

Cassava Data-Driven Agronomy

Putting data at the service of agriculture

Objectives

1. To assess potential for pest and disease early warning system through scenario analysis for crop resilience.
2. Enhance the capacity for cassava crop monitoring and pest surveillance by using crowd sourcing toolkits.
3. Provide farmers with a straightforward and vital decision support tool for pest and disease management in cassava production.

Components

1 2014-2016 Recall Data

-  Crop yield
-  GPS location
-  Pest & disease
-  Farming practices



IMPACT

- ✓ Reduced yield gap
- ✓ Enhanced adaptive capacity of farming systems to climate change
- ✓ Increased livelihoods
- ✓ Empowered partners

Data Acquisition

- ✓ Pooling existing data through partnerships
- ✓ Modern data capture and management strategies using a mobile app and online DB

2 Weather Data



3 Soils Data



4 Data Mining Team and Partners at Work



FARMER SURVEY

300 Farmer Respondents



779 2014-2016 Cropping Events



414 Data with GPS locations

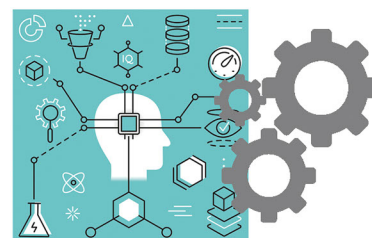


OPENSOURCE DATA

NASA-POWER API,
NCDC Global Summary of the Day (GSOD),
ISRIC World Inventory of Soil
Emission potential (WISE) dataset,

Data Analysis

- ✓ Review, cleaning and formatting of collected data
- ✓ Merging of collected data with weather and soils data
- ✓ Machine learning



Methods Data Collection

- ✓ Development of mobile app and data archiving system
- ✓ Field surveys on farmers and online data syncing using mobile app.

Results and Products

Data Visualization and Online API

https://appdatacollect-3b7d7.firebaseio.com/analytics/analytics_demo.html

Scientific Research Publication

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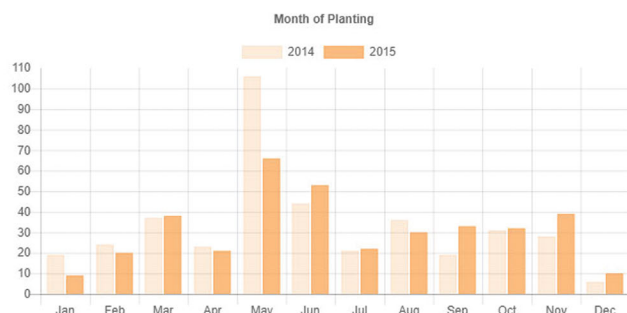


INITIAL Findings

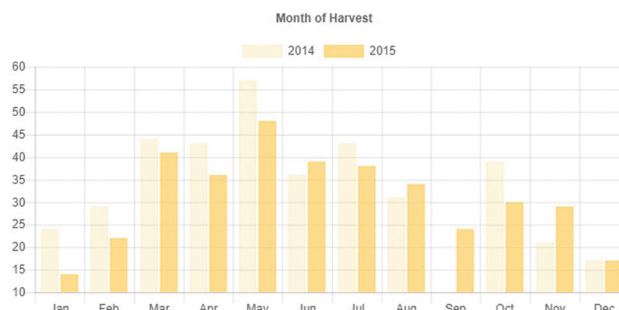
PEAK OF PLANTING May - June



Month of Planting



Month of Harvest



PEAK OF HARVEST MAY

Harvesting starts from March to July but the majority of farmers harvest on May

Key Findings

- ✓ Data confirms that hot temperature equates to more pest and damage; this accounts for the detailed assessment of weather features.
- ✓ Confirms the importance of soil organic carbon to increase resistance to pest and diseases.
- ✓ Identified conditions/characteristics where frequency of pesticide application can increase pest and disease damage.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ Integrated nutrient management to improve soil health
- ✓ Improve climate information system for farmers
- ✓ Judicious use of pesticide.