Soil Stewards

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Salinity



- If the level of salts in the soil water is too high, water may flow from the plant roots back into the soil
- This results in dehydration of the plant, causing yield decline or even death of the plant
- 3 million acres of land across the prairies are impacted by visible salinity and up to 22 million acres are impacted by invisible salinity

Problem

Soil salinity measurement is time/labour consuming and expensive for farmers

Traditionally, water and soil salinity are measured by

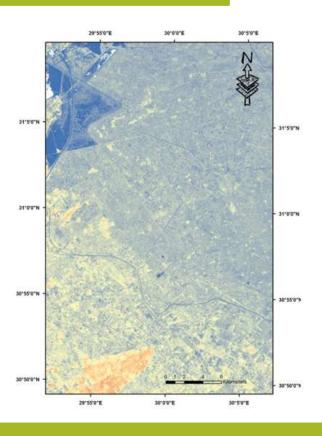
- Handheld Refractometer
- Hydrometer
- Conductivity meter



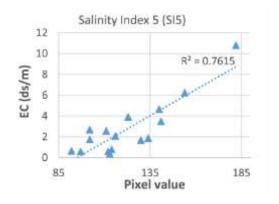




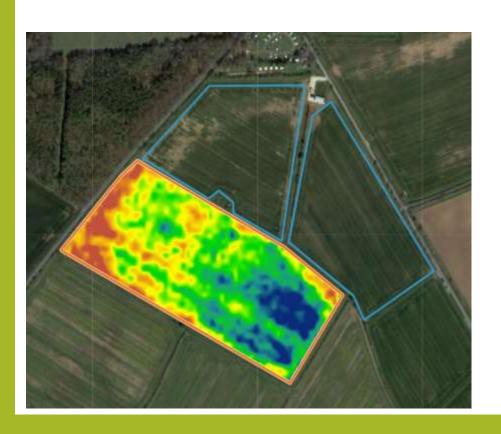
Solution



- Soil Salinity Mapping using Remote Sensing and GIS https://cdnsciencepub.com/doi/full/10.1139/geomat-2021-0015
- Add AI with satellite imagery processing



Solution



- Take a satellite image prior to seeding
- Existing soil monitoring probes provide single point salinity data into the AI model
- Provide a salinity map over the entire farmer's field



Benefits

- Provides farmers with a salinity map of their fields at low cost
- Lets a farmer know when a previously poor performing field is no longer high in salinity and can be used for a cash crop

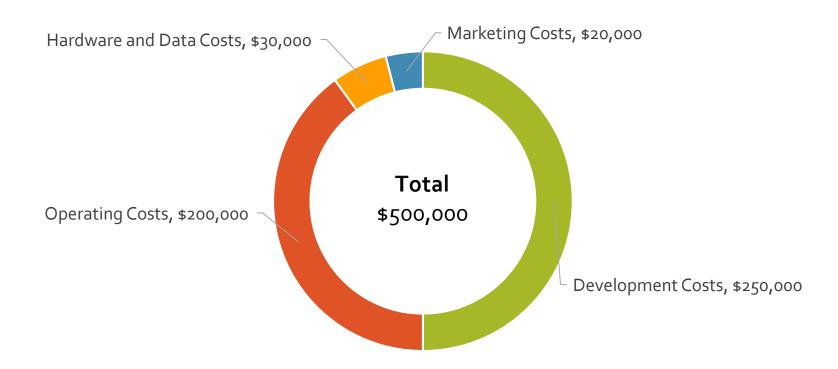


Pricing and Revenue

- Existing salinity mapping currently costs farmers \$8-\$12 an acre
- We can provide our solution for as low as \$1 an acre
- There are 77.3 million acres of farmland across the Canadian prairies
- With just 1% of that we can generate \$800k in revenue



Our Ask



Thank You!

