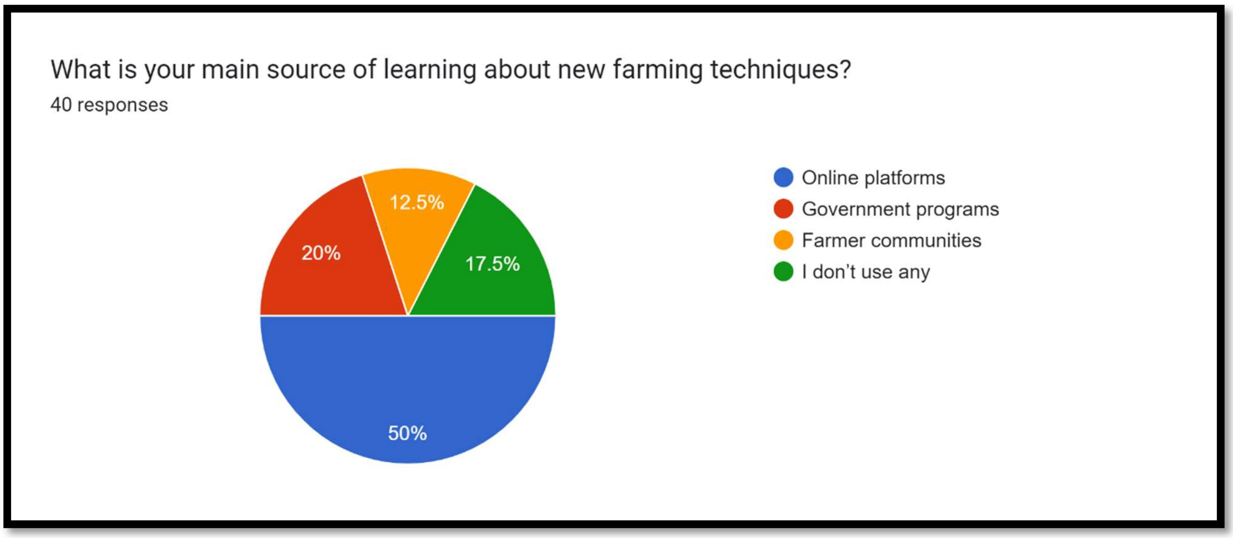
- A significant portion of respondents uses modern technologies occasionally and expresses interest in adopting them more. This suggests a gap in frequent usage but an openness to technology.



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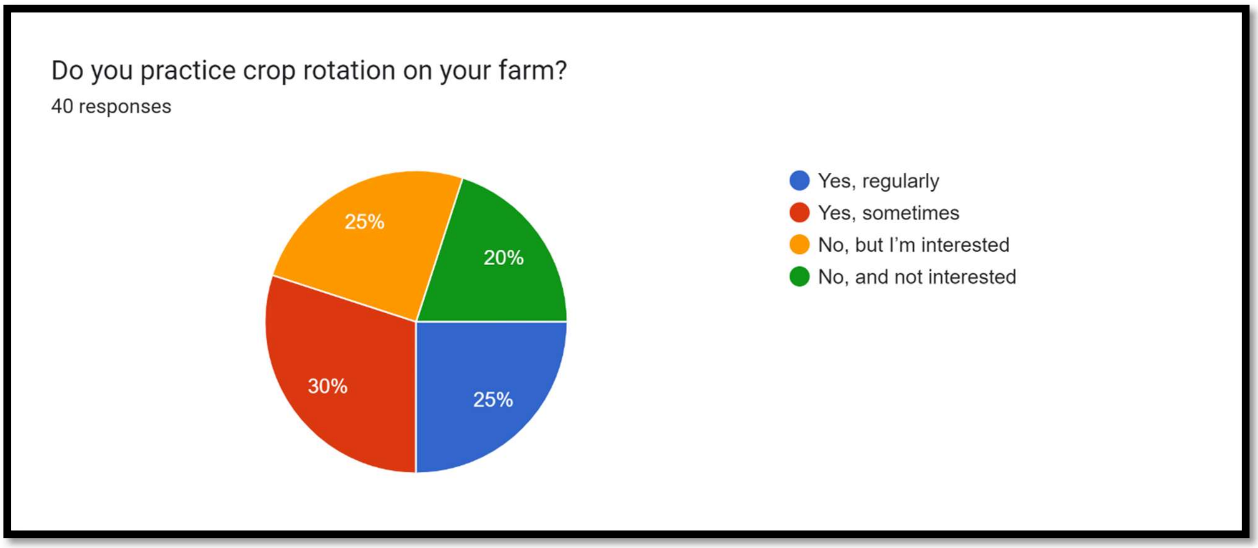
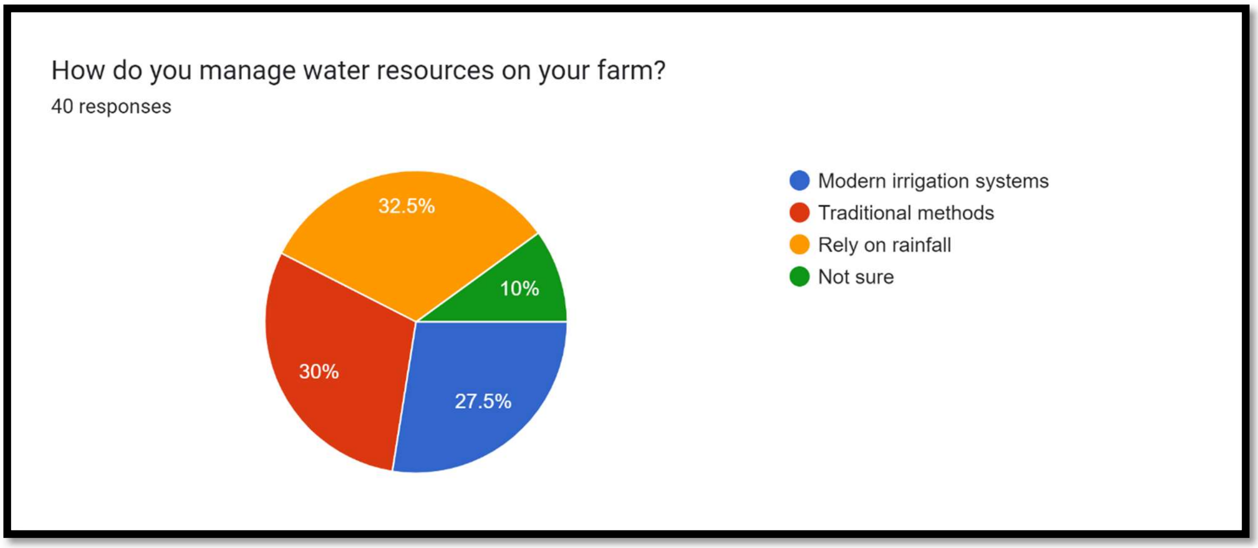
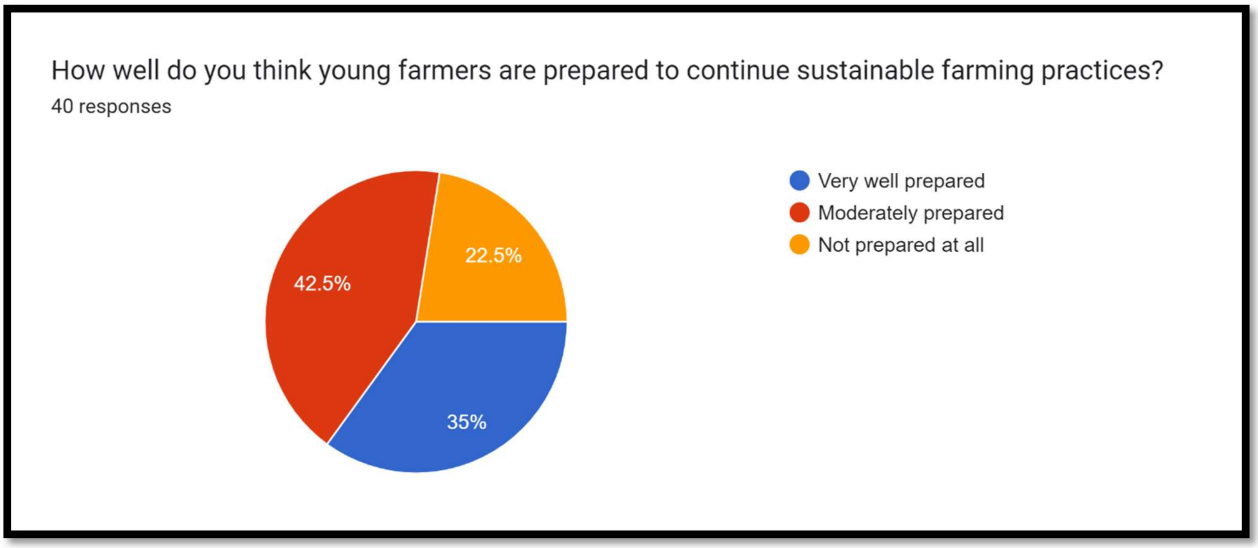
- Online platforms are the primary source of learning for most respondents, indicating that digital resources are key to their knowledge acquisition.

4. 

➢ While a quarter of respondents practice crop rotation regularly, there's notable interest from those who do not yet practice it, suggesting a potential area for education and adoption.

5. 

➢ Many respondents rely on rainfall or traditional methods, indicating a need for more modern water management solutions.



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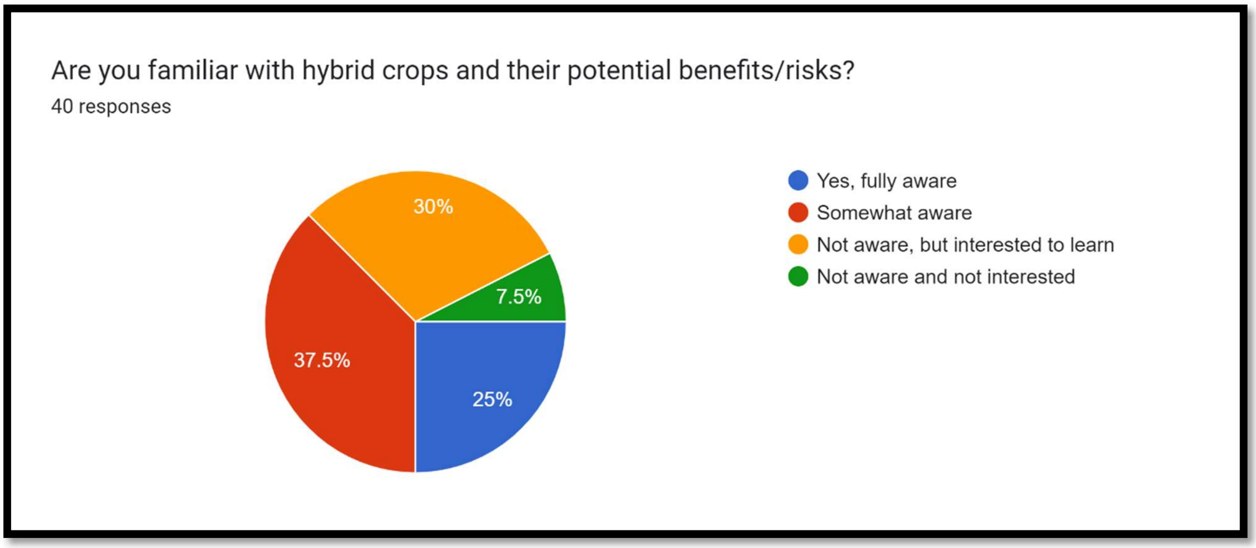
- There is a mixed view on the preparedness of young farmers, with a moderate level of confidence and some concerns about their readiness.



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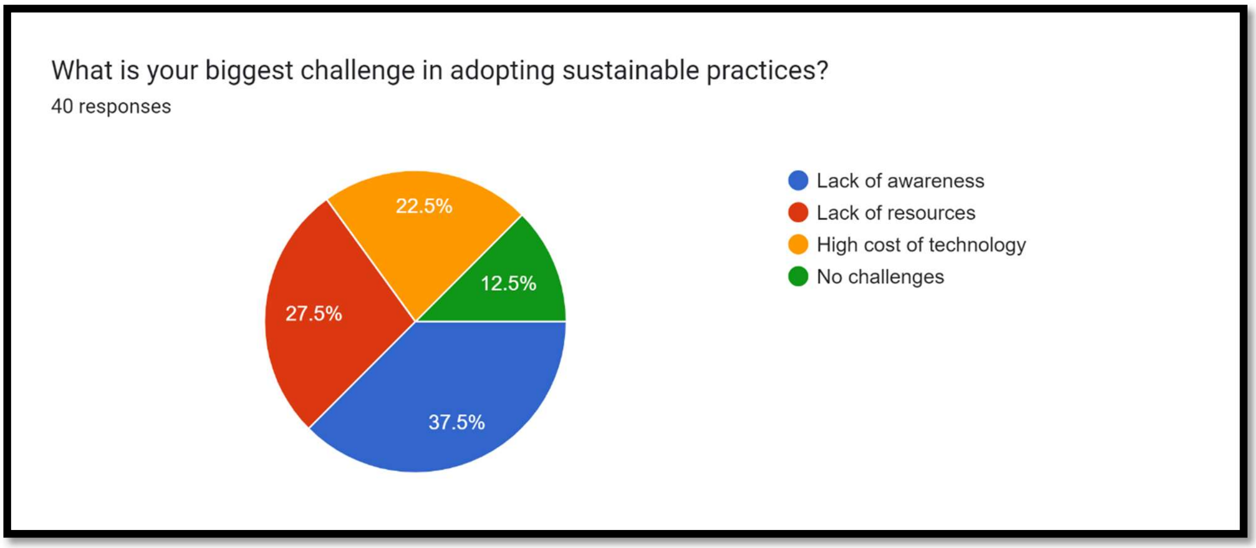
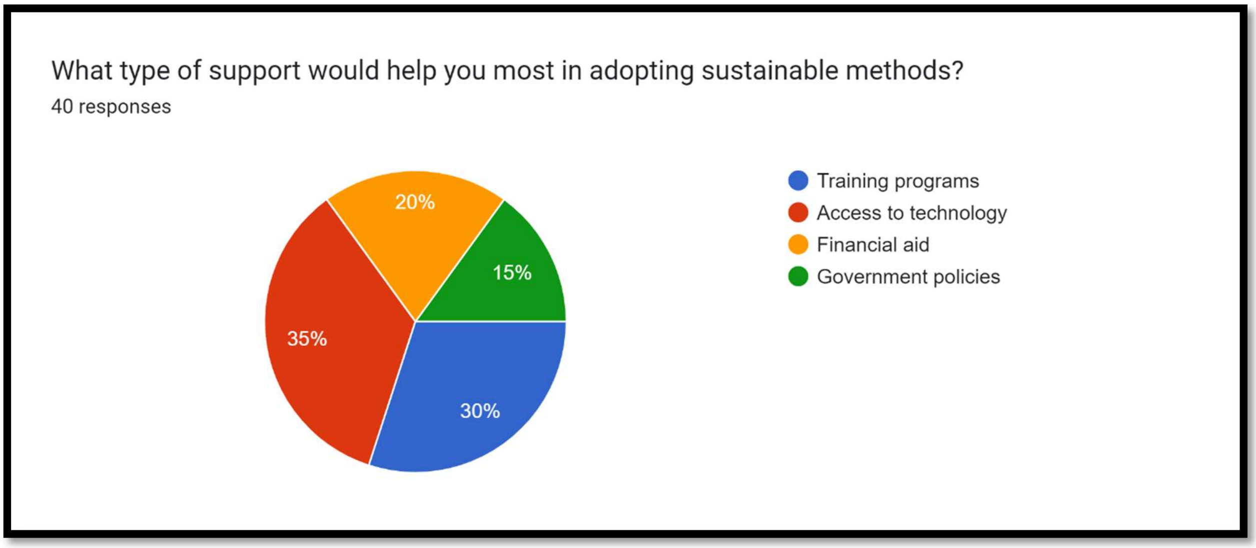
- There is a strong interest in learning about hybrid crops, suggesting that education on this topic could be valuable.

8. 

- The major challenges are lack of awareness and resources, with a notable concern about the cost of technology.

9. 

- Access to technology and training programs are seen as the most critical supports needed, with financial aid and government policies also being relevant.

List the combined Requirements gathered from Responses:

1. **Increased awareness and education on sustainable practices:**
   - Create a centralized database system that stores and organizes educational resources, including articles, tutorials, case studies, and best practices related to sustainable agriculture and hybrid crops. Users can access and search this repository to enhance their knowledge.

2. **Enhanced access to modern agricultural technologies:**
   - Develop a database to catalog available modern technologies, such as irrigation systems, soil sensors, and weather forecasting tools. This database can include details on technology providers, costs, benefits, and user reviews to help farmers make informed decisions.

3. **Support for technology adoption and addressing the high cost of technology:**
   - Implement a database system to manage and track financial aid, grants, and subsidies available for sustainable agriculture technologies. The system can also include information on resource availability and application processes for financial assistance.

4. **Training programs and support for young farmers:**
   - Create a database to manage training programs, workshops, and support initiatives. This system can track participant registration, program content, and feedback. It can also help in scheduling and promoting these programs to ensure wide participation.

5. **Encouragement of crop rotation and modern water management practices:**
   - Develop a database to track and analyze crop rotation practices and water management strategies. This system can provide recommendations based on historical data, user inputs, and best practices, helping farmers optimize their crop rotation and water usage.

6. **Water Resource Management:**

- Create a database to manage information on water resource management practices, including modern irrigation systems, traditional methods, and reliance on rainfall. This can help identify trends and provide recommendations for improving water resource management

7. **Preparation of Young Farmers:**

- Develop a database to assess and track the preparedness of young farmers for sustainable practices. This system can help in identifying areas where additional support or training is needed.

Observation/s

Observations summary (list of observations).

1. **Strong Foundational Knowledge:**

- Most respondents have a solid understanding of sustainable agriculture.

2. **Interest in Technology Adoption:**

- Many respondents occasionally use modern technologies and express interest in adopting them more frequently.

3. **Dependence on Digital Resources:**

- Online platforms are the primary source of learning for most respondents, highlighting the need for accessible educational resources.

4. **Crop Rotation and Water Management Practices:**

- About 25% regularly practice crop rotation, with others showing interest in adopting it.
- Many respondents rely on rainfall or traditional water management methods, indicating a need for modern solutions.

5. Preparedness of Young Farmers:

- Mixed opinions on the readiness of young farmers for sustainable practices suggest a need for targeted training and support.

6. Challenges in Technology Access and Financial Constraints:

- Key challenges include lack of awareness and high costs of modern agricultural technologies.
- Respondents see financial aid, subsidies, and better resource access as critical for overcoming these barriers.

7. Interest in Hybrid Crops:

- Strong interest in learning about hybrid crops indicates potential for valuable educational efforts in this area.

8. Importance of Training and Financial Aid:

- Increased access to training programs and financial aid is essential for promoting the adoption of sustainable practices.

List the combined Requirements gathered from Observation/s.

- In conclusion, while young farmers are knowledgeable about sustainable agriculture, they encounter significant barriers related to technology access, financial constraints, and a lack of training opportunities. To empower this demographic, it is essential to enhance access to affordable sustainable technologies, increase funding for training programs and low-interest loans, and foster mentorship connections with experienced farmers. By addressing these challenges, we can support young farmers in successfully adopting sustainable practices, ultimately leading to a more resilient and sustainable agricultural community.

- From a database perspective, key entities and relationships that could be modelled:

- Young Farmers (entity with attributes like name, location, experience level)
- Sustainable Farming Practices (entity with attributes like irrigation, pest management, crop rotation)
- Funding Programs (entity with attributes like loan type, interest rate, eligibility criteria)
- Training Programs (entity with attributes like program type, location, curriculum)
- Mentorship Relationships (relationship between young farmers and experienced farmers)

➢ Modelling these entities and their relationships in a database could help analyse the challenges young farmers face and optimize the allocation of resources to support them.
➢ For example, queries could identify geographic areas with high young farmer populations but low access to funding and training programs. Relationships between young farmers and their mentors could be tracked to measure the impact of mentorship on adoption of sustainable practices. By using data to understand the barriers and target support, we can create more opportunities for young farmers to thrive in sustainable agriculture

Predicting Future Needs for Sustainable Agriculture

To ensure the successful adoption of sustainable practices among young farmers, it is vital to anticipate future needs based on current challenges and trends observed in their practices and perceptions:

1. **Enhanced Access to Technology:**

➢ As technology becomes increasingly integral to agriculture, there will be a growing need for affordable and user-friendly solutions tailored for small-scale farmers. Innovations like precision farming tools, soil moisture sensors, and data analytics platforms will be crucial.

Investments in infrastructure to support these technologies, such as internet connectivity in rural areas, will also be necessary.

2. **Comprehensive Training Programs:**

- Continuous education on sustainable practices will be essential. This includes not only basic training but also advanced workshops on crop rotation, integrated pest management, and the use of hybrid seeds. Future training programs should incorporate hands-on learning experiences, leveraging both online platforms and in-person workshops to cater to different learning preferences.

3. **Financial Support Systems:**

- Establishing robust financial support systems will be vital. This could involve the creation of low-interest loan programs specifically aimed at young farmers, along with grant opportunities for adopting sustainable practices. Financial literacy programs can also empower farmers to manage their finances effectively, ensuring they can invest in necessary technologies and practices.

4. **Mentorship and Networking Opportunities:**

- Building strong mentorship networks between experienced and young farmers will be crucial. This can help facilitate knowledge transfer and provide young farmers with practical insights into sustainable farming. Establishing local farmer cooperatives can also enhance networking opportunities, fostering a community of support and shared learning.

5. **Awareness Campaigns:**

- Increasing awareness about sustainable agriculture and its benefits will be important. Campaigns that highlight success stories of farmers who have effectively adopted sustainable practices can inspire others. Collaborating with educational institutions and agricultural organizations to disseminate information can play a significant role in this effort.

6. **Research and Development:**

➢ Investing in research focused on sustainable agricultural practices that cater to local conditions will be essential. Future agricultural strategies should include exploring crop varieties that are resilient to climate change and promoting environmentally friendly pest control methods.

By addressing these future needs, we can create a supportive ecosystem that empowers young farmers to embrace sustainable practices, leading to a more resilient agricultural sector capable of withstanding environmental challenges and ensuring food security.

User Privileges Summary

1. **Farmer Access**

   Data Access:
   View information on crops, sustainable practices,soil, weather updates, and irrigation techniques.

   Personalized Recommendations:
   Receive tailored crop rotation and hybrid crop suggestions.Infromation on Crop diseases and crop rotation.

   Community Interaction:
   Participate in forums and connect with mentors, join training programs.

   Monitoring and Alerts:
   Get notifications for critical weather events and planting reminders.

   Educational Resources:
   Access training programs, tutorials, and webinars focused on sustainable practices.

Record Keeping:
Log farming activities, monitor soil health, and manage crop disease information.

2. **Researcher Access**

   Focused Data Access:
   Analyze soil data, crop disease information, and technologies used by farmers.

   Data Contribution:
   Share research findings and insights on sustainable practices.

   Resource Sharing:
   Upload educational materials, research reports, and best practices for farmer training.

3. **Admin Access**

   User Management:
   Manage user accounts and set access privileges.

   Content Management:
   Curate training content and ensure the accuracy of shared information.

   Data Oversight:
   Monitor data submissions from farmers and researchers for reliability.

Unique Selling Propositions (USPs)

1. **Integrated Knowledge Hub:**
   - The app serves as a comprehensive platform that consolidates essential data on crops, sustainable practices, weather updates, and irrigation techniques, making it easy for farmers to access all necessary information in one place.

2. **Real-Time Data Access:**
   - Farmers receive live updates on weather patterns, rainfall forecasts, and disease alerts, enabling proactive decision-making and effective resource management.

3. **Training Programs and Resources:**
   - The app provides structured training modules focused on sustainable agriculture, bridging the knowledge gap and empowering farmers with modern techniques.

4. **Community and Mentorship Network:**
   - The platform fosters a community of farmers and experts, allowing users to connect, share experiences, and receive mentorship, facilitating peer-to-peer learning and support.

5. **Research Collaboration:**
   - Researchers can access detailed data on soil health, crop diseases, and farming techniques, allowing for collaborative efforts to develop best practices and innovative solutions for sustainable agriculture.

6. **User-Friendly Interface:**
   - Designed with simplicity in mind, the app ensures that even farmers with limited technical skills can easily navigate and utilize its features effectively.

7. **Focus on Sustainability:**

➢ By prioritizing sustainable practices and resource management, the app aligns with the growing demand for environmentally responsible farming methods, appealing to socially conscious users.

These USPs collectively position your app as a vital tool for modern farmers, addressing their specific needs while promoting sustainable agriculture and fostering collaboration between farmers and researchers.

Fact Finding Chart

Objective	Technique	Subject(s)	Time Commitment
Analyse farmers' knowledge of sustainable agriculture	Background Reading	Farmers, Researchers, Students, Agricultural	1 hour 30 minutes
Assess current resource management practices	Interview	Aarushi Goel (Role play as Interviewer) Jayesh Chauhan (Role play as Farmer/Researcher)	45 minutes (10/09/2024)
Evaluate integration of modern technologies	Document Sampling	Researchers, Students	1.5 hours
Explore impact of new technologies on sustainability	Interview and Observation	Farmers' and researchers' perspectives on new technologies	1.5 hours
Prepare for follow-up and detailed survey	Google form	Farmers, Researchers, Students, Agricultural	2 hours

Final Problem description

- Farmers need increased awareness and training on sustainable practices and new agricultural technologies.

- Farmers seek better access to tools like weather forecasting, soil health monitoring, and disease management systems.

- Programs to encourage youth to continue farming and adopt sustainable methods.

- There is a need for improved water conservation techniques and irrigation systems.

- Education on crop rotation and diversified farming for better productivity and sustainability.

- Cost-effective technological solutions for small-scale farmers to integrate into their practices.

- Researchers stress the need for more clarity and education on sustainable farming, focusing on long-term resource conservation and ecosystem health.

- Both farmers and researchers agree on the need for new technologies like precision farming and smart irrigation systems to enhance sustainability and productivity.

- While crops can boost yields, careful management is required to avoid environmental risks.

- Improved techniques for soil and water conservation are needed for more efficient farming.

- Increased awareness and education on sustainable practices.

- Enhanced access to modern agricultural technologies.

- Support for technology adoption and addressing the high cost of technology:

- Training programs and support for young farmers:

- Encouragement of crop rotation and modern water management practices

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- The shift away from traditional methods has led to unsustainable farming practices, impacting long-term productivity.

- Farmers lack tools to efficiently track and manage critical resources such as soil health, water usage, and weather patterns.

- While technology has increased yields, it has also intensified the challenge of balancing high productivity with sustainability.

- Farmers often do not have access to crucial real-time information, such as weather forecasts or crop growth metrics, which could help optimize their decisions.

- Many farmers have limited access to training and information about modern sustainable practices, resulting in a reliance on outdated methods.

- Unpredictable weather patterns, such as droughts or floods, severely disrupt farming cycles and strain water resources.

- Farmers face difficulties in adapting their practices without real time data or technologies to manage the effects

- The mismanagement of irrigation systems, compounded by water scarcity, leads to inefficient water use and stress on water resources, particularly in drought-prone areas.

- Traditional irrigation practices are often not optimized for modern water conservation needs.

- The lack of precision farming tools, such as sensors for soil monitoring or automated irrigation systems, makes it difficult for farmers to adopt efficient resource management strategies.

- Farmers relying on a single crop year after year are depleting the soil and reducing biodiversity, leading to long-term negative impacts on ecosystem health.

- Many farmers lack access to subsidies or financial aid for implementing sustainable practices, creating a barrier to adopting new technologies.

- The high upfront cost of tools such as soil sensors, automated irrigation, and precision farming equipment discourages many small-scale farmers.

- Farmers often lack access to research findings or innovative agricultural techniques developed by academic institutions and agricultural organizations.

- There is a slow uptake of research-based farming practices due to the difficulty of communicating these findings effectively to farmers.

- Farmers are not fully equipped with strategies to deal with climate-related challenges such as droughts, floods, and erratic rainfall patterns.

- Local farmers' networks could be stronger, allowing more peer-to-peer learning and dissemination of sustainable practices.

- Policy support for sustainable agriculture, such as incentives for organic farming or penalties for unsustainable practices, is often weak or insufficient.

- Farmers’ reliance on chemical fertilizers and pesticides is leading to long-term soil degradation and water contamination.
- Unstable market prices prevent farmers from making long-term investments in sustainable practices.

- Farmers find it difficult to access premium markets for sustainably grown crops due to a lack of certification or infrastructure.
- Many farmers lack exposure to international examples of successful sustainable agriculture, making it hard for them to implement globally tested solutions.

1. Noun & Verb Analysis

Nouns	**Verbs**
Student	Needs
Farmer	Boost
Young Farmers	Provides
Researcher	Tracks
Educational resources	Monitors
Technology	Conserves
Crops	Stress
Crop diseases	Encourage
Weather Forecasting	Support
Soil	Adopt
Policy	Provide
Training programs	Encourages
Machinery	Affects
Fertilizer	Seeks
Crop rotation	Improve
Irrigation	Tracks
Water manages	Monitors
Disease Manages	Health
Subsidies	Optimizes
Sustainable Practices	Detects
Farming Tools	Study
Markets	Adopt
Climate	Provide

Financial	Encourage
Farmers	Detect
Awareness	Address
Training	Access
Technologies	Challenges
Tools	Supports
Weather	Adopts
Forecasting	Rotate
Ecosystem	Informs
Health	Depletes
Monitoring	Manages
Disease	Analysis
Management	Learn
Programs	Educate
Youth	Implement
Practices	Optimize
Water	Review
Conservation	Manage
Techniques	Assists
Irrigation	Grows
Education	Diversify
Crop	Enhances
Rotation	Affects
Sustainability	Improves
Solutions	Mismanages
Research	Monitor
Resource	Participate
Productivity	Enhance
Equipment	Certify
Sensors	Impacts
Data	Addresses
Challenges	Grow
Funding	Provides

Support	Face
Networks	Fund
Policies	Conserve
Chemicals	Track
Fertilizers	Disrupts
Pests	Conserves
Certification	Yield
Investment	Helps
Biodiversity	Implements
Information	Support
Patterns	Help
Aid	Educates
Drought	Impact
Flood	Reduce
	Degrades
	Seek
	Assist
	Affect
	Lacks
	Search
	Prepare
	Train
	Faces
	Deplete
	Accesses
	Recommend
	Analysis
	Relies
	Reviews
	Uses

2.1. Candidate Entity set and Candidate Attribute set

Candidate Entity	Candidate Attributes
Student	Student ID, Name, Major, Year of Study, Contact Info
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Educational Resource	Resource ID, Title, Type (e.g., article, video), Subject, URL
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Aid	Aid ID, Type, Amount, Beneficiary, Date
Drought	Drought ID, Region, Duration, Severity, Impact
Flood	Flood ID, Region, Duration, Severity, Impact

2.2. Candidate Relationship set

Relationship	Entities Involved	Description
Enrols	Student, Training Program	A student enrols in a training program.
Owns	Farmer, Crop	A farmer grows a specific crop.
Conducts	Researcher, Crop Disease	A researcher studies crop disease.
Uses	Farmer, Technology	A farmer utilizes technology for farming.
Affects	Weather, Crop	Weather conditions impact crop growth.
Composed Of	Crop Rotation, Crop	A crop rotation consists of multiple crops.
Implements	Farmer, Sustainable Practice	A farmer implements sustainable practices in farming.
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Affects	Crop Disease, Crop	A crop disease affects specific crops.
Involves	Policy, Irrigation	A policy may regulate irrigation practices.
Uses	Farmer, Farming Tool	A farmer uses various farming tools.
Provides	Investment, Farmer	An investment provides funds to a farmer.
Allocates	Aid, Farmer	Aid is allocated to farmers in need.

Occurs In	Drought, Region	A drought occurs in a specific region.
Occurs In	Flood, Region	A flood occurs in a specific region.
Monitors	Researcher, Weather	A researcher monitors weather patterns.

3. Rejected Noun & Verbs list

Noun	Reason for Rejection
Young Farmers	Too specific; lacks broader context or categories.
Technology	Overly broad; needs specificity related to agriculture.
Machinery	Generic; needs context on types or relevance to farming.
Water manages	Vague; unclear what specific aspect of water management refers to.
Disease Manages	Lacks clarity; needs to specify what aspect of disease management is being discussed.
Subsidies	Broad term; needs context related to agriculture.
Sustainable Practices	Too vague; needs specifics on which practices are sustainable.
Markets	Generic; lacks context on which markets are relevant.
Climate	Too broad; lacks specific relevance to farming practices.
Financial	Generic; needs to specify what financial aspects are relevant.
Farmers	Overly broad; can refer to various types without specificity.
Awareness	Vague; lacks context on what awareness is being referenced.

Training Access	Needs specificity on what type of training is being accessed.
Technologies Challenges	Too vague; needs clarification on which challenges are relevant.
Tools Supports	Generic; lacks specificity on which tools or supports are being referenced.
Weather Adopts	Unclear; needs context on how weather is being adopted or its implications.
Forecasting Rotate	Lacks clarity; needs to specify what is being forecasted or rotated.
Ecosystem Informs	Vague; lacks specificity on how ecosystems inform farming.
Monitoring Manages	Unclear; needs context on what is being monitored and managed.
Disease Analysis	Needs specificity on which diseases or methods of analysis are being referenced.
Management Learn	Vague; lacks clarity on what is being learned in management.
Programs Educate	Generic; needs detail on which programs are being referred to.
Youth Implement	Lacks specificity on what youth are implementing.
Practices Optimize	Too vague; needs context on which practices are being optimized.
Water Review	Generic; lacks context on what is being reviewed regarding water.
Conservation Manage	Vague; unclear what aspect of conservation management is being referred to.
Techniques Assists	Needs specificity on which techniques are being referenced.

Irrigation Grows	Lacks clarity; needs context on how irrigation is growing or its implications.
Education Diversify	Vague; needs specifics on how education is diversifying.
Crop Enhances	Needs context on what crop is being enhanced or how.
Rotation Affects	Unclear; needs detail on what is being rotated and its effects.
Sustainability Improves	Vague; lacks specifics on what sustainability is improving.
Solutions Mismanages	Unclear; needs context on what solutions are mismanaged.
Research Monitor	Lacks specificity; needs context on what is being monitored in research.
Resource Participate	Vague; lacks clarity on what resources are participating in.
Productivity Enhance	Needs context on what productivity is being enhanced and how.
Equipment Certify	Unclear; needs detail on which equipment is being certified.
Sensors Impacts	Vague; lacks specifics on what sensors are being discussed.
Data Addresses	Needs context on what data is being addressed and how.
Challenges Grow	Generic; lacks specificity on which challenges are being referred to.
Provides	Too vague; lacks context on what is being provided.
Support Face	Unclear; needs context on what support is facing which challenges.
Networks Fund	Vague; lacks clarity on what networks and what they are funding.

Policies Conserve	Needs specificity on which policies are being referenced.
Chemicals Track	Unclear; needs detail on what chemicals are being tracked and why.
Fertilizers Disrupts	Vague; lacks clarity on how fertilizers disrupt practices.
Certification Yield	Needs context on what is being certified and how it relates to yield.
Implements	Too vague; lacks clarity on what is being implemented.
Information Support	Generic; lacks specifics on what information is being supported.
Patterns Help	Unclear; needs detail on which patterns are helping and how.
Educates	Vague; lacks specificity on who or what is being educated.
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CONCEPTUAL SCHEMA

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3. Technology(**TechnologyID**, Name, Type, Purpose, Manufacturer)
4. Crop(**CropID**, Name, Type, GrowthPeriod, Yield)
5. CropDisease(**DiseaseID**, Name, AffectedCrops, Symptoms, Treatment)
6. Weather(**WeatherID**, Date, Temperature, Precipitation, Conditions)
7. Soil(**SoilID**, Type, NutrientContent, pHLevel, MoistureLevel)
8. Policy(**PolicyID**, Name, Type, Scope, ImplementationDate)
9. Fertilizer(**FertilizerID**, Name, Type, NutrientContent, ApplicationMethod)
10. Irrigation(**IrrigationID**, Type, CoverageArea, Efficiency, InstallationDate)
11. CropRotation(**RotationID**, CropSequence, Duration, Benefits)
12. FarmingTool(**ToolID**, Name, Type, Usage, Manufacturer)
13. TrainingProgram(**ProgramID**, Title, Duration, TargetAudience, Content)
14. SustainablePractice(**PracticeID**, Name, Description, Benefits, ImplementationLevel)
15. Investment(**InvestmentID**, Amount, Purpose, Beneficiary, Date)
16. Aid(**AidID**, Type, Amount, Beneficiary, Date)

Identify Entity types

A. Weak entity set/s

- Aid
- Investment
- Crop Disease
- CropRotation

B. Type of relationships using natural associations appearing in problem description (Hierarchy, Aggregation, Recursive, Simple Association Link)

1. Farmer – Crop (Many-to-Many)

- Relationship: Grow
- Type: Simple Association
- Reason: Farmers and crops are distinct entities linked by a simple association where the farmer grows the crop.

2. Farmer – Technology (Many-to-Many)

- Relationship: Adopt
- Type: Simple Association
- Reason: The relationship between a farmer adopting technology is a straightforward association, as each entity retains independence.

3. Farmer – FarmingTool (One-to-Many)

- Relationship: Uses
- Type: Simple Association
- Reason: The farmer uses farming tools, and there's a direct association between them.

4. Farmer – Irrigation (One-to-Many)

- Relationship: Installs
- Type: Simple Association

- Reason: This is a simple association where farmers install and manage irrigation systems.

5. Farmer – Soil (Many-to-Many)
- Relationship: Manages
- Type: Simple Association
- Reason: Farmers manage the soil on their land, forming a direct, simple relationship.

6. Farmer – Fertilizer (Many-to-Many)
- Relationship: Applies
- Type: Simple Association
- Reason: The farmer applies fertilizer to crops, representing a direct association between the two entities.

7. Farmer – TrainingProgram (Many-to-Many)
- Relationship: Attends
- Type: Simple Association
- Reason: This is a direct association where farmers attend training programs.

8. Crop – Fertilizer (Many-to-Many)
- Relationship: Needs
- Type: Simple Association
- Reason: Crops require fertilizers, and the relationship between them is direct.

9. Crop – CropDisease (Many-to-Many)
- Relationship: Affects
- Type: Simple Association
- Reason: Crop diseases affect crops, forming a direct association.

10. Farmer – Aid (Many-to-Many)

- Relationship: Receives
- Type: Simple Association
- Reason: Farmers receive aid in a direct relationship.

11. Farmer – Investment (Many-to-Many)

- Relationship: Secures
- Type: Simple Association
- Reason: The farmer secures investments, forming a direct association between the two entities.

12. Irrigation – Soil (Many-to-Many)

- Relationship: Waters
- Type: Aggregation
- Reason: Irrigation waters the soil, forming an aggregation where irrigation is part of soil management.

13. Crop – Soil (Many-to-Many)

- Relationship: GrowsIn
- Type: Aggregation
- Reason: The crop grows in the soil, and this can be seen as an aggregation where the crop's growth is dependent on the soil.

14. Weather – Crop (Many-to-Many)

- Relationship: Affects
- Type: Aggregation
- Reason: Weather affects crops, forming an aggregation where weather is a component of crop growth.

15. Farmer – SustainablePractice (Many-to-Many)

- Relationship: Implements
- Type: Aggregation

- ➢ Reason: Farmers implement sustainable practices as part of their overall farming operation, forming an aggregation where the sustainable practices contribute to the larger farming system.

Identify Relationship types

A.1. Entity vs. Attribute vs. Relationships

1. **Farmer_Crop**

- **New Table:** Farmer_Crop (FarmerID, CropID)
- **Input Tables:** Farmer (FarmerID, Name, FarmSize, ContactInfo), Crop (CropID, Name, Type, GrowthPeriod, Yield)
- **Description:** The Farmer_Crop table manages the many-to-many relationship between farmers and the crops they cultivate.

2. **Farmer_Tech**

- **New Table:** Farmer_Tech (FarmerID, TechnologyID, TimeofUsage)
- **Input Tables:** Farmer (FarmerID, Name, FarmSize, ContactInfo), Technology (TechnologyID, Name, Type, Purpose)
- **Description:** The Farmer_Tech table represents the relationship between farmers and the technologies they use, along with the usage time.

3. **FarmingTool**

- **New Table:** FarmingTool (ToolID, Name, Type, Usage, Manufacturer, FarmerID)
- **Input Tables:** None (new entity)
- **Description:** The FarmingTool table tracks the tools used by farmers, including details about each tool and its manufacturer.

4. **Irrigation**

- **New Table:** Irrigation (IrrigationID, Type, CoverageArea, Efficiency, InstallationDate, FarmerID)

- **Input Tables:** None (new entity)
- **Description:** The Irrigation table stores information about irrigation systems used by farmers, including coverage and efficiency metrics.

5. Farmer_Soil

- **New Table:** Farmer_Soil (FarmerID, SoilID)
- **Input Tables:** Farmer (FarmerID, Name, FarmSize, ContactInfo), Soil (SoilID, Type, NutrientContent, pHLevel, MoistureLevel)
- **Description:** The Farmer_Soil table manages the relationship between farmers and the soil types they utilize.

6. Farmer_Fertilizer

- **New Table:** Farmer_Fertilizer (FarmerID, FertilizerID, Quantity)
- **Input Tables:** Farmer (FarmerID, Name, FarmSize, ContactInfo), Fertilizer (FertilizerID, Name, Type, NutrientContent, ApplicationMethod)
- **Description:** The Farmer_Fertilizer table tracks the fertilizers used by farmers and the quantities applied.

7. Farmer_TrainingProgram

- **New Table:** Farmer_TrainingProgram (FarmerID, ProgramID)
- **Input Tables:** Farmer (FarmerID, Name, FarmSize, ContactInfo), TrainingProgram (ProgramID, Title, Duration, TargetAudience, Content)
- **Description:** The Farmer_TrainingProgram table represents the training programs attended by farmers.

8. Crop_Fertilizer

- **New Table:** Crop_Fertilizer (CropID, FertilizerID, FertilizerQuantity)
- **Input Tables:** Crop (CropID, Name, Type, GrowthPeriod, Yield), Fertilizer (FertilizerID, Name, Type, NutrientContent, ApplicationMethod)

- **Description:** The Crop_Fertilizer table manages the relationship between crops and the fertilizers used, along with quantities.

9. Crop_Disease

- **New Table:** Crop_Disease (CropID, DiseaseID)
- **Input Tables:** Crop (CropID, Name, Type, GrowthPeriod, Yield), CropDisease (DiseaseID, Name, AffectedCrops, Symptoms, Treatment)
- **Description:** The Crop_Disease table tracks diseases affecting specific crops.

10. Farmer_Aid

- **New Table:** Farmer_Aid (FarmerID, AidID)
- **Input Tables:** Farmer (FarmerID, Name, FarmSize, ContactInfo), Aid (AidID, Type, Amount, Beneficiary, Date)
- **Description:** The Farmer_Aid table manages the aid received by farmers.

11. Farmer_Investment

- **New Table:** Farmer_Investment (FarmerID, InvestmentID)
- **Input Tables:** Farmer (FarmerID, Name, FarmSize, ContactInfo), Investment (InvestmentID, Amount, Purpose, Beneficiary, Date)
- **Description:** The Farmer_Investment table tracks investments made by farmers.

12. Irrigation_Soil

- **New Table:** Irrigation_Soil (IrrigationID, SoilID)
- **Input Tables:** Irrigation (IrrigationID, Type, CoverageArea, Efficiency, InstallationDate, FarmerID), Soil (SoilID, Type, NutrientContent, pHLevel, MoistureLevel)
- **Description:** The Irrigation_Soil table manages the relationship between irrigation systems and soil types.

13. Crop_Soil

- **New Table:** Crop_Soil (CropID, SoilID)
- **Input Tables:** Crop (CropID, Name, Type, GrowthPeriod, Yield), Soil (SoilID, Type, NutrientContent, pHLevel, MoistureLevel)
- **Description:** The Crop_Soil table tracks the types of soil used for different crops.

14. Crop_Weather

- **New Table:** Crop_Weather (CropID, WeatherID)
- **Input Tables:** Crop (CropID, Name, Type, GrowthPeriod, Yield), Weather (WeatherID, Date, Temperature, Precipitation, Conditions)
- **Description:** The Crop_Weather table manages the relationship between crops and weather conditions.

15. Farmer_SustainablePractice

- **New Table:** Farmer_SustainablePractice (FarmerID, PracticeID)
- **Input Tables:** Farmer (FarmerID, Name, FarmSize, ContactInfo), SustainablePractice (PracticeID, Name, Description, Benefits, ImplementationLevel)
- **Description:** The Farmer_SustainablePractice table tracks sustainable practices adopted by farmers.

A.2. Binary vs. Ternary Relationships

1. Farmer and Crop

- Type: Binary
- Description: A farmer can grow multiple crops, and a crop can be grown by multiple farmers.

2. Farmer and FarmingTool

- Type: Binary
- Description: A farmer uses various farming tools, and a tool can be used by multiple farmers.

3. **Crop and CropDisease**
   - ➢ Type: Binary
   - ➢ Description: A crop can be affected by multiple diseases, and a disease can affect multiple crops.

4. **Policy and TrainingProgram**
   - ➢ Type: Binary
   - ➢ Description: Policies may be linked to multiple training programs aimed at implementing them.

5. **Weather and Soil**
   - ➢ Type: Binary
   - ➢ Description: Different weather conditions affect soil types, but this might not need a direct relationship in the schema unless you want to analyze effects on crop growth.

6. **Irrigation and Crop**
   - ➢ Type: Binary
   - ➢ Description: Different irrigation systems may be used for different crops.

7. **Investment and Farmer/Researcher**
   - ➢ Type: Binary
   - ➢ Description: Investments can be made towards specific farmers or researchers.

8. **SustainablePractice and Farmer**

   Type: Binary
   - ➢ Description: Farmers may adopt multiple sustainable practices, while a practice can be adopted by multiple farmers.

9. **Drought and Crop**
   - ➢ Type: Binary

- Description: Drought affects multiple crops, and crops can be impacted by different drought events.

10. Flood and Crop

- Type: Binary
- Description: Flood impacts various crops, and crops can be affected by multiple flood events.

A.3. Aggregation vs. Ternary Relationship

- TrainingProgram for Farmers using Technology:
- Assume there's a training program that trains Farmers on using specific Technology. You could model this using a ternary relationship between TrainingProgram, Farmer, and Technology.
- However, if you wanted to associate multiple factors (e.g., trainers, durations, or locations), you could aggregate this relationship into a higher-level entity such as TrainingEvent.
- TrainingProgram → TrainingEvent (aggregated relationship) → Farmer, Technology, Trainer

B. total participation

Entity	Related Entity	Relationship	Total Participation
Crop	CropDisease	Affected	Yes
Crop	Soil	Grown In	Yes
Farmer	Crop	Grow	Yes
Farmer	Soil	Manages	Yes
Farmer	Fertilizer	Uses	Yes

Explanation:

- **Entity**: The primary entity being examined.
- **Related Entity**: The entity it relates to.
- **Relationship**: Describes how the entities relate.

- **Total Participation**: Indicates if every instance of the primary entity must be associated with an instance of the related entity.

Mapping E-R Model to Relational Model
Schema

1. Farmer(**FarmerID**, Name, FarmSize, ContactInfo)
2. Crop(**CropID**, Name, Type, GrowthPeriod, Yield)
3. Technology(**TechnologyID**, Name, Type, Purpose)
4. Soil(**SoilID**, Type, NutrientContent, pHLevel, MoistureLevel)
5. Fertilizer(**FertilizerID**, Name, Type, NutrientContent, ApplicationMethod)
6. TrainingProgram(**ProgramID**, Title, Duration, TargetAudience, Content)
7. Visitor(**VisitorID**, Name, Role, ContactInfo)
8. Policy(**PolicyID**, Name, Type, ImplementationDate)
9. Aid(**AidID**, Type, Amount, Beneficiary, Date)
10. CropDisease(**DiseaseID**, Name, AffectedCrops, Symptoms, Treatment)
11. CropRotation(**RotationID**, CropSequence, Duration, Benefits)
12. Investment(**InvestmentID**, Amount, Purpose, Beneficiary, Date)
13. Weather(**WeatherID**, Date, Temperature, Precipitation, Conditions)
14. SustainablePractice(**PracticeID**, Name, Description, Benefits, ImplementationLevel)

Relational Schema

1. Farmer_Crop(**FarmerID, CropID**)
2. Farmer_Tech(**FarmerID, TechnologyID**, TimeofUsage)
3. FarmingTool(**ToolID**, Name, Type, Usage, Manufacturer, FarmerID)
4. Irrigation(**IrrigationID**, Type, CoverageArea, Efficiency, InstallationDate, FarmerID)
5. Farmer_Soil(**FarmerID, SoilID**)

6. Farmer_Fertilizer(**FarmerID, FertilizerID**, Quantity)
7. Farmer_ TrainingProgram(**FarmerID, ProgramID**)
8. Crop_Fertilizer(**CropID, FertilizerID**, FertilizerQuantity)
9. Crop_ Disease(**CropID, DiseaseID**)
10. Farmer_Aid(**FarmerID, AidID**)
11. Farmer_Investment(**FarmerID, InvestmentID**)
12. Irrigation_Soil(**IrrigationID, SoilID**)
13. Crop_Soil(**CropID, SoilID**)
14. Crop_ Weather(**CropID, WeatherID**)
15. Farmer_ SustainablePractice(**FarmerID, PracticeID**)

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