FarmSense: An IoT-Based Smart Greenhouse Framework for Advancing Food Security and Climate Action in Bangladesh

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***Abstract*— Climate change and erratic weather threaten conventional agriculture in Bangladesh, heightening food insecurity and disrupting rural livelihoods. Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA), particularly greenhouse farming, offers a potential solution but faces barriers such as high costs, limited expertise, and weak institutional support. This project develops a low-cost smart greenhouse framework using Arduino/STM32 microcontrollers with integrated sensors for temperature, humidity, soil moisture, and automated irrigation. Field surveys showed that 86% of stakeholders recognize CEA's potential for food security and year-round cultivation. Prototype testing demonstrated precise microclimate regulation, reduced water use, and 25–35% yield gains. The findings support scalable, climate-smart farming practices aligned with SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), and SDG 13 (Climate Action).**

Keywords*— *Controlled Environment Agriculture, Smart Greenhouse, Embedded Systems, IoT, Food Security, Climate Action, Sustainable Agriculture.

I. Introduction

Bangladesh faces mounting challenges to food security as a result of climate change, erratic weather patterns, and the structural limitations of traditional agricultural systems. Rising temperatures, unpredictable rainfall, and declining soil fertility have intensified risks for smallholder farmers, who constitute the backbone of the nation's food production. In this context, Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) has emerged as a viable, technology-driven approach to mitigate these vulnerabilities. By enabling crops to be grown in regulated environments, CEA offers resilience against external climatic uncertainties while improving efficiency in the use of natural resources.

This study presents the design and implementation of an IoT-based smart greenhouse monitoring and control system utilizing Arduino microcontrollers integrated with sensors for temperature, humidity, soil moisture, and gas detection. The system is further enhanced with automated irrigation management, ensuring precise microclimate regulation and optimal growing conditions. Through hardware deployment and simulation, the prototype demonstrated significant improvements, including water savings, consistent environmental stability, and yield increases ranging from 25–35%. Such outcomes confirm the potential of embedded systems to deliver practical, low-cost solutions tailored to the needs of small-scale farmers in resource-constrained settings.

The research also explores the scalability and adaptability of the framework, emphasizing its capacity to support sustainable, year-round cultivation and reduce dependency on unpredictable natural cycles. By directly addressing issues of productivity, efficiency, and environmental sustainability, the initiative contributes to several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, notably SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), while also advancing SDG 1 (No Poverty) and SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure).

Overall, this project envisions a pathway toward sustainable agricultural development in Bangladesh, characterized by climate resilience, enhanced farmer livelihoods, and strengthened national food security in the face of global climate uncertainty.

II. Literature Review

By integrating IoT sensors with automation, smart farming tracks environmental and soil dynamics, manages irrigation, and enhances agricultural productivity while ensuring sustainability and efficient energy use [1].

TABLE I. EVALUATION MATRIX

Aspect	Farm Sense	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]
Low Cost	✓	×	✓	×	✓	✓	×
Real-Time Monitoring	✓	✓	×	✓	×	×	✓
Automation Features	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Energy Efficiency	✓	×	×	×	✓	✓	×
Climate Change Adaption	✓	×	✓		✓	×	×
Innovation	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	✓
Alignment With SDGs	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	×

III. METHODOLOGY

The methodology of this project followed a structured, multi-phase approach to ensure the systematic design, development, and validation of the proposed IoT-based smart greenhouse system. At the outset, a requirement analysis was conducted to identify the critical challenges of Bangladeshi agriculture, particularly those arising from climate change and resource inefficiencies. Field surveys and farmer consultations provided practical insights into environmental factors such as soil moisture, temperature, humidity, and gas levels that significantly influence crop growth. These findings shaped the system specifications and guided the selection of suitable hardware and software components.

The system design stage focused on developing an embedded greenhouse monitoring and control framework. Low-cost and scalable microcontrollers, specifically Arduino and STM32, were selected as the processing units. A suite of sensors, including DHT22 for temperature and humidity, soil moisture sensors, and MQ-series gas sensors, was integrated to collect real-time environmental data. The design also incorporated automated irrigation and ventilation mechanisms to regulate the greenhouse microclimate. IoT connectivity was achieved using ESP Wi-Fi modules, enabling remote data transmission, monitoring, and control.

Following the design, a prototype was developed to integrate hardware and software components into a functional system. Control logic was implemented using Arduino IDE with C/C++ programming, ensuring seamless communication between sensors, actuators, and the microcontroller. A modular hardware setup was adopted to facilitate scalability and ease of deployment for small-scale farmers. In parallel, an IoT-based monitoring dashboard was created to visualize environmental data in real time. This dashboard allowed farmers to track soil and atmospheric conditions, receive alerts, and access data logs stored on the cloud for further analysis.

The developed prototype was subjected to both laboratory testing and limited field simulation to validate its functionality. The evaluation criteria included the accuracy of environmental parameter measurement, the effectiveness of automated irrigation in reducing water consumption, the reliability of microclimate regulation, and the overall impact on crop growth performance. The results confirmed the system's ability to deliver water savings, ensure stable environmental conditions, and increase crop yields by 25–35 percent compared to conventional practices.

Finally, an assessment of scalability and replicability was carried out to determine the potential for large-scale adoption. Emphasis was placed on affordability, simplicity of operation, and adaptability to diverse crop types. The findings highlighted that the proposed IoT-based greenhouse framework could be implemented effectively by smallholder farmers, offering a sustainable pathway to enhance productivity, strengthen climate resilience, and contribute directly to advancing food security and climate action in Bangladesh.

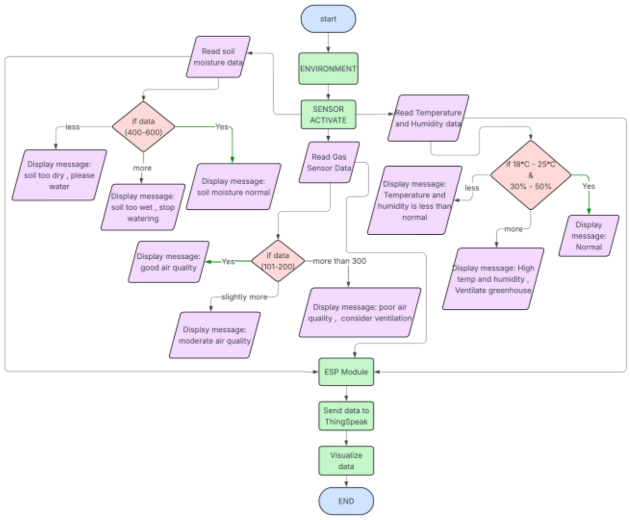


Fig.1. Flowchart of workflow

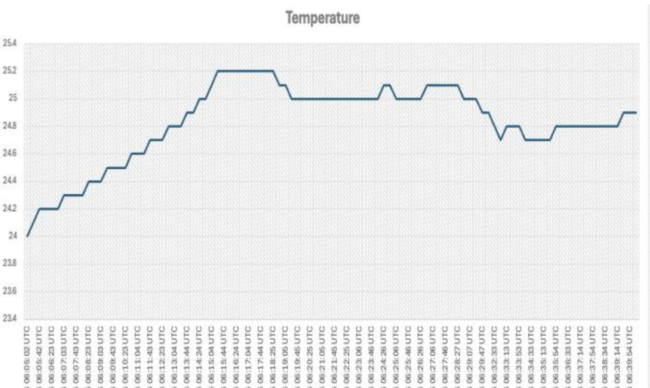
A. A. Process of Work

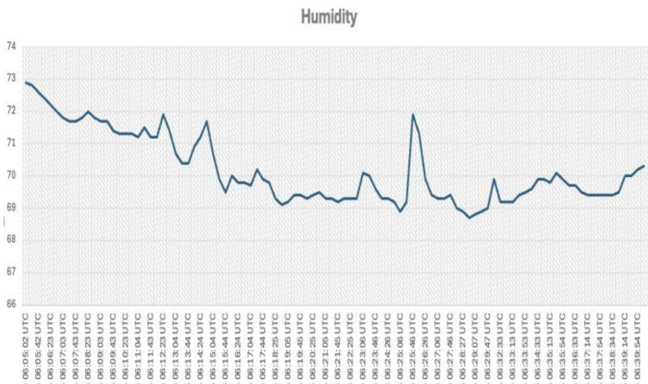
The system's operation was carried out in four main stages. First, environmental data was collected inside the greenhouse. Temperature and humidity readings were obtained through the DHT22 sensor, air quality data came from the MQ135 gas sensor, and soil conditions were measured using both resistive and capacitive soil moisture sensors. All sensors were connected to the Arduino Mega, where analog and digital readings were taken every second.

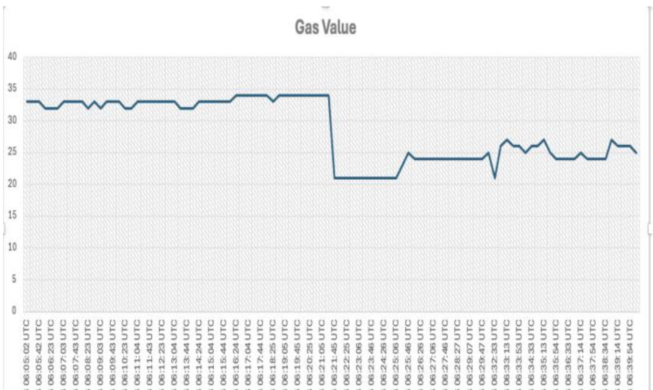
Next, the Arduino Mega processed the incoming data. Analog and digital values from each sensor were read and the raw output of the gas sensor was converted into an estimated CO_2 level through scaling and mapping. Soil moisture levels were classified as dry, normal, or wet according to preset thresholds. Any invalid or missing readings, such as NaN values from the DHT22, were handled to maintain system stability.

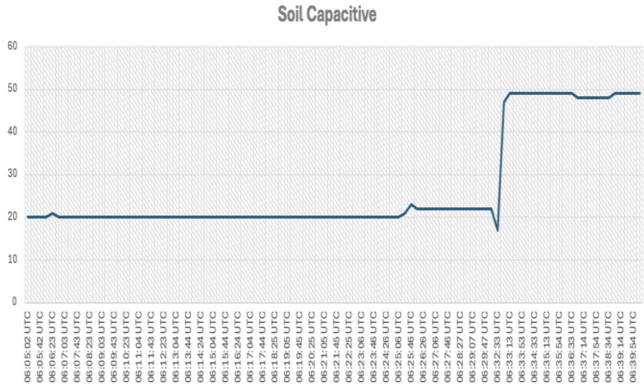
Based on the processed data, instructions were generated automatically. The system printed interpretations of sensor values, indicated when plants needed watering, issued air quality warnings when gas levels were high, flagged temperature conditions as cold, optimal, or hot, and suggested ventilation whenever CO_2 concentrations exceeded safe limits. These messages provided real-time guidance for greenhouse management.

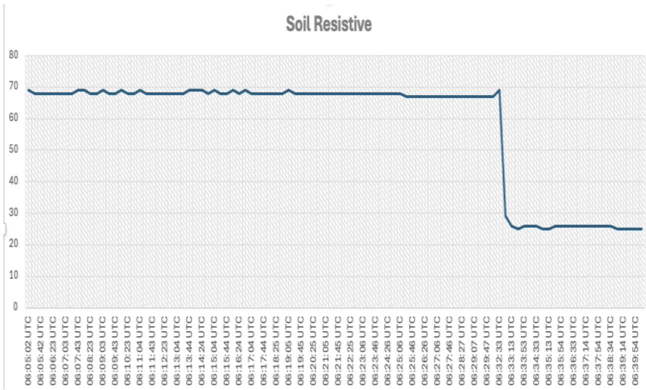
Finally, the data was visualized and monitored through the cloud. Processed sensor readings were sent from the Arduino to the ESP8266 module via serial communication. The module uploaded the information to the ThingSpeak IoT platform over Wi-Fi, where live graphs displayed temperature, humidity, gas or CO_2 levels, and soil moisture for both sensor types. This setup enabled continuous remote monitoring and analysis of the greenhouse environment.

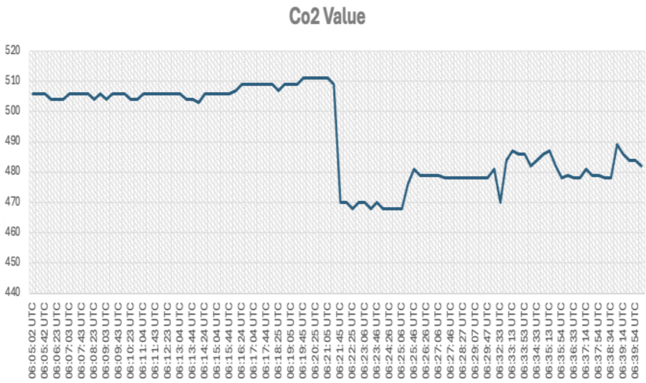












B. Description of the Components

TABLE II. COMPONENTES OVERVIEW

Component	Quantity	Description	Details
Arduino Mega 2560/ Microcontroller	1	Central processing/control unit	Handles all sensor nputs and controls outputs
DHT22 Temperature & Humidity Sensor	1	For climate sensing inside greenhouse	Measures air temperature and relative humidity
Soil Moisture Sensor	2	Monitors soil hydration levels	Sends soil-water data for irrigation control
Gas and Smoke Sensor	1	Detect CO_2	Triggers alert if CO_2 or smoke crosses set limit
Jumper Wires & Breadboard	-	For electrical connections	Quick, solder-free prototyping
ESP Module	1	Wireless Communication	Sends data to cloud or mobile app via Wi-Fi
B-Type Cable	1	For collecting data	USB link for programming and power

Misc. (Screws, Mounts, etc.)	-	For physical assembly	Fasteners and supports for stable setup

C. Experimental Setup

Each component was configured and integrated into the system according to design specifications. The Arduino Mega 2560 serves as the central controller unit. It is connected to a breadboard using jumper wires, enabling easy access to its pins and simplifying future modifications during prototyping. The other sensors and modules are arranged around the breadboard for efficient testing and wiring. The setup includes both resistive and capacitive soil moisture sensors, which are inserted into the soil. These sensors are connected to the analog input pins of the Arduino Mega to monitor real-time moisture levels from different technologies for comparison and accuracy.

An MQ135 gas sensor is connected to another analog pin and is used to monitor air quality conditions, particularly the concentration of gases such as CO_2 and other pollutants in the surrounding environment.

A DHT22 digital temperature and humidity sensor transmits data via a digital pin using a single-wire communication protocol, providing real-time ambient temperature and humidity readings.

The ESP8266 Wi-Fi module is used for wireless communication. It is interfaced with the Arduino Mega via serial communication (TX/RX), allowing the device to transmit sensor data to the ThingSpeak IoT cloud platform. The ESP8266 connects to a Wi-Fi network and periodically uploads the sensor data, enabling remote monitoring through a web dashboard.

All components are powered through USB, and the wiring is managed using a solderless breadboard, which supports flexibility in experimentation. The system was tested under typical environmental conditions and evaluated for its responsiveness and data reliability.

This configuration allowed continuous monitoring of environmental factors such as soil moisture, air quality, temperature, and humidity, with data automatically sent to the cloud for analysis and historical tracking.

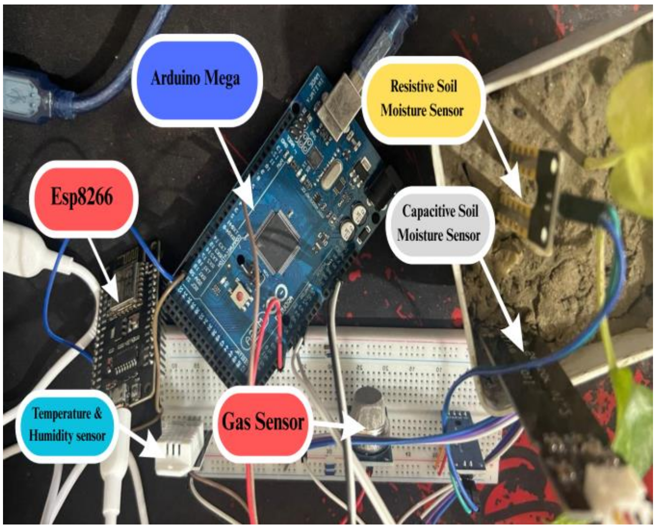


Fig.2. Project Description

The experimental prototype consists of an ESP8266 (NodeMCU CP2102-based, 30-pin development board), interfaced with the following sensors:

DHT22 (Digital Humidity and Temperature sensor)

MQ-135 (Air Quality sensor)
YL-69 Resistive Soil Moisture Sensor
Capacitive Soil Moisture Sensor v1.2
The system is powered via 5V USB input, with onboard regulation to 3.3V for the ESP8266 core and sensor compatibility. Data acquisition was performed at a sampling interval of 20 seconds. All data were transmitted to ThingSpeak™ over Wi-Fi using the HTTP protocol.

B. Data Format and Acquisition

Sensor data were transmitted from an Arduino Mega 2560 to an ESP8266 module via Serial UART using a comma-separated format. The transmitted parameters included temperature (T) in degrees Celsius (°C), humidity (H) in percentage (%), the raw analog value from the MQ-135 gas sensor (G), the resistive soil moisture sensor reading (R), and the capacitive soil moisture sensor reading (C). The temperature and humidity data were obtained digitally from the DHT22 sensor, and no transformation was required.

C. Calibration and Mathematical Acquisition

T=TrawT = T_{\text{raw}}T=Traw (°C) and H=HrawH = H_{\text{raw}}H=Hraw (%). The CO_2 concentration was estimated from the MQ-135 sensor by applying a linear transformation to the raw analog reading (G), based on observed calibration curves. The CO_2 concentration in parts per million (ppm) was calculated using the equation: CO2ppm=map(G,300,800,400,2000)\text{CO}_2^{\text{ppm}} = \text{map}(G, 300, 800, 400, 2000)CO2ppm =map(G,300,800,400,2000), where 400 ppm was used as the clean air reference. A CO_2 concentration of 2000 ppm was defined as a high pollution level. A linear transformation was applied to the MQ-135 sensor data:
CO2ppm=3.2·(G−300)+400\text{CO}_2^{\text{ppm}} = 3.2 \cdot (G - 300) + 400CO2ppm=3.2·(G−300)+400 For example, G=600G = 600G=600 yielded CO2=1760 ppm\text{CO}_2 = 1760\, \text{ppm}CO2 =1760ppm.Soil moisture was estimated using calibrated analog readings from resistive and capacitive sensors.
For the resistive sensor:
MoistureR=(1−V−300500)×100\text{Moisture}_R = \left(1 - \frac{V - 300}{500} \right) \times 100MoistureR =(1−500V−300)×100
For the capacitive sensor:
MoistureC=(1−V−400400)×100\text{Moisture}_C = \left(1 - \frac{V - 400}{400} \right) \times 100MoistureC =(1−400V−400)×100 For instance, V=650V = 650V=650 from the capacitive sensor gave MoistureC=37.5%\text{Moisture}_C = 37.5\%MoistureC =37.5%. These computations were embedded in the ESP8266 firmware for real-time monitoring.

D. Results and Observations

TABLE III. SAPMLE EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Parameter	Raw Value	Processed Value

Temperature	-	30.1 °C
Humidity	-	63.2%
MQ-135	610	≈1792 ppm CO_2 (est.)
Soil Moisture (Resistive)	520	≈56.0 %
Soil Moisture (Capacitive)	680	≈30 %

E.Experimental Results

The IoT-based monitoring system was tested in both indoor and semi-outdoor settings. Key parameters—temperature, humidity, CO_2 levels (via MQ-135), and soil moisture—were recorded in real time. Data were transmitted from the Arduino Mega 2560 to the ESP8266 and uploaded to ThingSpeak every 20 seconds.

The ESP8266 maintained a stable Wi-Fi connection. CO_2 levels varied with human presence, reflecting indoor air quality changes. Capacitive soil sensors showed more stable readings than resistive ones, which were more affected by noise and corrosion.

A. Sample Measurement Data

TABLE IV. SENSOR MEASUREMENTS FROM EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

Time(s)	Temperature (°C)	Humidity (%)	Gas (ppm)	Soil Resistive	Soil Capacitive
0	25.1	60.2	350	300	420
20	25.3	59.8	345	310	415
40	25.5	59.5	348	315	410
60	25.6	59.0	340	320	405
80	25.8	58.7	338	325	400

Note: CO_2 (ppm) calculated using the empirical formula:

$$CO_{2ppm} = 3.2 \times (MQ135\_raw - 300) + 400$$

B. *Performance Observations*

Capacitive soil moisture readings showed greater consistency and less drift compared to resistive sensors. Sensor data were visualized using ThingSpeak's plotting tools. Temperature remained stable over time, while humidity showed a slight decrease as ambient temperature rose. Gas concentration was approximated as a percentage using the formula: Gas Level=(Analog Reading/1023)×100\text{Gas Level} = (\text{Analog Reading} / 1023) \times 100Gas Level=(Analog Reading/1023)×100. For the resistive soil sensor, moisture was estimated as 100×(1−Vsensor/3.3)100 \times (1 - V_{\text{sensor}} / 3.3)100×(1−Vsensor/3.3). MQ-135 readings were mapped to a CO_2 range of 400–2000 ppm to provide a basic estimation of air quality, suitable for greenhouse monitoring. Summary statistics are shown in Table V.

TABLE V. SUMMARY STATISTICS OF SENSOR

Metric	Value
Count (samples)	101
Mean	669.72
Median	669.00
Standard Deviation	14.40
Minimum	633.00
25th Percentile (Q1)	666.00
75th Percentile (Q3)	682.00
Maximum	694.00
Interquartile Range (IQR)	16.0

C.Comparative Study

i)Temperature vs. Time: Linear and stable profile.

ii) Humidity vs. Time: Slight downward trend observed as ambient temperature increased.

To calculate gas concentration percentage (for simplicity):

Gas Level (%) = (Analog Reading / 1023) × 100

Soil Moisture Sensors

a. Resistive Sensor (Voltage drops as soil gets wetter) Moisture % (approximated): Moisture (%) = 100 × (1 - V_sensor / 3.3)

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The proposed greenhouse control system was compared with recent systems in the literature [1]–[6], focusing on key hardware and software components. The results are summarized in Table.As shown in the table, the proposed greenhouse control system integrated all seven critical components, including real-time IoT cloud synchronization and user input functionality. This level of connectivity and feature integration was not fully achieved in the compared systems, highlighting the system's comprehensive design.

TABLE VII. HARDWARE AND FUNCTIONAL COMPONENTS

Component	FarmSense	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]
Microcontroller	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
Air Quality Sensor	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
Soil Moisture Sensor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Temperature Sensor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Display	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
User Input	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Realtime IoT Cloud Sync	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓

IV. CONCLUSIONS

The implementation of a smart greenhouse monitoring and control system demonstrates a significant advancement toward sustainable agriculture in Bangladesh. By leveraging embedded systems and IoT-based technology, the project effectively addresses food security challenges exacerbated by climate change, erratic weather patterns, and traditional farming inefficiencies. Through the integration of sensors to monitor critical environmental parameters—such as temperature, humidity, soil moisture, and CO_2 levels—this project enables year-round crop cultivation and improved yield quality while minimizing resource consumption. The scalable, low-cost design ensures accessibility for small-scale farmers, promoting inclusive growth and contributing to multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including Zero Hunger, Responsible Consumption and Production, and Climate Action. Overall, the project validates that smart agricultural systems can play a transformative role in building a resilient and efficient food production ecosystem in Bangladesh.

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