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# SALES FORECASTING

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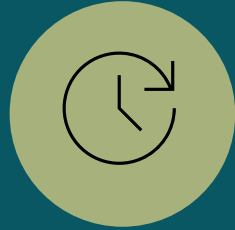
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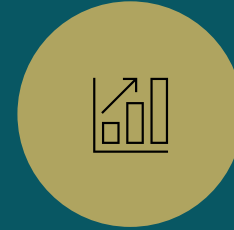
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## Business Problem



**Daily Sales  
Forecast for  
New Store**



**Strategic  
Expansion  
Challenge**

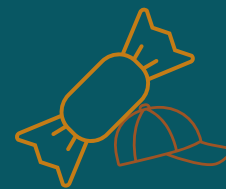


# Objective

Unleaded



Inside Sales



Diesel



Food Services



## Proposed Solution

XGB Regression Model

Seasonality

Store Features

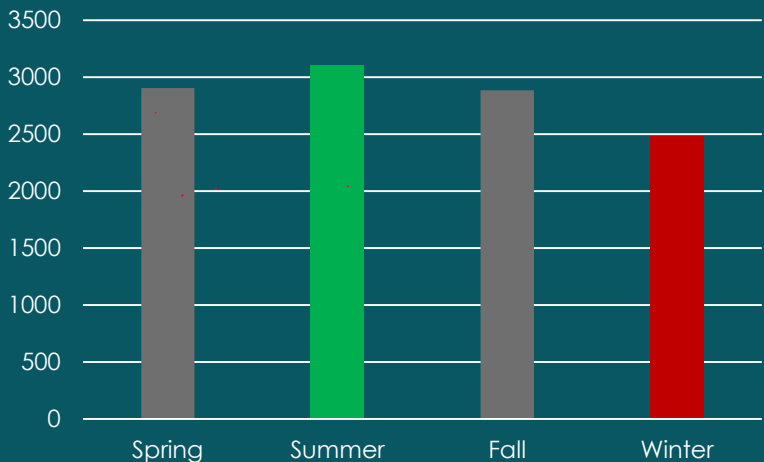
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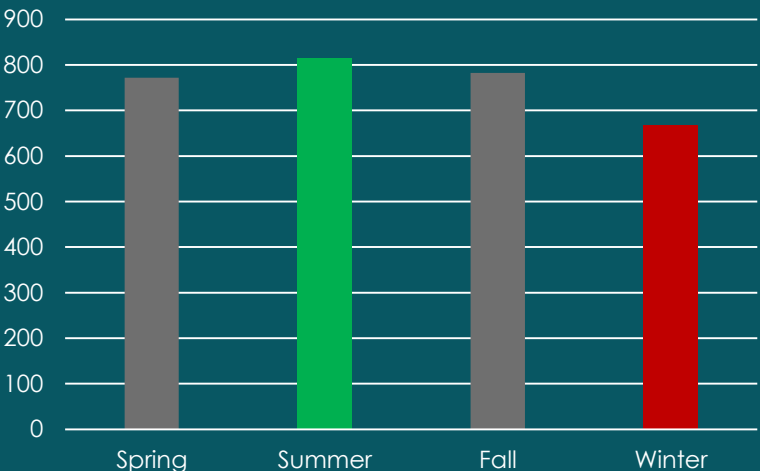
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Does season play a role?

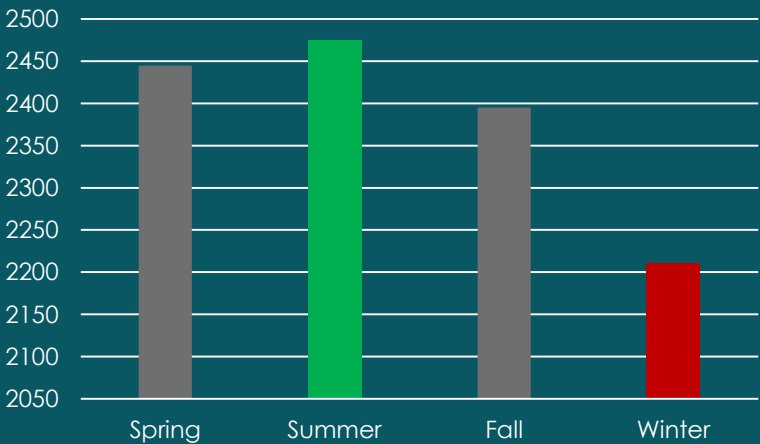
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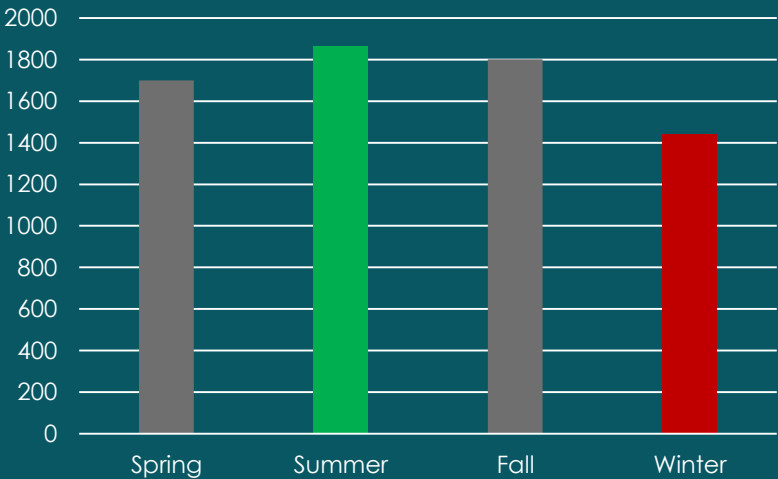
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Unleaded (gallons)



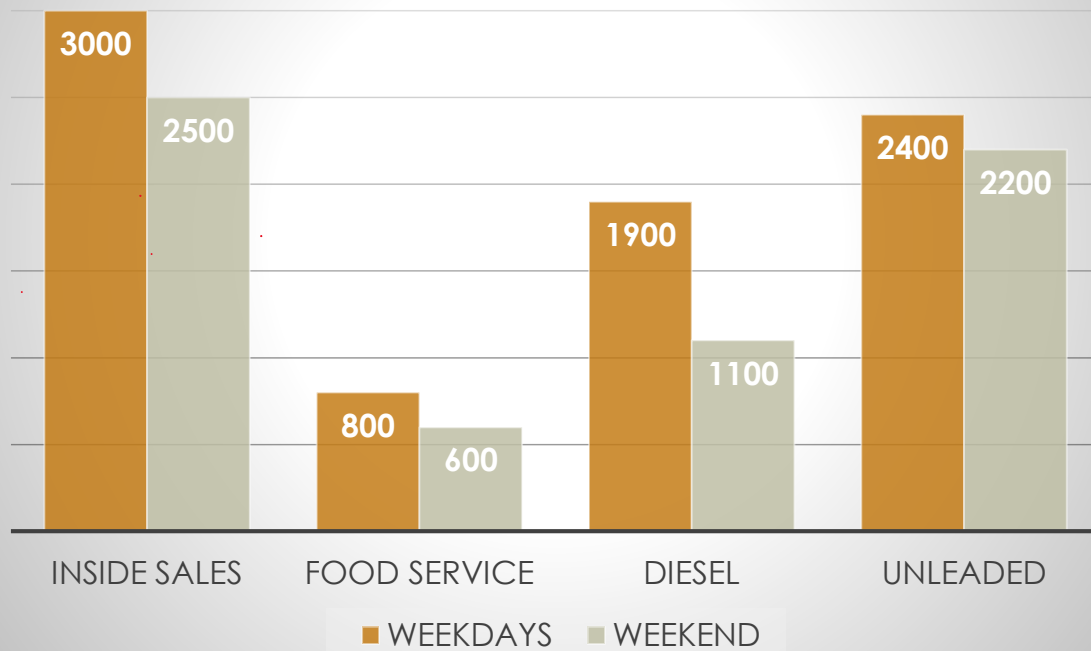
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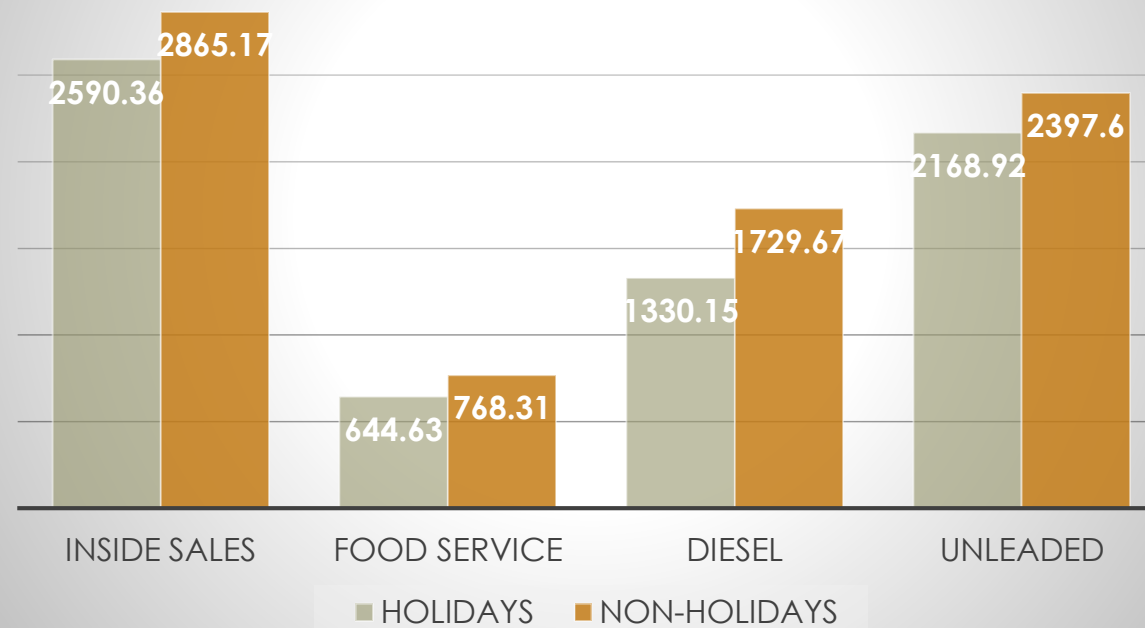


# Analysis

## Weekdays vs Weekends



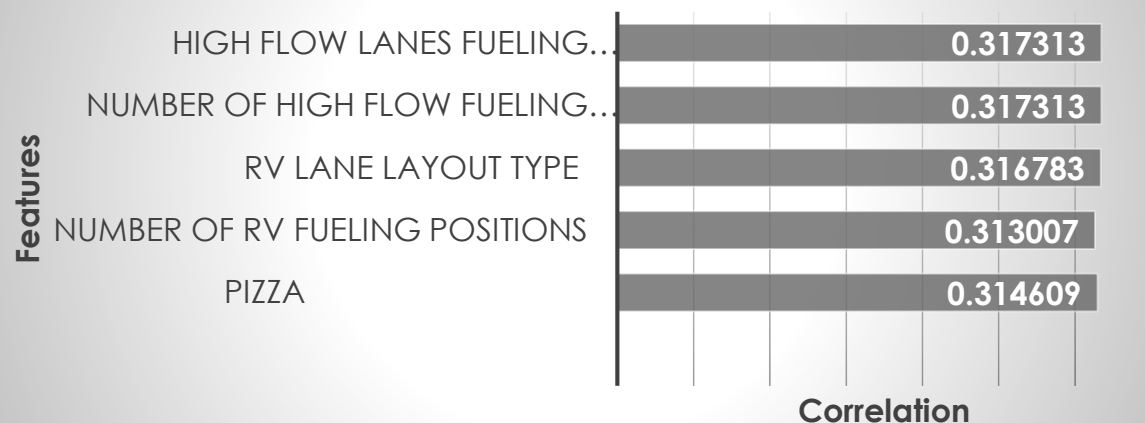
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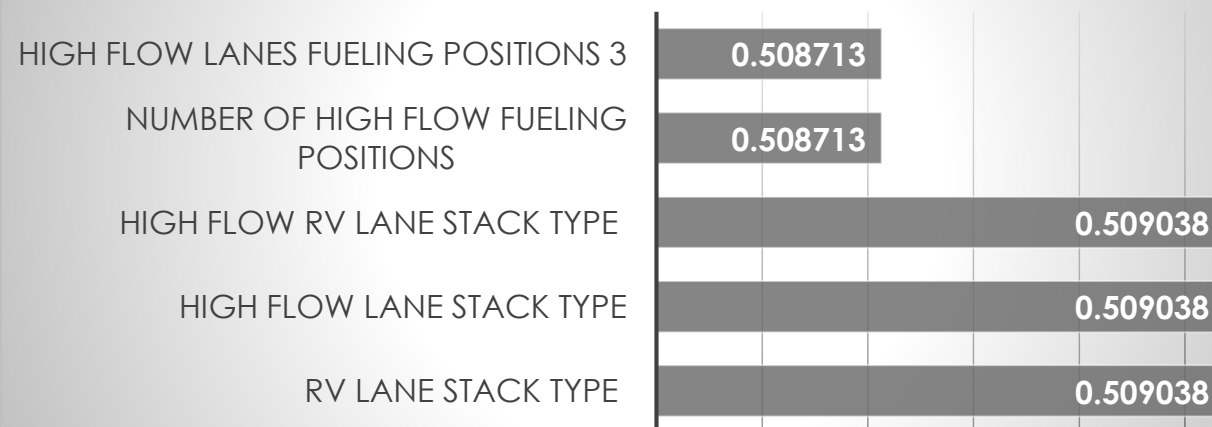


# Top 5 Contributors

## Inside Sales



## Food Sales

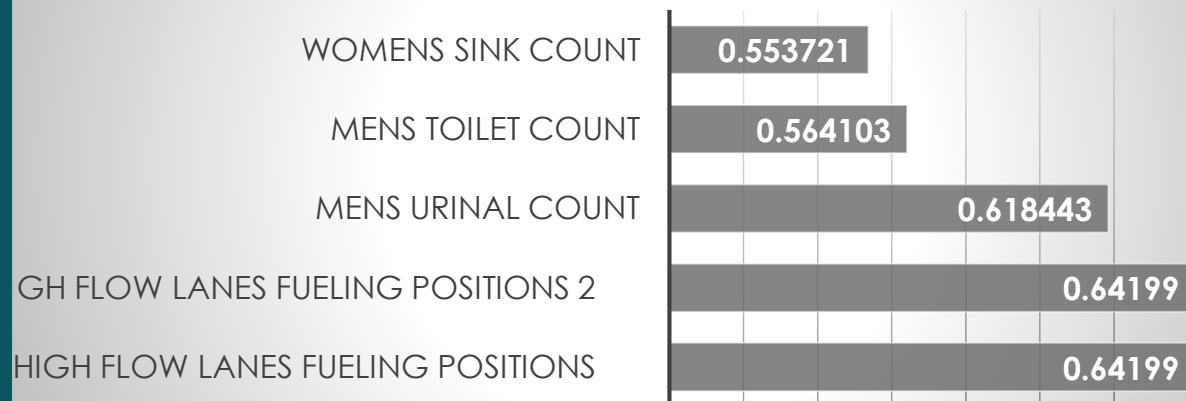




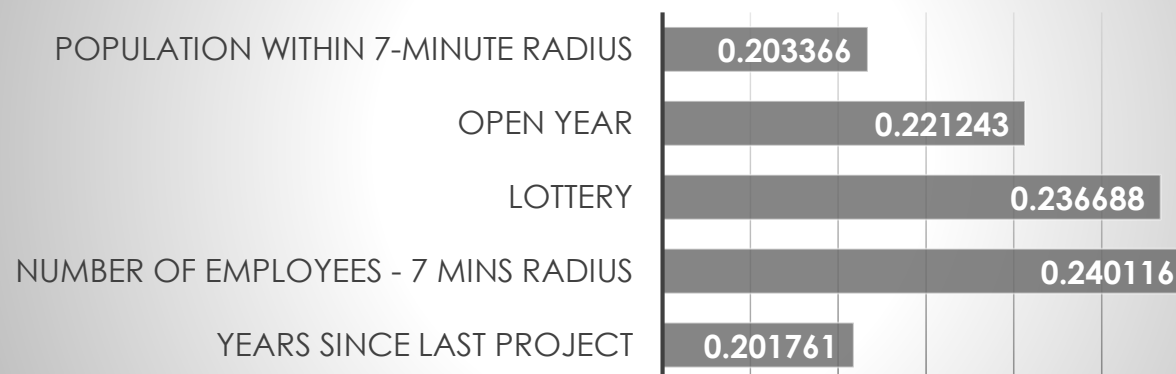


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### Diesel Correlation



### Unleaded Correlation





# • Model Development •

XGB  
Regression

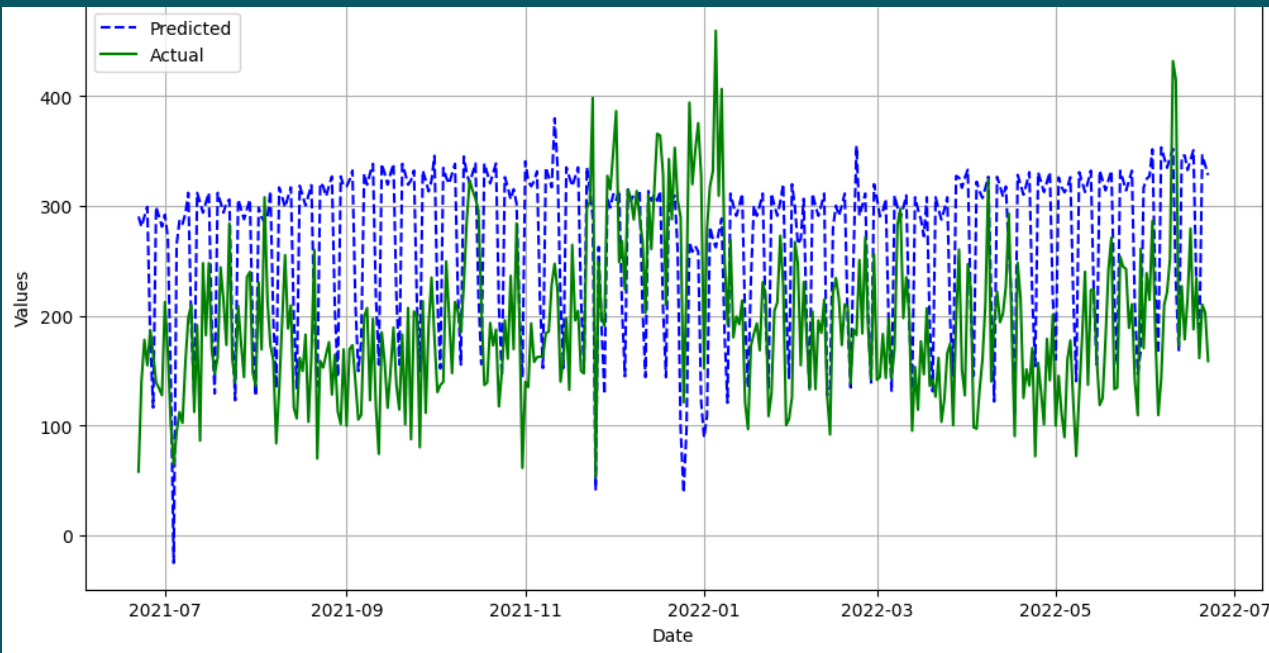
Prophet Model

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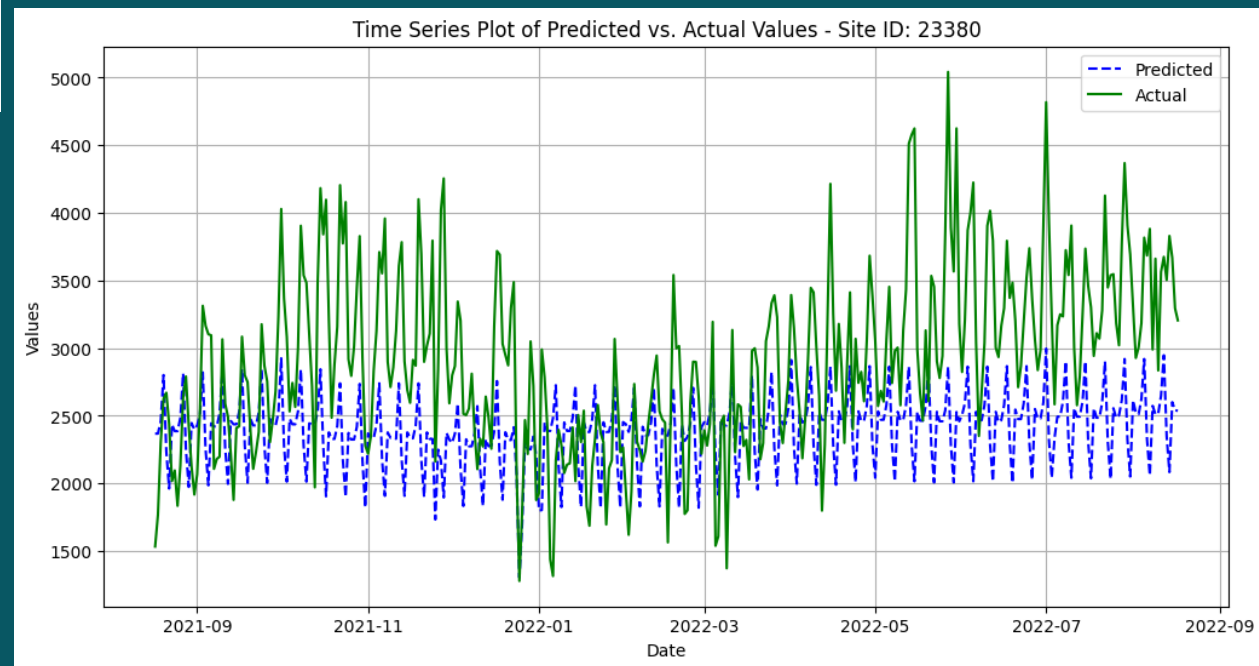


# Diesel and unleaded- Forecast & Actual



1. Diesel (RMSE): 460.40
2.  $R^2$  Score: 0.95

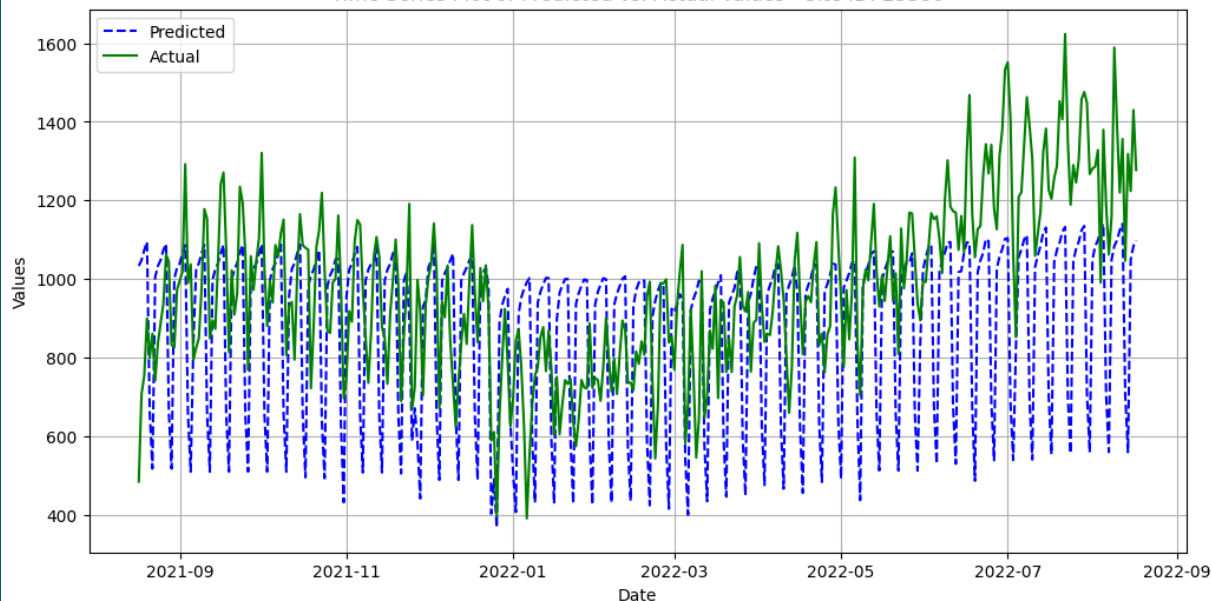
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# Food and Inside Sales- Actual & Predicted

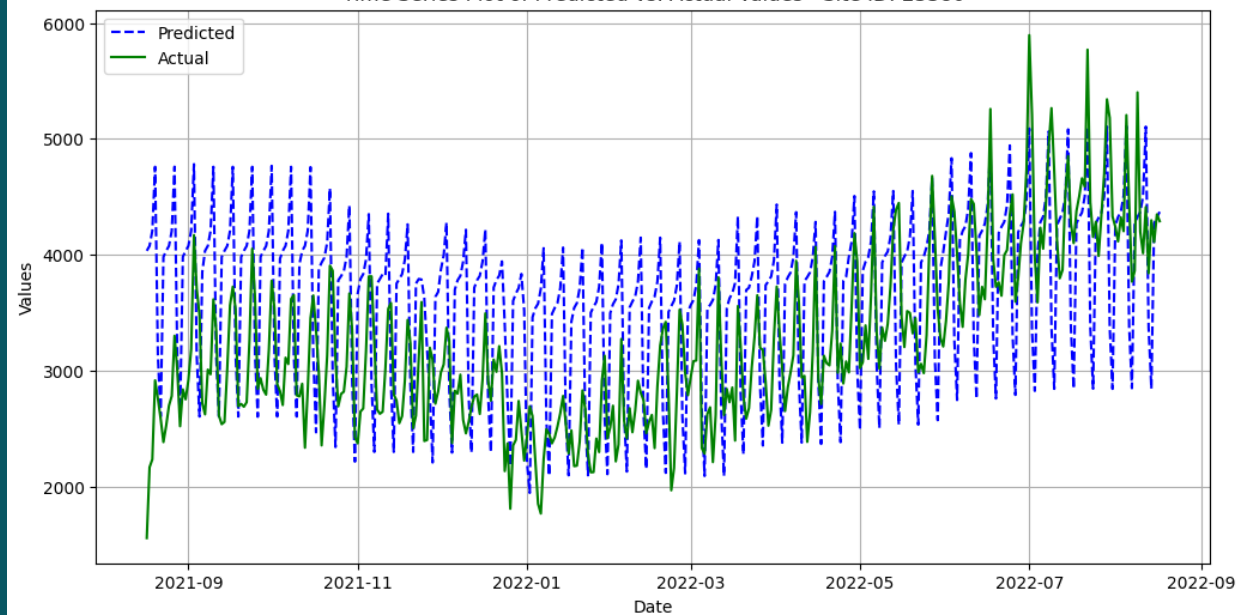
Time Series Plot of Predicted vs. Actual Values - Site ID: 23380



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# Model Performance Metrics

	Inside Sales	Food Service	Unleaded	Diesel
Inside Two Weeks Pred RMSE	138874			
Inside Three Weeks Pred RMSE	135114			
Food Service Two Weeks Pred RMSE		34018		
Food Service Three Weeks Pred RMSE		33144		
Unleaded Two Weeks Pred RMSE			120453	
Unleaded Three Weeks Pred RMSE			126471	
Diesel Two Weeks Pred RMSE				187907
Diesel Three Weeks Pred RMSE				185542



# Forecasted 365 Days( Store Id: 23380)

## Values

	Unleaded (gallons)	Diesel (gallons)	Food Service (\$)	Inside Sales (\$)
Actual	970127	776461	357002	1185017
Forecasted	874191	671849	324169	1341221
Percentage	9.8%	13.4%	9.1%	-(13.1%)



## Recommendations



Store Opening



Food Combo



Lottery



High Flow Lanes  
Fueling Positions



Employee to  
Population Ratio



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**THANK YOU**



**REFERENCE SLIDES AFTER THIS!**



# XGB Model Performance

## Best Hyperparamters

1. 'learning\_rate': 0.03,
2. 'max\_depth': 5,
3. 'n\_estimators': 250

### Inside- Sales

1. Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): 352.98
2. Mean Absolute Error (MAE): 256.03
3. R<sup>2</sup> Score: 0.87

### Food- Sales

1. Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): 105.07
2. Mean Absolute Error (MAE): 75.6
3. R<sup>2</sup> Score: 0.90

### Diesel- Sales

1. Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): 460.40
2. Mean Absolute Error (MAE): 271.58
3. R<sup>2</sup> Score: 0.95

### unleaded- Sales

1. Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): 396.98
2. Mean Absolute Error (MAE): 276.79
3. R<sup>2</sup> Score: 0.85