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Predicting Crop Yield Using Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence

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Abstract

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Agriculture plays a critical role in global food security and economic development. Accurate prediction of crop yield helps farmers, policymakers, and agricultural industries make better decisions related to crop planning, resource management, and food supply. Traditional crop yield prediction methods rely mainly on historical averages and manual observations, which often lack accuracy. Recent advancements in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning have enabled researchers to analyze large agricultural datasets and develop predictive models for crop yield estimation. This research proposes a machine learning-based approach that analyzes environmental parameters such as rainfall, temperature, soil quality, and fertilizer usage to predict crop yield. Various machine learning algorithms including Linear Regression, Decision Trees, and Random Forest are evaluated for prediction accuracy. The results show that ensemble models provide improved performance compared to traditional statistical techniques.

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Introduction

Agriculture is one of the most important sectors supporting the global economy and food supply. In countries such as India, agriculture contributes significantly to employment and national income. Crop yield depends on multiple environmental and management factors including rainfall patterns, temperature variations, soil nutrients, irrigation practices, and pest control. Accurate yield prediction helps in planning agricultural activities, reducing crop losses, and improving food security. Recent developments in machine learning and artificial intelligence have introduced advanced computational techniques that can analyze complex agricultural datasets. These technologies enable predictive models capable of identifying patterns in environmental data and estimating crop productivity.

This research focuses on developing machine learning models to predict crop yield and evaluating their effectiveness in agricultural decision-making.

Literature Review

Several researchers have applied machine learning methods for crop yield prediction. Previous studies have used statistical models such as regression analysis to estimate yield based on climatic variables.

Recent studies have introduced machine learning algorithms including:

- Decision Tree models
- Random Forest algorithms
- Support Vector Machines
- Artificial Neural Networks

Research findings indicate that ensemble models such as Random Forest perform better in handling nonlinear relationships between environmental variables and crop production.

However, challenges still remain in integrating multiple datasets such as climate data, soil characteristics, and satellite imagery



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Methodology

Data Collection

Agricultural data used for crop yield prediction can be obtained from:

- Government agricultural databases
- Weather monitoring stations
- Soil testing laboratories
- Satellite and remote sensing datasets

Key attributes used in the dataset include:

- Temperature, Rainfall, Soil type, Fertilizer usage, Crop type, Irrigation practices

Data Preprocessing

Before applying machine learning models, the collected dataset must be preprocessed. The preprocessing steps include:

1. Data cleaning and handling missing values
2. Normalization of numerical variables
3. Encoding categorical variables

Machine Learning Models

- Linear Regression
- Linear regression is used to analyze the relationship between crop yield and environmental factors.
- Decision tree models classify data based on feature importance and create prediction rules.
- Random Forest

System Architecture

The proposed crop yield prediction system follows these steps:

1. Data Collection
2. Data Preprocessing
3. Feature Selection
4. Model Training
5. Yield Prediction
6. Performance Evaluation

The trained machine learning model predicts crop yield based on environmental parameters.

Results and Discussion

Step 1: Dataset Overview

Start by describing the dataset used in the study.

Explain:

Source of the dataset (agriculture database, government data, etc.)

Number of records (samples), Features used for prediction

Example:

The dataset used in this study contains agricultural information such as rainfall, temperature, soil nutrients, humidity, and crop type. The dataset consists of multiple records collected from agricultural databases and historical crop production data.

Step 2: Data Preprocessing Results

Explain how the raw data was cleaned and prepared for machine learning. Include

- Removal of missing values
- Data normalization or scaling
- Splitting the dataset into training and testing sets

Example The dataset was preprocessed by removing missing values and normalizing numerical features. The data was divided into training and testing sets using an 80:20 ratio.

Step 3: Machine Learning Models Applied

Describe the algorithms used for crop yield prediction.

Common models:

Linear Regression

Decision Tree

Random Forest

Support Vector Machine (SVM)

Example:

Different machine learning algorithms were implemented to predict crop yield. Each model was trained using the training dataset and evaluated using the testing dataset.

Step 4: Evaluation Metrics

Explain how model performance was measured.

Common metrics:

1. Accuracy
2. Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
3. Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)
4. R² Score

Example: The performance of each machine learning model was evaluated using accuracy, MAE, RMSE, and R^2 score.

Step 5: Result Presentation

Present the results in a table format for easy comparison. Example Table

Model Accuracy

1	Linear Regression	82%
2	Decision Tree	86%
3	Random Forest	91%
3	SVM	88%

2. Bar Chart Representation (Model Accuracy)

Accuracy (%)



Interpretation

Random Forest performed best due to ensemble learning.

SVM performed well for high-dimensional feature spaces.

Decision Tree showed good interpretability.

Linear Regression had the lowest accuracy because crop yield relationships are often nonlinear.

Observation: Random Forest achieved the highest accuracy compared to other models.

Step 6: Discussion of Results

Interpret the results and explain what they mean.

Example: The experimental results show that the Random Forest algorithm provides better prediction accuracy compared to other models. This is because Random Forest can handle complex relationships between agricultural factors such as rainfall, soil nutrients, and temperature. The results indicate that machine learning techniques can significantly improve crop yield prediction.

Step 7: Future Improvements

Suggest improvements for future research.

Examples: Use larger datasets Apply deep learning techniques Integrate satellite imagery and IoT sensor data

Applications

Machine learning-based crop yield prediction systems can be applied in several areas:

1. Smart farming technologies
2. Agricultural planning and decision-making
3. Government crop production forecasting
4. Food supply chain management
5. Precision agriculture

Conclusion

This research demonstrates that machine learning and artificial intelligence can effectively predict crop yield using agricultural and environmental data. By applying predictive models, farmers and agricultural organizations can make better decisions related to crop management and resource allocation. Future research can focus on integrating satellite imagery, deep learning models, and real-time climate data to further improve prediction accuracy.

Future Scope

Future work may include:

- Integration of deep learning models
- Use of satellite and remote sensing data
- Real-time crop monitoring systems
- Mobile applications for farmers

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