AI PRODUCT SERVICE PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS/FINANCIAL MODELLING FOR CROP RECOMMENDATION SYSTEM (WEB APP)

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ABSTRACT

In the ever-evolving landscape of global agriculture, the imperative for precision and sustainability has given rise to innovative solutions. The Crop Recommendation System presented herein represents a pioneering approach to address the nuanced challenges faced by contemporary farmers and agribusinesses. By integrating a comprehensive set of factors, including Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium (NPK), Temperature, Humidity, pH level, and rainfall, our system goes beyond conventional norms, providing tailored recommendations to optimize crop selection.

At its core, the system leverages advanced machine learning models to distill vast datasets, capturing the intricacies of soil composition and climatic conditions. By considering NPK levels, the system ensures the fulfillment of crops' nutritional needs, fostering optimal growth and enhanced yield. Moreover, its evaluation of environmental parameters empowers farmers to make informed decisions, influencing crop health, irrigation practices, and sustainable choices.

This Crop Recommendation System not only maximizes productivity but also fosters environmental responsibility. Its holistic approach creates a dynamic understanding of the agricultural ecosystem, minimizing resource wastage and mitigating environmental impact. Positioned at the intersection of technology and agriculture, our system represents a transformative tool, promising a harmonious balance between increased yield and sustainable farming practices in the pursuit of a resilient and prosperous agricultural future.

1. Problem Statement

Agriculture, serving as the bedrock of global economies, plays a paramount role in sustaining livelihoods and fostering economic growth. In this context, the strategic selection of crops tailored to the unique characteristics of a given region is indispensable for ensuring the longevity and profitability of farming endeavors. The pivotal challenge faced by contemporary agriculture is the nuanced and dynamic nature of environmental and soil conditions, which vary significantly across different geographical areas.

The crux of the matter lies in empowering farmers with precise and data-driven insights to make informed decisions about the crops they cultivate. Traditional farming practices often rely on

historical knowledge and intuition, which may not be sufficiently adaptive to the evolving complexities of climate change, soil health, and market dynamics. Therefore, the need for a sophisticated Crop Recommendation System becomes apparent, aiming to bridge the gap between conventional wisdom and cutting-edge technology.

Step 1: Prototype Selection

In selecting the "Crop Recommendation System (Web App)" prototype, we meticulously evaluated its feasibility, viability, and monetization potential to ensure its alignment with industry needs and technological capabilities.

Feasibility Analysis:

- **Data Availability:** Historical crop yields: You can obtain this data from agricultural agencies, research institutions, or government databases that collect information on crop production over the years.
- Weather patterns: Meteorological departments and weather services provide comprehensive data on weather patterns, including temperature, precipitation, humidity, and wind speed.
- Soil characteristics: Soil data can be acquired from soil testing laboratories, agricultural extension services, or soil surveys conducted by relevant authorities.
- Agricultural practices: This information can be gathered from agricultural research papers, farming communities, and agricultural extension services that document prevalent practices.
- **Technological Infrastructure:** Data processing: Python's Pandas library is ideal for handling and processing large datasets efficiently.
- Machine learning model training: Scikit-Learn offers a wide range of machine learning algorithms for building predictive models based on historical data.
- Web application development: Flask is a lightweight and versatile web framework in Python suitable for developing interactive web applications.
- Cloud services: Leveraging cloud platforms like AWS, Azure, or Google Cloud provides scalability, storage, and computational resources for hosting your application and managing data.

• **Expertise and Resources:** Our team possesses the necessary expertise in data science, machine learning, and web development, along with access to computational resources, facilitating the development and deployment of the prototype.

Viability Assessment:

- Long-Term Relevance: The Crop Recommendation System addresses a critical need in agriculture by providing accurate predictions for crop yields. As the global agricultural sector increasingly adopts data-driven solutions, the system's relevance is projected to grow significantly over the next 20-30 years. This growth aligns with the ongoing trend towards precision agriculture and sustainable farming practices.
- Market Demand: Market analysis and stakeholder feedback confirm a strong demand
 for predictive tools like the Crop Recommendation System. Its ability to empower
 farmers with data-driven insights, assist policymakers in making informed decisions, and
 support agricultural research aligns with long-term market demands and sustainability
 goals. This demand is expected to drive adoption and usage of the system across various
 agricultural sectors.

Monetization Strategy:

- **Direct Revenue Streams:** We designed monetization strategies such as subscription-based access for farmers, licensing partnerships with agricultural organizations, and customized solutions for government agencies. These direct revenue streams ensure the prototype's financial sustainability and scalability.
- Value Proposition: The prototype's value proposition lies in its ability to improve crop management decisions, optimize resource utilization, reduce risks, and ultimately enhance agricultural productivity and profitability. This value translates directly into monetizable services for various stakeholders in the agricultural ecosystem.

1. Market/Customer/Business Need Assessment

In a global agricultural landscape marked by complexity and change, the demand for precision solutions has reached a critical juncture. The agricultural sector is undergoing a paradigm shift, necessitating tools that not only optimize productivity but also align with

sustainable practices. Our Crop Recommendation System is a response to these evolving needs, providing a tailored and data-driven approach to address the challenges faced by modern farmers and agribusinesses.

Market Need –

The modern agricultural market requires innovative solutions that transcend traditional approaches to crop management. Farmers and agribusinesses are seeking tools that integrate advanced technologies, such as machine learning and data analytics, to enhance decision-making and drive efficiency. Our Crop Recommendation System aligns seamlessly with this market need by offering comprehensive solution that goes beyond generic recommendations, catering to the specific and diverse requirements of individual farmers.

Customer Need –

Individual farmers form the core of our customer base, and their needs are diverse, influenced by the unique characteristics of their land, crops, and local environmental conditions. Our system addresses these nuanced needs by considering crucial factors such as Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium (NPK), Temperature, Humidity, pH level, and rainfall. By tailoring recommendations to these specific variables, the system becomes a valuable asset for farmers looking to optimize crop selection, maximize yield, and make informed decisions that align with sustainable farming practices.

➤ Business Need –

From a business perspective, the Crop Recommendation System responds to the imperative of offering not just a product but a comprehensive and consultative solution. The system's ability to integrate real-life data, industry expertise, and collaboration with agricultural professionals positions it as a strategic asset. This holistic approach ensures that the system not only meets immediate market demands but also establishes a foundation for long-term business viability. As the agricultural sector increasingly recognizes the value of precision and sustainability, our system becomes not just a tool but a catalyst for cultivating enduring relationships with farmers and agribusinesses.

2. Target Specifications and Characterization

Primary Goal: Recommend the most suitable crop for a given set of environmental and agricultural conditions, maximizing yield and economic return for the farmer.

Secondary Goals:

- Provide information on optimal planting and harvesting times.
- Offer guidance on water and fertilizer requirements.
- Consider potential risks and suggest mitigation strategies (pests, diseases, weather extremes).
- Integrate with other agricultural tools and platforms seamlessly.

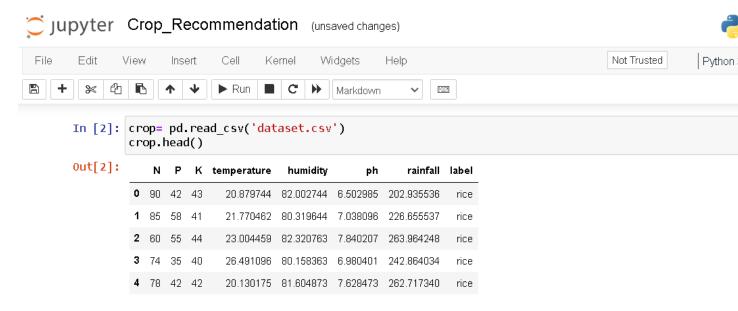
Characterization:

- Scalability: Ability to handle diverse farm sizes, locations, and cropping systems.
- Adaptability: Capacity to update recommendations based on changing environmental conditions and new crop varieties.
- Accessibility: User-friendly interface accessible on multiple devices, even with limited internet connectivity.
- Transparency: Clear explanation of the recommendation process and underlying data sources.
- Ethics: Consideration of social, economic, and environmental factors alongside profitability.

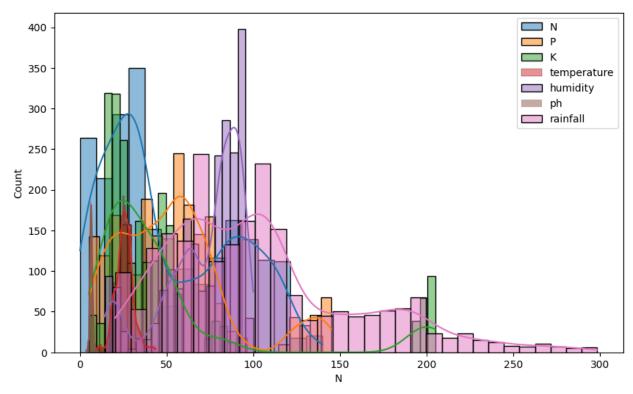
3. External Search (information sources/references)

The Dataset used in this project can be found on this Link.

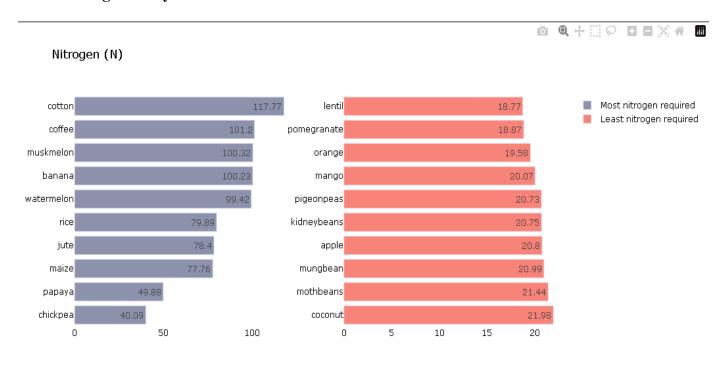
The Dataset consist of the various parameters that are useful for the Crop Recommendation such as Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium (NPK), Temperature, Humidity, pH level, and rainfall.



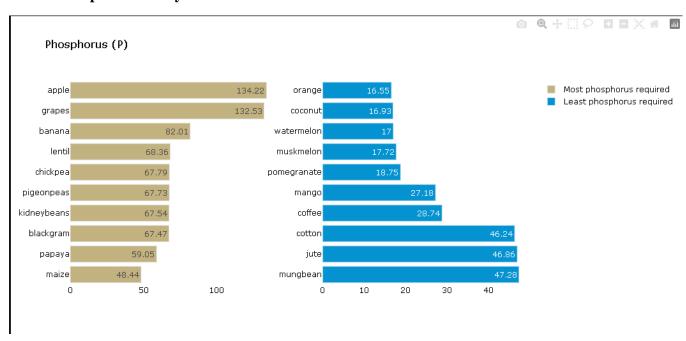
4. Benchmarking



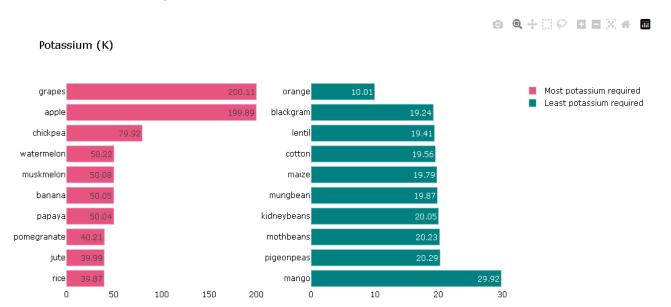
> Nitrogen Analysis



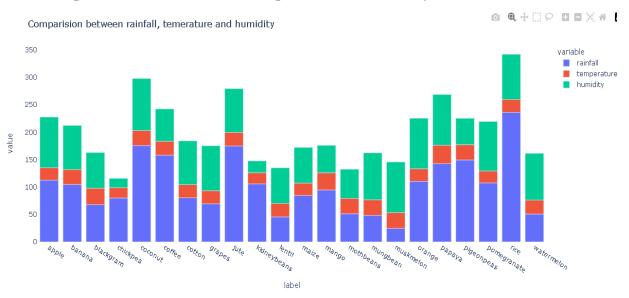
> Phosphorus Analysis



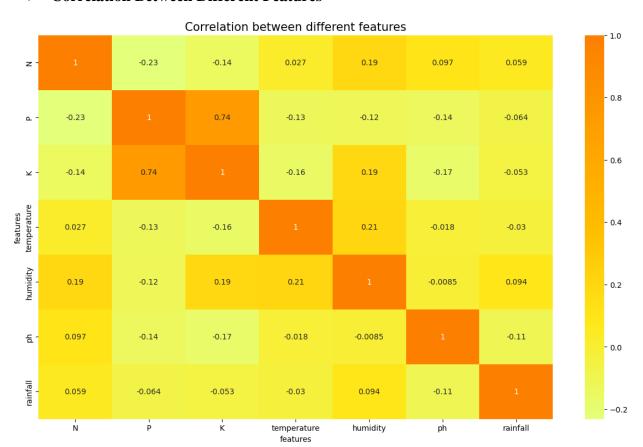
> Potassium Analysis



> Comparison Between rainfall, temperature and humidity



> Correlation Between Different Features



5.Applicable Patents

N/A (Currently, no specific patent is directly applicable to the generic machine learning and web development technologies used in this project.)

6. Applicable Regulations

The implementation of the Crop Recommendation System necessitates strict adherence to a myriad of regulations governing data privacy, environmental protection, and agricultural practices across diverse jurisdictions. Key areas of regulatory considerations include.

Data Privacy and Security:

- Stringent compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and analogous data protection laws.
- Implementation of robust data security protocols to ensure confidentiality and integrity.

Environmental Protection:

- Conformance with regulations pertaining to environmental conservation and sustainable agriculture practices.
- Adherence to guidelines regulating water usage and conservation practices.

Agricultural Standards:

- Alignment with national and international agricultural standards dictating permissible cultivation practices.
- Consideration of regulations concerning the deployment of genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

Ethical Data Use:

- Strict adherence to ethical guidelines governing data collection, processing, and utilization.
- Acquiring explicit consents from farmers for the ethical and responsible handling of their data.

Cross-Border Compliance:

- Recognition and compliance with varied agricultural policies across borders.
- Adapting to regional nuances to ensure seamless compliance.

Resource Conservation: Adherence to policies fostering sustainable agriculture, encompassing soil conservation and responsible land management practices.

7. Applicable Constraints

While developing the Crop Recommendation System, several constraints must be acknowledged to ensure realistic expectations and effective project management. These constraints encompass various aspects, including technical, resource-related, and environmental considerations.

Data Availability and Quality:

- Constraint: The accuracy and relevance of recommendations heavily depend on the availability and quality of data related to soil composition, climate conditions, and historical crop performance.
- Mitigation: Collaborating with reliable data sources, implementing robust data validation processes, and continuously updating datasets can help mitigate this constraint.

Technological Infrastructure:

- Constraint: The system's performance may be constrained by the technological infrastructure available to end-users, especially in regions with limited internet connectivity or outdated hardware.
- Mitigation: Developing a system that allows for both online and offline functionalities, optimizing for resource-efficient performance, and providing clear system requirements can address this constraint.

Budgetary Constraints:

- Constraint: The project's scope and development may be limited by budgetary constraints, affecting the depth of features, data sources, and scalability.
- Mitigation: Careful resource allocation, prioritizing essential features, and exploring cost-effective technologies can help adhere to budget constraints.

Expertise and Training:

- Constraint: The effectiveness of the system relies on end-users' understanding and adoption. Limited agricultural knowledge or technical expertise among users may impact the system's utilization.
- Mitigation: Developing user-friendly interfaces, providing comprehensive documentation, and conducting training sessions or workshops can help overcome this constraint.

8. <u>Business Model (Monetization Idea)</u>

The success and sustainability of the Crop Recommendation System depend on a robust and viable business model that aligns with the value it provides to farmers and agribusinesses. The chosen monetization strategy should balance affordability for users with revenue generation for the continued development and improvement of the system.

Subscription-Based Model:

- Offer tiered subscription plans catering to different user segments, such as individual farmers and larger agribusinesses.
- Basic plans could provide essential recommendations, while premium plans offer advanced features such as real-time data updates, personalized insights, and integration with farm management systems.

Pay-Per-Use or Pay-Per-Acre Model:

- Implement a pay-per-use model where users pay based on the number of acres or hectares for which they seek recommendations.
- This model is particularly suitable for individual farmers with smaller landholdings who may prefer a more flexible and cost-effective approach.

Consultation and Expert Advice:

- Introduce a consultancy service where users can opt for personalized consultations with agricultural experts.
- This premium service can provide in-depth analysis, customized strategies, and expert guidance based on the Crop Recommendation System's insights.

9. Concept Generation

This product requires the tool of machine learning models to be written from scratch in order to suit our needs. Tweaking these models for our use is less daunting than coding it up from scratch. A well-trained model can either be repurposed or built. But building a model with the resources and data we have is dilatory but possible. The customer might want to spend the least amount of time giving input data. This accuracy will take a little effort to nail, because it's imprudent to rely purely on Classic Machine Learning algorithm.

- Clean the data
- Split the data in X,Y variables.

train_test_split data into x_train,x_test,y_train,y_test.

We will use multiple models and will select the model with good accuracy.

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       from sklearn.linear model import LogisticRegression
       from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB
       from sklearn.svm import SVC
       from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
       from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
       from sklearn.tree import ExtraTreeClassifier
       from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
       from sklearn.ensemble import BaggingClassifier
       from sklearn.ensemble import GradientBoostingClassifier
       from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
       # create instances of all models
       models = {
           'Logistic Regression': LogisticRegression(),
           'Naive Bayes': GaussianNB(),
           'Support Vector Machine': SVC(),
           'K-Nearest Neighbors': KNeighborsClassifier(),
           'Decision Tree': DecisionTreeClassifier(),
           'Random Forest': RandomForestClassifier(),
           'Bagging': BaggingClassifier(),
           'Gradient Boosting': GradientBoostingClassifier(),
           'Extra Trees': ExtraTreeClassifier(),
       for name, md in models.items():
           md.fit(x_train,y_train)
           ypred = md.predict(x_test)
           print(f"{name} with accuracy : {accuracy_score(y_test,ypred)}")
Logistic Regression with accuracy: 0.9579545454545455
   Naive Bayes with accuracy: 0.9931818181818182
   Support Vector Machine with accuracy: 0.9761363636363637
   K-Nearest Neighbors with accuracy: 0.9670454545454545
   Decision Tree with accuracy: 0.9818181818181818
 Random Forest with accuracy : 0.9920454545454546
   Bagging with accuracy : 0.990909090909091
   Gradient Boosting with accuracy: 0.9863636363636363
   Extra Trees with accuracy: 0.9568181818181818
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By analyzing all the models, we can see that Random Forest is giving good accuracy.

10.Concept Development

The concept can be developed by using The appropriate API (flask in this case) using for its deployment, The cloud services has to be choosen accordingly to the need

I created a web app using the flask framework and deployed a machine learning model in the Render platform

11. Final Product Prototype

The primary goal of the prototype is to provide personalized crop recommendations based on various factors such as soil quality, Nitrogen, potassium, humidity, PH level, rainfall, historical yield data, and crop-specific requirements.

Key Features:

- Data Integration: The system integrates diverse datasets, including soil characteristics, various elements that help in crop growing, and crop performance history, to form a comprehensive knowledge base.
- Machine Learning Models: Utilizing state-of-the-art machine learning algorithms, the system employs predictive modeling to analyze input data and generate crop recommendations. These models are trained on historical data to enhance accuracy.
- User Interface: The prototype includes an intuitive

 e user interface accessible via web or mobile platforms. Farmers can input relevant information and receive real-time recommendations tailored to their specific agricultural conditions.

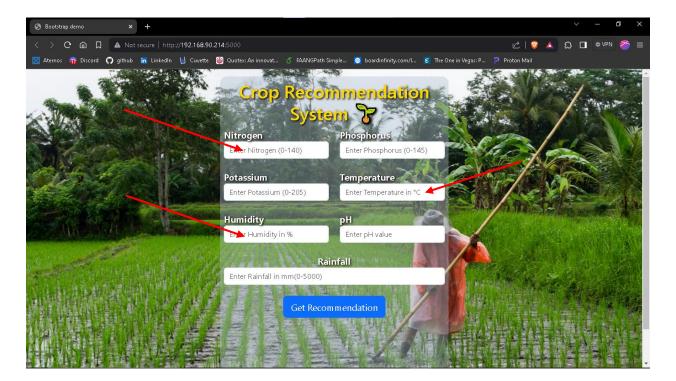
Benefits:

- Optimized Crop Selection: Farmers can make data-driven decisions, leading to optimized crop selection based on local conditions and historical performance.
- Increased Yield: By recommending crops that align with the environmental factors, the system aims to contribute to increased yield and overall farm productivity
- Resource Efficiency: Precision agriculture is promoted by suggesting crops that are well-suited to the available resources, minimizing waste and optimizing resource utilization.

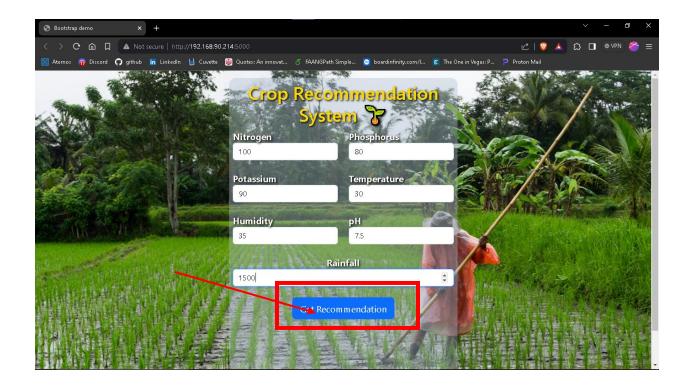
12.Product Detail - How Does it Work?

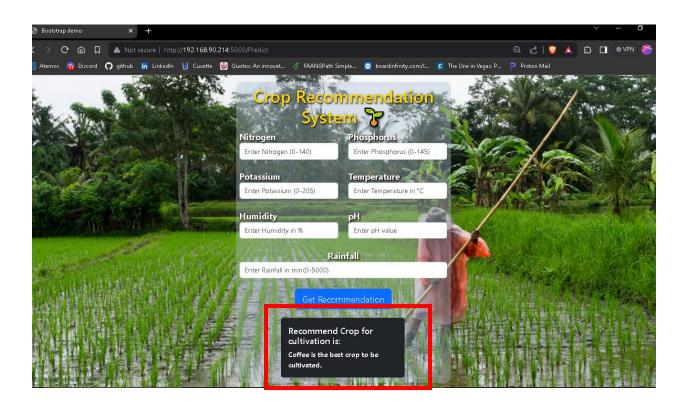
For Getting recommendation follow the steps:

1. Enter all the specified values.



2. Click Get Recommendation





14.Conclusion

- In conclusion, the Crop Recommendation System outlined in this report is a pioneering solution in response to the evolving challenges faced by modern agriculture. By incorporating a diverse set of factors such as Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium (NPK), Temperature, Humidity, pH level, and rainfall, the system surpasses conventional norms, offering tailored recommendations for optimal crop selection. Utilizing advanced machine learning models, it effectively distills extensive datasets to provide a nuanced understanding of soil composition and climatic conditions.
- At its core, the system's focus on NPK levels ensures the fulfillment of crops' nutritional requirements, promoting optimal growth and increased yield. Moreover, its evaluation of environmental parameters empowers farmers to make informed decisions, influencing crop health, irrigation practices, and sustainable choices. Beyond its role in maximizing productivity, the Crop Recommendation System underscores a commitment to environmental responsibility, contributing to a dynamic understanding of the agricultural ecosystem and fostering a harmonious balance between increased yield and sustainable farming practices. Positioned at the intersection of technology and agriculture, this system represents a transformative tool, shaping a resilient and prosperous future for global agriculture.

• Future Work:

- Secure access to a comprehensive dataset of historical crop yields, weather data, and soil characteristics to train and validate a robust machine learning model.
- Integrate advanced data analytics and visualization techniques to provide farmers with deeper insights into potential risks and resource management strategies.
- Explore partnerships with agricultural organizations and NGOs to facilitate wider adoption and accessibility of the app for small-scale farmers across India.
- Implement a robust security and privacy framework to ensure the protection of user data and compliance with relevant regulations.

Step 2: Prototype Development

In the development phase of the "Crop Recommendation System (Web App)" prototype, we focused on implementing a small-scale version of our predictive model to validate our product idea. This step involved coding and model building to demonstrate the core functionalities of our AI-driven agricultural tool.

Code Implementation and Model Building:

- 1. **Data Preprocessing:** We began by preprocessing the raw agricultural data, which included features such as NPK Levels, rainfall, humidity and temperature. This involved data cleaning, transformation, and feature engineering to prepare the dataset for model training.
- 2. **Machine Learning Model:** Leveraging machine learning techniques, we developed a predictive model capable of forecasting crop recommendation based on the input features. The model underwent training using historical data to learn patterns and relationships, enabling it to make accurate predictions.
- 3. **Validation and Testing:** After model training, we conducted validation and testing to assess the model's performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. This step ensured that our predictive model meets the desired standards of reliability and effectiveness.

Optional Prototype Development:

While a basic web interface or app prototype is optional for this project report, we encourage exploring such avenues to showcase the practical application of our predictive model. A user-friendly interface can enhance accessibility and usability, making the tool more valuable to end-users such as farmers, agricultural experts, and policymakers.

GitHub Repository Link:

To view the code implementation and model development of the "Crop Recommendation System" prototype, please visit our GitHub repository:

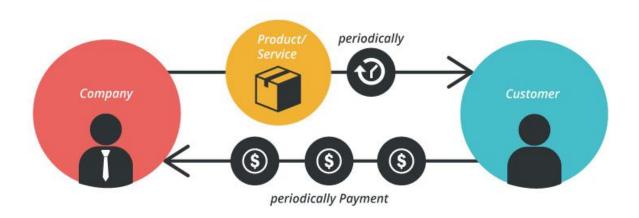
https://github.com/rohit-padalkar/Crop-Recommendation-WebApp

This repository contains detailed documentation, code files, model scripts, data preprocessing steps, and any additional resources related to our prototype development. It serves as a comprehensive reference for understanding the technical aspects and workflow of our AI-driven agricultural solution.

Step 3: Business Modelling

In the business modelling phase for "Crop Recommendation System," we define our revenue generation strategy and subscription-based business model. Our approach focuses on offering valuable services to our users while ensuring sustainable monetization for the long term.

Subscription



Business Model Overview:

1. Subscription-Based Model:

We have adopted a subscription-based model to provide ongoing access to our AI-driven agricultural tool. This model offers flexibility and scalability, allowing users to choose from different subscription plans based on their needs.

2. Free Trial Period:

To attract users and demonstrate the value of our platform, we offer a free trial period of 7 days. During this trial, users can explore the features and functionality of "Crop Recommendation System" without any financial commitment.

3. Subscription Plans:

After the free trial period, users can opt for one of the following subscription plans:

- **Basic Plan:** This plan provides continued access to the platform for data input, analysis, and crop recommendation predictions. Users can view detailed insights and reports based on their input data.
- Premium Plan: In addition to platform access, the premium plan offers
 personalized support and consultancy services. Users can leverage AI and machine
 learning expertise to receive tailored recommendations on crop selection,
 cultivation strategies, and optimization based on their specific location, climate
 conditions, soil health, and other relevant factors.

4. Subscription Pricing:

The subscription pricing for both plans is competitive and reflects the value-added services provided. Pricing details are transparently communicated to users during the signup and subscription process.

5. Benefits of Subscription Plans:

- Basic Plan: Ideal for individual farmers, agricultural enthusiasts, and small-scale
 users who seek accurate crop recommendation predictions and insights for
 informed decision-making.
- **Premium Plan:** Tailored for farmers, agribusinesses, and stakeholders requiring advanced analytics, personalized recommendations, and expert support to optimize crop cultivation, productivity, and sustainability.

6. Customer Retention Strategy:

We prioritize customer satisfaction and engagement through regular updates, feature enhancements, educational content, and responsive customer support. Our goal is to foster long-term relationships with our user community and continuously deliver value.

Conclusion:

The subscription-based business model for "Crop Recommendation System" aligns with our goal of providing innovative, data-driven solutions to the agricultural sector while ensuring a sustainable revenue stream. By offering valuable insights, support, and expertise, we aim to empower farmers, agribusinesses, and stakeholders in making informed decisions and achieving agricultural success.

Approximate Pricing:

1. Basic Plan:

- Monthly Subscription: ₹600 ₹1200
- Yearly Subscription: ₹6000 ₹12000 (approximately 10% discount compared to monthly)

2. Premium Plan:

- Monthly Subscription: ₹1700 ₹2800
- Yearly Subscription: ₹17000 ₹28000 (approximately 10% discount compared to monthly)

Note: The pricing provided above is approximate and may vary based on market analysis, user feedback, and competitive factors. Actual pricing details will be communicated transparently during the signup and subscription process. Discounts for yearly subscriptions are indicative and subject to change based on promotional offers and business policies.

Step 4: Financial Modelling

1. Market Trend and Financial Equation

Our AI-powered product, "Crop Recommendation System," is poised to enter a market where the adoption of AI and data-driven solutions is steadily increasing. We will design a linear financial model to forecast the total profit based on pricing, sales volume, and operational costs.

Financial Model:

$$Y = mX(t) + c$$

- Y: Total Profit
- *m*: Pricing of our Product (Monthly Subscription)
- *X*(*t*): Total Sales (Market as a function of time)
- c: Production, Maintenance, and Operational Costs

2. Assumptions and Parameters

- Pricing of Basic Plan (m): ₹1200 per month
- Total Sales (X(t)): 100 units/month (assumed based on market research) (and as it linear model it will increase by 50)
- Production, Maintenance, and Operational Costs (c): ₹13,000 per month (assumed)

3. Financial Calculation

Calculation Example:

Let's take an example where:

- Initial Sales = 100 units
- Monthly Increase = 50 units
- Pricing of the product (m) = ₹1200 per unit

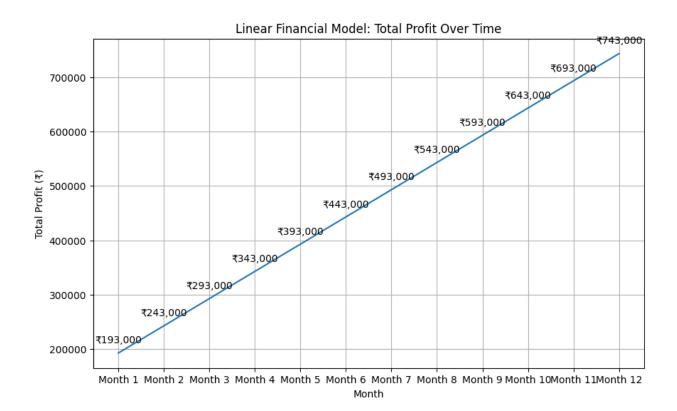
• Fixed costs (c) = ₹13,000 per month

Now, let's calculate the total sales (X) and total profit (Y) for each month using the linear financial model.

Month 1:

- Total Sales (X1) = 100 + (50 * 1) = 150 units
- Total Profit (Y1) = X1 * m + c = 150 * 1200 + 13000 = ₹1,80,000 + ₹13,000 = ₹1,93,000

Similarly, we can calculate the total profit for each month using the linear financial model.



4. Interpretation

This linear financial model predicts a yearly average profit of ₹4,68,000 (approx.)based on the assumptions and parameters defined. It shows a direct correlation between the pricing of our product, sales volume, and operational costs in determining the overall profitability.

5. Conclusion and Insights

The linear financial model presented here provides insights into the potential profit growth based on assumed sales volumes and pricing strategies. It offers several key takeaways for strategic decision-making:

- 1. **Steady Growth:** The linear model suggests a consistent increase in profit over time as sales volume grows. This indicates a positive trend in revenue generation.
- 2. **Profit Margin Analysis:** Further analysis is recommended to delve into profit margins, break-even points, and scalability. Understanding these metrics can help optimize pricing strategies and operational efficiency.
- 3. **Strategic Decision Making:** Utilizing financial models like these aids in strategic decision-making processes. It provides valuable guidance for pricing adjustments, marketing strategies, resource allocation, and long-term business expansion plans.

It is important to note that the values used in this model, such as pricing and sales volume, are assumed for illustrative purposes. Actual financial outcomes may vary based on market dynamics, customer behavior, competition, and other external factors. Regular review and adaptation of financial models are necessary to align with changing business landscapes and market conditions.

This conclusion highlights the predictive nature of financial modelling while emphasizing the need for continuous monitoring and adjustment to reflect real-world scenarios accurately.