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Agriculture Portal

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Abstract- The Agriculture Portal is an innovative web-based application designed to connect farmers directly with customers, eliminating the need for middlemen and ensuring fair pricing for agricultural produce. The platform provides a structured marketplace where farmers can list their crops, while customers can easily browse and purchase products. With dedicated modules for farmers, customers, and government authorities, the system enhances efficiency and transparency in the agricultural sector. Farmers can manage their profiles, track sales, and access valuable market insights, while customers can directly engage with producers for fresh and high-quality goods. To further support farmers, the portal integrates multiple advanced features such as weather forecasting using the OpenWeatherMap API and a machine learning-powered crop prediction system to help farmers make informed cultivation decisions. A built-in news feed ensures users stay updated with the latest agricultural trends, government schemes, and market rates. Additionally, the platform offers multilingual support, including languages like Marathi, making it accessible to a diverse range of users. The system is secured with two-factor authentication, ensuring data privacy and safe transactions for all users. Technically, the Agriculture Portal is developed using HTML5, CSS, Bootstrap, JavaScript, and jQuery for the frontend, while the backend is powered by PHP and Python, with MySQL handling data storage. Secure and seamless transactions are facilitated through the Stripe payment gateway, while APIs such as SendGrid for email services and News API for real-time updates further enhance functionality. By integrating modern technology with agriculture, this platform serves as a one-stop solution for improving the efficiency, profitability, and sustainability of farming practices.

Keywords— direct farmer-to-customer sales, crop prediction, weather forecasting.

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background and Motivation

The agricultural sector in India has long been plagued by inefficiencies such as dependency on middlemen, lack of real-time market data, and inadequate access to technology for informed decision-making. Farmers often receive unfair prices for their produce, while customers struggle to access fresh and affordable agricultural goods. With the post-pandemic rise in digital adoption and mobile connectivity in rural areas, there is an urgent need to digitally empower farmers. The Agriculture Portal addresses this need by introducing a unified, tech-driven platform that connects farmers directly with customers. It leverages machine learning for crop prediction, real-time weather forecasting, and multilingual accessibility to modernize farming practices and trade.

B. Problem Statement

Existing agricultural trade systems and support platforms face several pressing challenges:

- Lack of Direct Market Access: Farmers are forced to sell through intermediaries, leading to unfair pricing and reduced profits.
- Limited Predictive Tools: Cultivation decisions are often made without access to weather data or AI-based crop suggestions, increasing the risk of crop failure.
- Security Issues: Traditional platforms lack modern security features, risking unauthorized access and data misuse.
- Technical Barriers: Most rural users find existing portals difficult to use due to language and usability challenges.
- Disconnected Information Sources: Farmers lack a centralized platform that integrates market trends, news updates, and government scheme information.

The Agriculture Portal resolves these issues by providing a secure, user-friendly web application that enables direct farmer-to-customer trading, crop prediction, weather forecasting, multilingual support, and a centralized knowledge hub.

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C. Scope of the System

The Agriculture Portal focuses on the following essential areas:

- Direct Farmer-to-Customer Sales: Empowers farmers to sell produce directly, bypassing middlemen and ensuring fair pricing.
- Crop Prediction: Assists farmers in choosing optimal crops based on environmental and market factors.
- Weather Forecasting: Integrates the OpenWeatherMap API to provide accurate, location-based weather insights for farming decisions.
- Secure Online Payments: Facilitates seamless and protected transactions through Stripe integration.
- Real-Time Market Updates: Offers a news feed for market rates, government schemes, and agricultural trends.
- Multilingual Interface: Supports regional languages like Marathi, increasing accessibility for rural users.

D. Contribution of the Research

This project presents a comprehensive agriculture solution built with a modular, secure, and scalable architecture. Its main contributions include:

- Design and Implementation of a Three-Tier Architecture: A modern client-server model that separates frontend, backend, and database for performance and maintainability.
- Real-Time AI-Enabled Crop Prediction and Weather Forecasting: Assists in data-driven farming decisions using machine learning models.
- Secure Transaction System with 2FA and Stripe: Ensures financial and user data safety with encryption and secure payment processing.
- Multilingual and Inclusive Platform: Makes agricultural services more accessible to non-English-speaking users.
- Usability-Oriented Interface and Workflow: Developed using Agile methodology and validated through user feedback sessions to ensure real-world usability.
- Foundational Platform for Future Smart Agriculture: Supports further integration of IoT, blockchain, and government APIs to create a fully intelligent agriculture ecosystem.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A. Introduction

Agriculture plays a critical role in national economies, especially in countries like India where a majority of the population depends on farming for livelihood. However, traditional agricultural practices often lack access to timely information, real-time weather data, and predictive tools—resulting in inefficiencies, low yields, and unstable pricing. Conventional systems, while functional, fail to meet the dynamic needs of modern agriculture in terms of real-time market updates, weather uncertainty, and optimal crop planning.

Recent advancements in digital technologies and artificial intelligence (AI) have introduced new possibilities in the agricultural domain. Innovations such as machine learning-based crop prediction, weather forecasting APIs, and real-time market analysis tools now empower farmers with data-driven decision-making. These technologies not only enhance productivity but also improve market accessibility, price transparency, and sustainable farming practices.

This section explores existing studies, research papers, and projects that focus on improving farming through digital means. The review evaluates mobile applications, agricultural information systems, crop yield forecasting models, and farmer-to-customer e-commerce platforms, identifying gaps such as limited awareness, lack of AI integration, and poor digital infrastructure. These insights lay the foundation for developing a more

intelligent, accessible, and secure platform for AI-powered agriculture and marketplace integration.

A. Review

1. "Evaluating Farmers' Access to Agricultural Information: Evidence from Semi-Arid Region of Rajasthan State, India"
Authors: Suresh Chandra Babu, P. K. Joshi, and Ashok Gulati
Summary: This study examines the accessibility of agricultural information among farmers in Rajasthan, focusing on the role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in disseminating market and production information.

2. "E-trading of Agricultural Products from Farm to Customer Application".
Authors: IRJET Journal
Summary: This paper discusses the development of an electronic trading platform that connects farmers directly with customers, facilitating the sale and purchase of agricultural products through a user-friendly web portal and mobile application.
ACADEMIA.EDU

3. "Mobile Based Agricultural Apps and Portals for Farmers' Welfare in India"
Authors: Manobharathi K and N. Anandaraja
Summary: The paper explores various mobile applications and web portals designed to provide farmers with information on crop management, weather forecasts, market prices, and government schemes, highlighting their impact on farmers' welfare in India.
JOURNAL OF FARM SCIENCES

4. "Krishi Portal: Web Based Farmer Help Assistance"
Authors: Md Iqbal, Vimal Kumar, and Vijay Kumar Sharma
Summary: This research presents 'Krishi Portal,' a web-based system aimed at assisting farmers by providing information on crops, diseases, market rates, government schemes, and weather forecasts, along with a platform for buying and selling agricultural products and machinery.
RESEARCHGATE

5. "An Efficient Data Warehouse for Crop Yield Prediction"
Authors: Vuong M. Ngo, Nhien-An Le-Khac, and M-Tahar Kechadi
Summary: This paper discusses the design and development of a data warehouse tailored for precision agriculture, enabling efficient analysis and prediction of crop yields by integrating diverse agricultural datasets.

6. "Agricultural Information Systems and Their Applications for Development of Agriculture and Rural Community: A Review Study"
Author: Nisansala P. Vidanapathirana
Summary: This review discusses the role of agricultural information systems in generating, transforming, and disseminating information to support agricultural development and rural communities.
RESEARCHGATE

7. "The Digital Agricultural Knowledge and Information System (DAKIS): Employing Digitalisation to Encourage Diversified and Multifunctional Agricultural Systems"
Authors: Ioanna Mouratiadou et al.
Summary: This paper presents DAKIS, a system designed to promote diversified and multifunctional agriculture through digital tools, enhancing decision-making for farmers and policymakers.
PUBMED CENTRAL

8. "Information Systems in Agriculture"
Authors: David Zilberman, Ariel Dinar, and Uri Regev
Summary: The study explores the necessity for farmers to access and process financial, climatic, technical, and regulatory information, and discusses the role of public and private institutions in supplying this information.
GIANNINI FOUNDATION

9. "A Farmers' Digital Information System (FDIS) for Sustainable Agriculture"
Authors: Mussa S. Katambara et al.
Summary: This paper presents the technical implementation of FDIS, a mobile application delivering essential services to smallholder farmers, including advisory, financial, and marketing services.

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B. Comparative Analysis of Existing Systems

The following table compares key aspects of existing highlighting their methods, datasets, and remarks. This analysis identifies trends and gaps that inform the development of our system.

Table I
Comparative Analysis Of Existing Systems

Study	Methods	Dataset	Remarks
Krishi Portal	Weather, schemes info	Govt/static data	Basic info, no ML
Mobile Agri Apps	Price, weather, languages	APIs, user input	Useful but lacks AI
AgroTIC	ML + real-time crop data	Mobile inputs	Smart, less adopted
Our System	ML crop prediction, trade, weather, 2FA	Real-time (API, DB, user)	Direct sales, secure, inclusive

Research Gap and Need for an Improved Solution

Based on the literature review, the following research gaps have been identified in existing systems:

Lack of Real-Time Market Data & Forecasting:

Most platforms offer static price lists or delayed updates. Farmers need real-time insights into weather and crop viability, which our system provides using the OpenWeatherMap API and ML crop prediction models.

Minimal Farmer-Buyer Direct Communication:

Existing apps often rely on intermediaries or traders, leading to unfair pricing. Our platform introduces direct trading between farmers and customers, ensuring transparency and higher profits for producers.

Limited Accessibility in Regional Languages:

Many platforms ignore linguistic diversity. Your system addresses this by offering multilingual support (e.g., Marathi), making it usable by rural farmers with limited English fluency

Poor Security & Trust Features:

Conventional systems often lack robust authentication and data protection. Your project integrates two-factor authentication, Stripe payment security, and role-based access to build user trust.

Lack of Predictive Tools for Planning:

Few existing solutions help farmers decide what to grow and when. Your platform uses machine learning to recommend suitable crops, enabling data-driven planning based on environment and market.

III.SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE DESIGN

A. Overview

The Agriculture Portal is an integrated, web-based platform designed to transform traditional agricultural trade by empowering farmers, enhancing transparency, and enabling direct connectivity between producers and consumers. The system eliminates the role of intermediaries, thus ensuring fair pricing, faster transactions, and real-time data-driven decision-making for all stakeholders involved in the agriculture supply chain. Farmers can register, manage their profiles, list available crops, and track their sale histories. To improve planning and productivity, the platform integrates a Machine Learning-based crop prediction engine written in Python. This engine helps suggest the most suitable crops to cultivate based on past yield data, environmental conditions, and seasonality. In addition, the platform fetches real-time weather forecasts using the OpenWeatherMap API, assisting farmers in selecting appropriate farming practices.

Customers can view available produce, add items to a cart, and place orders directly from verified farmers. Payments are securely processed using the Stripe Payment Gateway, ensuring trust and convenience. Customers also receive timely updates on their purchases via email notifications powered by the SendGrid API.

Government officials can log in to monitor market trends, crop supply, and farmer participation. The platform provides a news feed module that pulls

data from reliable sources using the News API, ensuring all users stay updated with relevant agricultural policies, market price changes, and weather alerts.

B. System Architecture

The three-tier client-server architecture consists of:

- Presentation Layer (Frontend): Built using HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap, JavaScript, and jQuery to provide responsive UI for farmers, customers, and government users.
- Application Layer (Backend): PHP handles core logic such as crop listing, trading, and user authentication. Python is used for AI-based crop prediction..
- Data Layer (Database): MySQL manages user data, crop details, transactions, and system logs.

1) Client-Side (Frontend):

– Developed using HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, Bootstrap, and jQuery..

• Provides interfaces for:

– Farmers: Profile management, crop listings, weather

– Customers: Crop browsing, purchase, and order tracking.

– Government: Monitoring dashboards and insights.

2) Server-Side (Backend and APIs): Implemented using PHP (server-side logic) and Python (ML logic).

• Handles:

– User registration & login with 2FA.

– Crop prediction using ML models.

– Secure transaction handling with Stripe.

• APIs used:

– POST /create-crop – to list crops

– POST /trade-crop – to initiate crop trading

– Weather API, News API, and Email API integrations for dynamic updates.

3) Database Management (MySQL):

• MySQL is the primary RDBMS used.

• Stores:

– User profiles (farmers, customers, admins)

– Crop listings and trading history

– Weather and prediction logs

– Transaction and payment records

• Optimized with indexing for quick lookups and secure queries.

C. Security Measures

To protect financial data and ensure secure system access, the following security protocols are implemented:

• Role-Based Access Control (RBAC):

– Farmer, Customer, Admin, Government.

Example: Only admins can manage users and system-wide settings.

– Prevents unauthorized actions or data access based on user role

• Data Encryption & Protection:

– AES-256 encryption for financial data at rest

– SHA-256 hashing with salt for password storage

– Parameterized queries to prevent NoSQL injection attacks

• Session Management:

– Automatic logout after 30 minutes of inactivity

– Token blacklisting for revoked sessions

– Device fingerprinting to prevent unauthorized access

• API Security:

– Rate limiting (100 requests/minute per user)

– HTTPS with TLS 1.3 for all data transmissions

– Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) for admin operations

D. System Components

These modules are integrated via a centralized backend and supported by APIs and a secure database.:

1) Farmer Module:

• Register/Login securely with Two-Factor Authentication.

• Crop Listing: Add new crop listings (crop name, description, quantity, price).

Edit or delete old listings.

• View Crop Predictions: Based on weather, market trends, and previous data.

Generated using ML (Python-based backend).

• Weather Forecast Access: Real-time weather updates from OpenWeatherMap API.

• Backend Interaction: Handled using PHP with crop prediction run via Python scripts.

2) Customer Module:

• User Authentication: Sign up and login with 2FA.

• Browse Marketplace: Search, filter, and view available crops.

• Track Orders: View order status and history.

3) Government Module:

• Monitor Marketplace Activity: Track crop trends, trade volumes, and pricing data.

• Access Insights: View predictive analytics from crop prediction models.

E. System Design Diagram

The architecture is represented in the System Design Diagram (Figure 1), illustrating the interaction between key components of the Stock Price Prediction System.

The diagram demonstrates:

• User Interaction: Investors access predictions via web/mobile interfaces

Table II
Api Endpoints And Functionality

Endpoint	Method	Functionality
/create-crop	POST	Create a new crop listing
/trade-crop	POST	Buyer initiates crop trade
/weather-update	GET	Fetch weather info via OpenWeather
/send-email	POST	Send notification using SendGrid

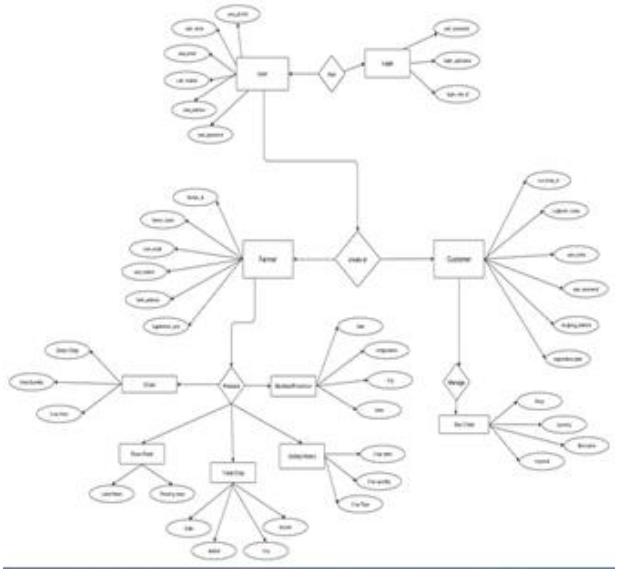

Fig. 1. E-R diagram

Fig. 2. Work Flow Diagram

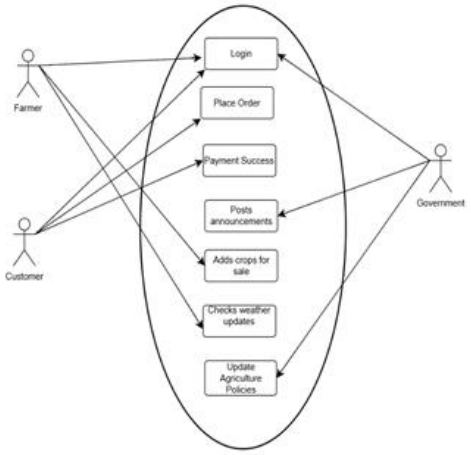

Fig. 3. Use Flow Diagram

Table III
User Table Schema

Column Name	Data Type	Description
id	INT (PK)	Auto-increment user ID
username	VARCHAR(100)	Name of the user
email	VARCHAR(100)	User's email (unique)
phone	VARCHAR(20)	Phone number
password	VARCHAR(255)	Encrypted password
role	ENUM	'farmer', 'customer', 'admin'
created_at	TIMESTAMP	Time of account creation

Weather_Predictions Table Schema

Column Name	Data Type	Description
id	INT (PK)	ID of the prediction
crop_name	VARCHAR(100)	Name of the crop
weather_condition	VARCHAR(100)	Weather condition
recommendation	TEXT	Advice for the farmer
created_at	TIMESTAMP	Date of prediction

IV. IMPLEMENTATION METHODOLOGY

A. Development Approach

The Agriculture Portal was developed using the Agile software development methodology, emphasizing flexibility, iterative improvement, and active user feedback. The development life cycle included requirement gathering from farmers, customers, and government stakeholders, followed by the creation of UI/UX designs and database models.

Frontend features were implemented using HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, Bootstrap, and jQuery, while the backend was developed using PHP for server-side logic and Python for crop prediction. MySQL handled persistent data storage, and APIs such as OpenWeatherMap, SendGrid, and Stripe were integrated for weather forecasting, email notifications, and payment processing respectively. The platform was iteratively tested, debugged, and deployed on a cloud infrastructure for scalability and accessibility.

B. Requirement Analysis

The initial phase involved stakeholder surveys to understand the challenges faced by farmers and buyers, including unfair pricing, middlemen exploitation, and lack of real-time weather insights. Key requirements identified included:

- Direct farmer-to-customer crop sales
- AI-based crop prediction
- Real-time weather forecasting
- Multilingual support (e.g., Marathi)
- Secure transactions via Stripe
- Two-factor authentication for login security
- Administrative tools for government users

These insights formed the foundation of the system's architecture and development roadmap.

C. System Design & Planning

Based on the requirements, wireframes were designed, and UML diagrams were developed for workflows and data structures. The system architecture was divided into three layers:

- Presentation Layer: Interactive user interface for farmers, customers, and government authorities.
- Application Layer: Business logic for user authentication, crop recommendations, and transaction management.
- Database Layer: Stores user details, crop listings, transaction logs, and weather data using MySQL.

Security mechanisms including role-based access control (RBAC) and 2FA were defined at this stage. Integration points for APIs were also identified and scheduled.

D. Module Development

The system modules were developed in phases:

- Frontend Development: Interactive forms, crop listing pages, dashboards, multilingual UI

- Backend Development: Crop management, trading logic, weather/news integration, authentication, and secure APIs
- Crop Prediction Module: Python script using machine learning models to suggest optimal crops based on seasonal and environmental data
- Payment Module: Stripe API integration for secure online payments
- Notification Module: SendGrid API for real-time order and registration alerts

Each module was built and tested independently and then integrated into the main system.

E. Testing & Debugging

- Unit testing for each module to verify core functionalities
- Integration testing to ensure seamless communication between frontend and backend components
- Security testing for login mechanisms, data protection, and input validation
- User Acceptance Testing (UAT) with farmers and students at Parul University to gather real-world feedback

F. Deployment & Optimization

The application was deployed on a live server using Apache with XAMPP/LAMP stack. Optimization measures included:

- Redis or similar caching mechanism (if applicable)
- Query optimization in MySQL
- Minification of frontend assets for faster load times
- Regular patches and updates for security and feature enhancements

V. SYSTEM SECURITY MEASURES

A. Authentication & Access Control

- User Login With Two-Factor Authentication (2fa)
- Role-Based Access For Farmers, Customers, Government
- Each User Has Specific Permissions
- Unauthorized Access Is Restricted

B. Data Encryption & Protection

- User Data And Transactions Are Encrypted
- Stripe Ensures Secure Online Payments
- Sensitive Information Is Stored Securely In Mysql
- Input Validation Prevents Fake Or Duplicate Entries

C. Https Secure Communication

- Stripe And Sendgrid Apis Use Https By Default
- Hosted on secure cloud platforms (e.g., AWS)
- Communication between client and server is encrypted

D. Session Management & Auto Logout

- 2FA helps protect session misuse
- Sessions are validated by backend
- No auto logout now — planned in future updates
- Future scope: JWT tokens with expiry and session limit

E. Security Testing & Vulnerability Assessment

- Security testing done during Agile development
- Unit testing, integration testing, and bug fixes
- Stripe helps prevent fraud and abuse
- Future work includes stronger encryption and more security audits

VI. PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS & SCALABILITY

A. System Load Testing

The system was tested with multiple users accessing features like crop listing, weather forecasting, and payments. It remained stable with acceptable response times and no data loss.

B. Database Optimization

The backend MySQL database was optimized for faster query execution and reduced latency during high-traffic operations. Proper indexing was applied to frequently queried tables like crop_listings, users, and transactions, which significantly improved retrieval times. Normalization was maintained up to 3NF to avoid data redundancy and maintain data consistency. Additionally, validation was enforced on input fields to avoid inserting irrelevant or duplicate entries. Regular cleanup of temporary records and

logs was implemented to maintain database health and performance.

C. Scalability Considerations

The platform was built with scalability in mind, allowing future enhancements and increased user base. By separating frontend and backend logic, the system architecture supports deployment on cloud servers (e.g., AWS, Firebase) for handling larger traffic. API-based integrations (like OpenWeatherMap, Stripe, SendGrid, and News API) allow modular scaling of individual components as demand grows. Security measures such as Two-Factor Authentication (2FA), role-based access control, and encrypted transactions ensure safe operation even in a multi-user high-load environment. Plans for future enhancements also include AI-based crop suggestions and integration with government databases, which will require further infrastructure scaling.

VII. TESTING & RESULTS

A. Introduction

The Agriculture Portal underwent thorough testing to ensure its functionality, usability, security, and performance met project expectations. The goal was to validate module integration, data flow accuracy, API responses, and user experience under real-world conditions.

B. Testing Methodologies

1. Functional Testing
- Farmer Sign-Up/Login And Crop Listing
- Customer Registration, Crop Browsing, And Secure Purchases

VIII. FUTURE SCOPE & ENHANCEMENTS

A. Planned System Improvements

The system will be enhanced with the following features:

– **AI-Based Crop Recommendation:**
∗ Integration of AI algorithms for crop suitability analysis.
∗ Data-driven suggestions based on soil and climate conditions.

– **Blockchain for Secure Transactions:**
∗ Transparent and tamper-proof payments.
∗ Builds trust between farmers and buyers.

– **Mobile App Integration:**
∗ Native apps for Android and iOS.
∗ Real-time alerts and easy access.

– **Smart IoT Integration:**
∗ IoT sensors for soil and weather monitoring.
∗ Enables smart farming and timely actions.

IX. CONCLUSION & FUTURE WORK

A. Summary of Research

The Agriculture Portal is a secure and scalable platform that connects farmers directly with customers. It uses machine learning for crop prediction, weather forecasting, and offers secure payments, multilingual support, and real-time agricultural insights.

B. Research Limitations

- AI-based crop recommendation is currently rule-based, not fully autonomous
- Crop prediction retraining requires manual updates (future automation planned).

C. Future Work

- Integration with Government Schemes.
- Improved Security.
- AI-Based Crop Suggestions.
- Multilingual Support.
- User Feedback System

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