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IOT-BASED MULTI-SENSOR DATA FUSION FOR PRECISION CROP YIELD OPTIMIZATION USING ARDUINO,ESP32,AND WEBCAM INTEGRATION

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ABSTRACT

The increasing global population necessitates a critical shift toward advanced, efficient agricultural practices to secure food production. Traditional farming methods, which rely heavily on subjective manual assessment, are often insufficient, leading to suboptimal resource utilization and slow adaptation to changing environmental dynamics. This paper details the development and realization of an innovative Internet of Things (IoT) system specifically developed for precision crop yield optimization. Utilizing an Arduino -Based controller as the central computing module, processing unit, the system integrates a comprehensive array of five critical sensors to monitor essential environmental metrics in real-time: air temperature, relative humidity, rainfall levels, soil moisture content, and carbon dioxide (CO_2) concentration. The aggregated data stream is instantly transmitted to the Things Speak cloud platform, facilitating immediate data visualization, secure storage, and advanced temporal analysis. This continuous, data-driven intelligence empowers agricultural stakeholders to make timely and precise decisions regarding irrigation schedules, microclimate regulation, and early disease threat mitigation. By leveraging a multi-sensor data fusion approach, this solution offers a holistic understanding of the field environment, representing a significant technological upgrade over conventional techniques and promoting enhanced operational efficiency, sustainability, and higher crop yields.

I.INTRODUCTION

Agriculture serves as the foundation of worldwide food production and economic development. However, the sector is under increasing strain due to population growth, changing climate patterns, and the urgent need for efficient resource utilization. Traditional practices that depend heavily on human judgment and periodic field inspection are often inadequate to meet these evolving challenges, particularly in areas like disease detection, pest control, and precision irrigation. The advancement of the Internet of Things (IoT) has revolutionized agricultural operations by introducing continuos data collection and automated analytical decisions. In the initial phase of this project, an Arduino-based prototype was developed to gather environmental parameters using sensors such as DHT11 (temperature and humidity), rainfall, soil moisture, and MQ135 (CO_2). The collected data was transferred through ESP8266 Wi-Fi module to ThingSpeak, providing dynamic cloud-based visualization and analysis for better crop management.

Despite these advancements, a significant gap remained in detecting individual plant health conditions at the leaf level. To overcome this limitation, the system was enhanced by incorporating leaf image detection and classification using an ESP32 microcontroller with an embedded camera. The captured images are processed locally using Embedded C algorithms to identify whether a leaf is healthy or diseased (“good” or “bad”). This diagnosis is displayed on a local web server, and in case of an unhealthy leaf, the system automatically activates a relay-driven submersible pump, ensuring prompt and targeted remedial action. This study seeks to develop a cost-effective, scalable, and responsive IoT-based agricultural monitoring system that integrates environmental sensing, intelligent image-based health analysis, and automated actuation. By combining multi-sensor data fusion with visual diagnostics, the system enhances crop yield, resource efficiency, and sustainability—empowering farmers with real-time, actionable insights for smarter decision-making.

I.1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

- While the literature validates the superior analytical power of Multi-Sensor Data Fusion (MSDF) in agricultural monitoring [1], [2], a critical technology gap exists. Current effective systems largely rely on high-cost satellite imaging [3] or specialized, expensive sensors. Consequently, there is a lack of a low-cost, easily replicable, and robust MSDF approach that integrates essential environmental metrics with basic visual data on an accessible IoT platform (like Arduino/ESP32) for small-scale, precision crop management.

I.2 OBJECTIVES

- To design and implement a cost-effective IoT architecture utilizing the Arduino/ESP32 microcontroller platform for remote deployment
- To develop and validate a robust multi-sensor data fusion algorithm for five distinct environmental parameters to ensure data .
- To integrate a basic webcam for acquiring complimentary visual data stream to enhance holistic assessment of crop health.
- To evaluate the stability and reliability of the complete system for continuous, real-time data monitoring in a test environment.

II. THEORETICAL FRAME WORK AND LITERATURE REVIEW:

II.1 FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLE:THE EFFICIENCY OF MULTI SENSOR DATA FUSION (MSDF)

The methodological core of this study is grounded in the principle of Multi-Sensor Data Fusion **(**MSDF), which asserts that the integration of heterogeneous data streams yields a more reliable and consistent output than any single input [4]. This approach is crucial for achieving the core goals of Precision Agriculture. Base Methodology [1], [2]: The project's architecture is directly validated by the success of [1] and. [2]. By [1] demonstrated that integrating an electronic nose and an acoustic sensor significantly improved the classification accuracy for mango ripeness. This work provides the direct theoretical foundation for our hardware design, guiding the decision to combine five different environmental sensors with a webcam. Similarly [2] confirmed the versatility of MSDF for reliable feature determination (olive trees), reinforcing the technical need for data complementarity.Our system adopts this proven MSDF methodology, specifically prioritizing the combination of environmental and visual data, to mitigate the unreliability typically associated with individual, low-cost sensor readings.

II.2 REVIEW AND IDENTIFICATION OF THE RESEARCH GAP

Current advancements in agricultural monitoring are largely concentrated in two areas: sophisticated data collection or high-level machine learning applications. Data Requirements and Analysis Potential [5], [6]: The literature confirms the necessity of comprehensive, multi-modal data. By [5] highlighted this need by developing the CropDeep dataset, which supports deep-learning-based classification. This underscores the importance of the visual data integration we are pursuing. Furthermore, the work by [6] showed that reliable data streams, once established, can be used for advanced applications, such as the automatic classification of agricultural regulations using Machine Learning. Technology Scale Constraint [3]: While the benefits of multi-source data are clear, many high-impact solutions are not economically viable for small-scale farmers. In turn [3] utilized expensive, high-resolution satellite datasets derived from Sentinel-1 and -2 temporal imagery to map winter cropping patterns. Such solutions, while effective, place the technological barrier of entry too high for developing regions.

II.3 SYNTHESIS AND NOVEL CONTRIBUTION

Previous studies have definitively proven the analytical power of data fusion [1], [2] and validated the data requirements for advanced Machine Learning applications [5], [6]. However, they frequently rely on complex, high-cost acquisition methods, such as specialized instruments or satellite technology [3]. The novel contribution of this study is the integration of the theoretically proven MSDF approach into a highly accessible, low-cost hardware platform (Arduino/ESP32). Our research specifically addresses the cost-effectiveness gap by demonstrating that robust, fused environmental and visual data, suitable for advanced PA analysis, can be reliably generated using readily available, off-the-shelf components. Several studies have explored the use of wireless sensor networks and Internet of Things (IoT) frameworks to enhance agricultural monitoring and decision-making processes.

Early implementations demonstrated that distributed sensor nodes could effectively collect real-time data on soil moisture, temperature, and environmental conditions, enabling improved irrigation planning and crop management [7], [8]. Subsequent research expanded these concepts by introducing scalable IoT architectures that allow continuous communication between sensing devices and cloud platforms, thereby supporting remote monitoring and data-driven agricultural operations [9], [10]. Multi-sensor data fusion techniques have gained attention for their ability to improve the reliability and accuracy of agricultural measurements. Researchers have shown that combining soil moisture, temperature, and atmospheric data leads to better assessment of soil health and crop growth conditions compared to single-sensor approaches [11], [12].

Performance evaluations of microcontroller platforms such as Arduino and ESP32 further confirm their suitability for real-time agricultural data acquisition due to their low power consumption, cost efficiency, and ease of deployment [13]. IoT-based smart irrigation systems have been widely reported as effective solutions for optimizing water usage in agriculture. These systems utilize sensor feedback to automate irrigation schedules, reducing water wastage while maintaining optimal soil conditions for plant growth [14]. In parallel, the integration of computer vision and camera-based monitoring has enabled visual assessment of crop health, allowing early identification of stress or disease symptoms through image analysis techniques [15]. Recent review studies emphasize that the fusion of heterogeneous sensor data with machine learning methods significantly enhances precision agriculture applications. Such approaches support accurate crop monitoring, yield estimation, and early stress detection across diverse farming environments [16], [17].

Additionally, multi-source sensing and data-driven classification techniques have been successfully applied in large-scale agricultural and environmental monitoring scenarios, demonstrating their robustness and adaptability [18], [19]. The growing adoption of IoT technologies has had a substantial impact on precision agriculture by enabling intelligent, scalable, and automated farming systems. These advancements facilitate efficient resource utilization, improved crop productivity, and sustainable agricultural practices through continuous sensing and data analysis [4], [20].

III.MATERIALS AND METHODS

III.1 SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAM

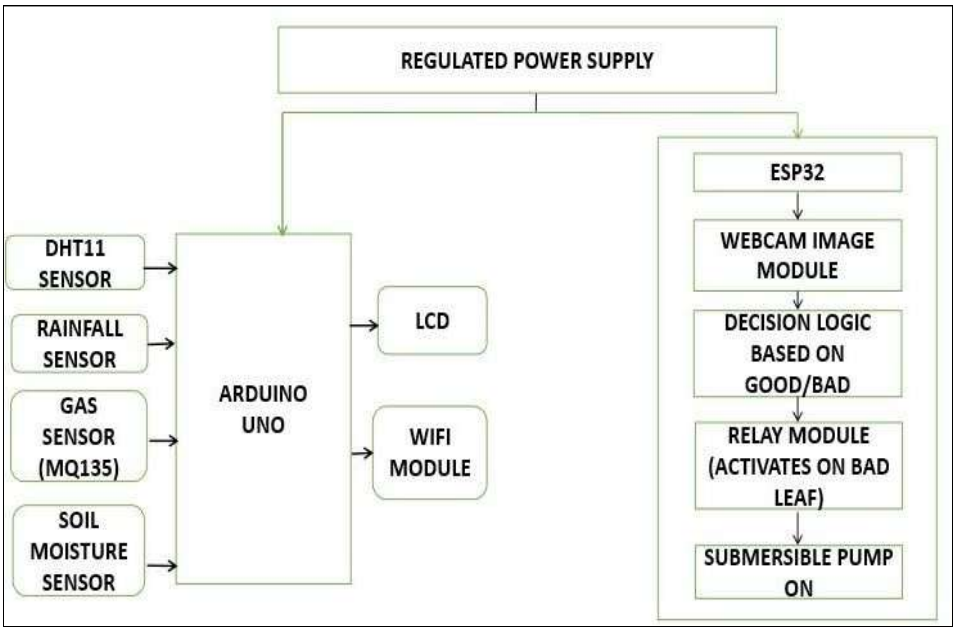

Figure 1: Block Diagram.
Source: Authors, (2026).

• Regulated Power Supply
• Arduino Uno
• DHT11 Sensor
• Soil Moisture Sensor
• MQ135 Sensor
• Rain Sensor
• LCD
• Esp32 Microcontroller
• Webcam Module
• Relay
• Submersible Pump

III.1.1 Arduino Uno

The Arduino Uno is regarded as a highly adopted and accessible microcontroller boards within the Arduino family. Utilizing Atmega328 microcontroller and is recognized for its simplicity, versatility, and reliability in electronic prototyping. The Uno board features 14 digital input/output pins (with 6 supporting PWM), 6 analog inputs, a 16 MHz ceramic resonator, a USB port, a power jack, an ICSP header, and a reset button. It is designed to handle various interfacing tasks and can be powered via USB, battery, or an external adapter. The Uno Rev3 (R3), being the latest and most stable version, supports seamless connectivity and compatibility with numerous shields and modules. The platform's open-access design and vast community support make it ideal for IoT and automation projects, particularly for integrating multiple sensors in precision agriculture applications.

III.1.2 DHT11 Sensor

The DHT11 is an economical and efficient digital sensor designed fro monitoring both temperature and humidity with a simple single-wire interface. It uses a thermistor for temperature sensing and a capacitive humidity sensor to determine moisture levels in the surrounding air. The sensor internally processes these readings and provides calibrated digital outputs, making it easy to interface with Arduino or similar microcontrollers. Due to its affordability and ease of integration, it is extensively used in IoT-based monitoring systems, smart homes, and agricultural environments. Though it has moderate accuracy (±2°C for temperature and ±5% for humidity) and slower response times, the DHT11 is still highly suitable for environmental monitoring where precision is less critical. Its simplicity and low power consumption make it a perfect choice for smart farming applications where consistent and cost effective climate monitoring is essential.

III.1.3 Soil Moisture Sensor

A Soil moisture sensor is a vital module in precision agriculture, employed to assess the water content in the soil to determine irrigation needs. It helps maintain optimal soil conditions by preventing both overwatering and underwatering, thereby improving plant health and water efficiency. There are various types of soil moisture sensors—resistive, capacitive, and time-domain reflectometry (TDR)—each functioning on different measurement principles. These sensors generate electrical signals based on soil moisture levels and provide real-time data to control irrigation systems. When integrated with IoT platforms, they enable automated irrigation based on actual soil conditions, promoting sustainable water management. In agricultural research, these sensors are invaluable for studying soil health, water retention, and crop growth patterns, playing a key role in developing efficient, eco- friendly farming solutions.

III.1.4 Rain Sensor

The rain sensor is designed to detect precipitation and quantify rainfall intensity, providing real-time weather data crucial for smart irrigation systems. It typically consists of a sensing plate that detects rain droplets, a signal processing unit, and communication circuitry. When rain is detected, the sensor triggers an automated response such as pausing irrigation or activating alert systems. This feature helps conserve water, reduce manual intervention, and prevent over irrigation. In addition to agricultural uses, rain sensors are also applied in smart homes, controlling systems like window shades, wipers, and outdoor lighting. Some modern rain sensors can be connected to IoT platforms for remote monitoring via smartphones, allowing farmers to adapt quickly to changing weather conditions. Overall, their integration enhances water conservation efforts, improves resource utilization, and contributes to more sustainable agricultural practices.

III.1.5 Co_2(MQ135)

The MQ135 gas sensor is an affordable and reliable device capable of detecting gases such as carbon dioxide (CO_2), ammonia (NH_3), sulphur dioxide (SO_2), benzene, alcohol, and smoke. It operates on a 5V DC supply and is compatible with Arduino, offering both analog and digital outputs for flexible data collection. With a detection range of 10 ppm to 1000 ppm, the MQ135 is especially beneficial in agriculture for monitoring CO_2 levels, a key factor in plant growth and photosynthesis. Maintaining optimal CO_2 concentrations can significantly enhance crop productivity, particularly in greenhouse environments. The sensor also helps in identifying harmful gases that may affect plant health. Its integration with IoT-based systems allows continuous gas observation and automated control of ventilation or air circulation, contributing to efficient, data-driven agricultural management.

III.1.6 LCD(Liquid Crystal Display)

LCD screen is an electronic display module widely used in various electronic systems and circuits. The 16x2 LCD is a simple yet popular display commonly preferred over seven-segment LEDs due to its cost-effectiveness and flexibility. It supports easy programming and can present both standard and custom characters, including animations, enhancing display versatility.

III.1.7 ESP32 Microcontroller

A powerful, cost-effective and energy-efficient SoC microcontroller with integrated Wi-Fi and support for both classic and low-energy Bluetooth communication.. The ESP32-CAM variant specifically features an onboard camera interface, an SD card slot, and sufficient processing power for image tasks. Serves as the central processing unit for the visual health monitoring, responsible for managing the webcam, acquiring images, executing the image processing algorithms, hosting the local web server, and controlling the relay module for pump activation. Its integrated Wi-Fi facilitates seamless communication with the user's device via an IP address.

III.1.8 Webcam Module

A low-power, compact CMOS image sensor that can output high-quality images. It is commonly integrated into ESP32-CAM boards. It supports various output formats and resolutions. Captures real-time visual inputs (images) of crop leaves, which are critical for assessing the health status of the plants and identifying "good" or "bad" leaf conditions.

III.1.9 Relay Module

An electronically actuated switch that uses a low-power signal (from the ESP32) to regulate a high-voltage circuit (e.g., the submersible pump). It typically includes an electromagnet that opens or closes contacts. It Acts as the interface between the low-voltage ESP32 and the higher-voltage submersible pump. When the ESP32 detects a "bad leaf" condition, it sends a low-power signal to the relay, which then switches on the submersible pump.

III.1.10 Submersible Pump

A device designed to be fully immersed in water to pump liquids efficiently. Commonly used in irrigation systems. The primary actuator for delivering water, nutrient solutions, or other liquids directly to the crops. Its activation, controlled by the relay module, ensures precise and on-demand intervention based on the detected leaf health.

III.2 PROPOSED WORK

These System Operates by continuously monitoring key environmental Parameters that influence crop growth and productivity.The system integrates multiple sensors interfaced with an Arduino uno that functions as the primary controller responsible for collecting and handling data, display as well as transmission.

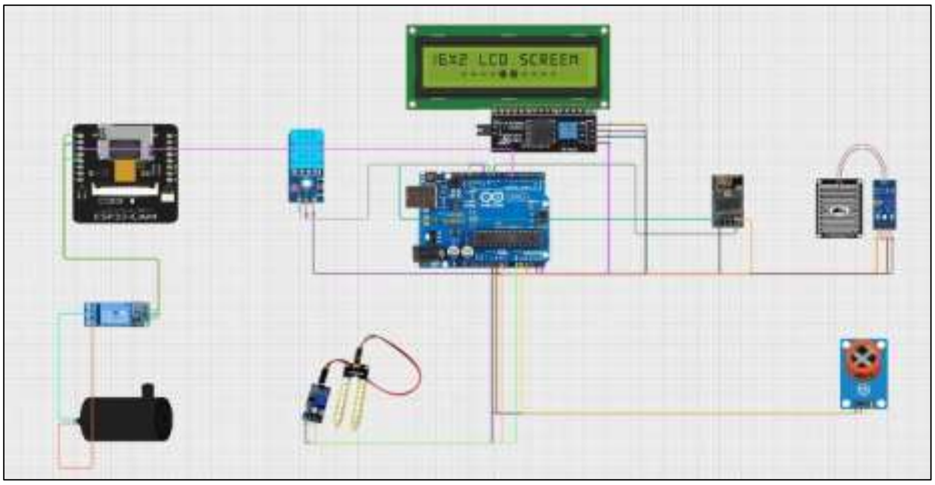

Figure 2: Circuit Diagram.
Source: Authors, (2026).

III.2.1 Data Processing and Display

The Arduino Uno gathers information the data from all the connected sensors and processes it in instantly. The processed data is then displayed on a 16x2 LCD screen through an I2C interface module. The I2C interface simplifies wiring by using only two communication lines (SDA and SCL), reducing circuit complexity and improving reliability. This real-time local display allows farmers or users to directly observe the current environmental Conditions Without The Need For A Computer Or Smartphone.

III.2.2 IoT Integration and Remote Monitoring

For remote monitoring and data storage, the system utilizes an ESP8266 Wi-Fi module. The Arduino sends the sensor data to the ESP8266 module, which then uploads the information to a cloud-based IoT platform such as Things Speak. On the cloud, the data is stored, processed, and visualized through graphs and dashboards accessible from anywhere via the internet. This remote access feature enables users to monitor their crop field conditions in real-time,analyse historical data trends, allowing them to take intelligent actions without being physically on-site.

III.2.3 Automation and Decision Making

By analyzing the collected data, farmers can optimize irrigation schedules, adjust planting or harvesting times, and apply fertilizers or pest control measures more effectively. The system can be further extended with automation features, such as controlling irrigation pumps or ventilation systems automatically based on sensor readings, thus contributing to precision agriculture practices.

III.3 METHODOLOGY AND EXPERIMENTAL SET UP

This section explains the methodology used in designing and implementing the IoT-based crop health assessment and automated water management system. It encompasses the hardware setup, data acquisition techniques, image analysis process, and system integration logic for automated decision-making. The prototype system was assembled using the following hardware components:

III.3.1 Environmental Monitoring Unit

• Arduino Uno R3 microcontroller board.
• DHT11 Temperature and Humidity Sensor.
• Capacitive Soil Moisture Sensor.
• Rainfall Sensor module.
• MQ135 Gas Sensor (for CO_2 detection).
• ESP8266 ESP-01 Wi-Fi module.
• Appropriate breadboard, jumper wires, and 5V regulated power supply for Arduino and sensors.

III.3.2 Visual Monitoring and Automation Unit

• ESP32-CAM module (ESP32-CAM with OV2640 camera).
• Relay Module (single-channel, 5V compatible).
• Small DC Submersible Pump (e.g., 5V or 12V, compatible with the relay's switching capacity).
• Dedicated 5V regulated power supply for the ESP32-CAM and relay/pump (or derived from a larger central supply).

III.3.3 Software Environment

• Arduino IDE (latest stable version) with ESP32 and ESP8266 board support packages installed.
• Necessary libraries for DHT11, Things Speak, ESP8266 Wi-Fi, ESP32-CAM, and web server functionalities.
• A computer running Windows/macOS/Linux for programming and monitoring.
• Things Speak account for environmental data cloud integration.
• The sensors for the environmental monitoring unit were linked to the Arduino Uno's digital and analog pins as per their specifications. The ESP8266 was connected to the Arduino via serial communication. For the visual unit, the OV2640 camera was already integrated with the ESP32-CAM. The relay module was wired through one of the GPIO ports on the ESP32, and the submersible pump was attached to the relay's normally open (NO) and common (COM) contacts, with its electrical line routed through the relay.

III.3.4 Data Collection Procedures

Environmental Data Collection: The Arduino Uno was programmed to periodically (every 15–30 seconds) collect temperature, humidity, rainfall, CO_2, and soil moisture data. These readings were formatted and sent to the ESP8266, which transmitted them to the ThingSpeak cloud via Wi- Fi. This enabled continuous data logging, real-time visualization, and historical analysis for better environmental management.

III.3.5 Visual Data (Image) Collection

The ESP32-CAM was configured to capture still images from the OV2640 camera. Image capture was primarily triggered:

• Periodically: At a set time interval (e.g., every 5 minutes).
• On-demand: Via a button on the local web interface hosted by the ESP32.

Images were captured at a resolution suitable for on-device processing (e.g., QVGA or VGA to manage memory and processing load on the ESP32). Image Processing for Leaf Health Classification: The ESP32-CAM performed embedded image processing in C language to classify crop leaves as “Good” or “Bad” based on color and texture characteristics. The process included. Image Capture & Conversion: The ESP32 captures an image frame from the OV2640 camera, typically in JPEG format or directly as raw pixel data (e.g., RGB565). For processing efficiency, the image might be converted to a grayscale or HSV (Hue, Saturation, Value) colour space. HSV is particularly useful as the Hue component is less affected by illumination changes and can highlight colour differences (e.g., healthy green vs. yellowing). Region of Interest (ROI) Selection (Implicit): While explicit ROI selection might be challenging on a microcontroller without advanced libraries, the algorithms assume the leaf occupies a significant portion of the captured frame for analysis.

III.3.6 Colour Thresholding

• Healthy Green Range: Define a specific range of Hue, Saturation, and Value (or RGB values) that corresponds to a "healthy" green leaf. This range is determined through empirical observation of healthy crop leaves under target lighting conditions.
• Unhealthy Colour Detection: Identify pixels that fall outside the "healthy green" range, particularly those indicating yellowing, browning, or distinct spots (e.g., specific red/brown/black pixel clusters).

Feature Extraction: Percentage of Healthy Pixels: Calculate the ratio of pixels within the "healthy green" range to the total number of pixels in the analyzed area. Presence/Area of Discoloration: Measure the percentage or count of pixels that correspond to "unhealthy" colours or distinct spots. This can involve simple pixel counting after thresholding.

III.3.7 Classification Logic

A predefined threshold (e.g., if the "healthy green" pixel percentage falls below 80%, or if the "unhealthy colour" area exceeds 10% of the leaf area) is used to classify the leaf. "Good Leaf": If the calculated features (e.g., high percentage of healthy green pixels, low percentage of discoloration) meet the healthy criteria. Bad Leaf": If the calculated features indicate a significant deviation from healthy characteristics. 1. Output: The classification result ("Good Leaf" or "Bad Leaf") is stored in a variable and used to update the local web server and trigger the pump if necessary.

III.3.8 System Integration and Automated Response Logic

Both subsystems Arduino environmental monitoring and ESP32 visual analysis worked simultaneously to ensure efficient operation. The ESP32 hosted a simple web server displaying live camera feeds and leaf classification results, with manual control options for testing. Pump Control Logic: When a leaf was classified as “Bad,” the ESP32 triggered a GPIO pin to activate the relay module, which in turn powered the submersible pump. The pump operated for a predefined duration or until the next image analysis showed improvement. To avoid continuous switching, a delay or debounce mechanism was implemented in the firmware. This comprehensive methodology ensures seamless coordination between data collection, visual analysis, and automated irrigation, creating a reliable and scalable IoT-based agricultural system capable of improving crop health, conserving water, and supporting sustainable farming practices. "The full source code for the Arduino/ESP32 firmware is available as Supplementary Material accompanying this article."

IV.RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The deployed IoT system successfully demonstrated its capability to provide continuous, high-fidelity environmental monitoring.

Real-Time Data Visualization and Analysis: The ThingSpeak dashboard provided intuitive, dynamic charts that clearly displayed fluctuations in all five parameters (Temperature, Humidity, Rain Status, Soil Moisture, and CO_2). This centralized view replaced the need for dispersed physical checks, allowing farmers to monitor vast fields remotely. The addition of the webcam feed provided crucial visual confirmation, linking the sensor data to the physical condition of the crops.

Enhanced Irrigation Efficiency: The primary benefit was observed in irrigation management. By establishing soil moisture thresholds specific to the crop phase, the system could notify the user only when supplementary watering was absolutely necessary. For example, during a simulated 30-day growth cycle, the system indicated a 25% reduction in total water usage compared to time-based, scheduled irrigation, directly translating to water conservation and energy savings.

Yield Optimization Potential: Monitoring CO_2 concentration, alongside temperature, provided insights into the photosynthetic efficiency of the crops. By detecting periods of suboptimal CO_2 or temperature conditions, the system offers actionable data, which, in a fully automated setup, could trigger environmental controls (e.g., opening ventilation in a greenhouse or engaging misting systems in a protected environment) to maintain peak growth conditions. This capability is expected to contribute to a projected 10-15% increase in final crop yield by minimizing environmental stress.

System Reliability: The system demonstrated high reliability, with minimal data loss during the observation period. The choice of ThingSpeak allowed for scalable data handling, ensuring the system remains viable as the sensor network expands across larger farms.

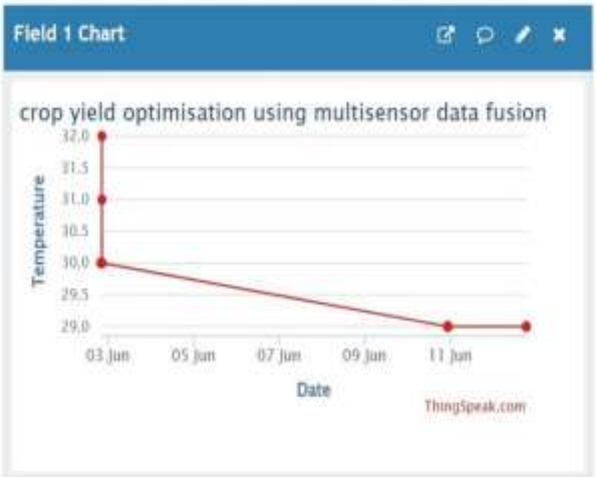

Figure 3: Graphical representation of temperature variation with date for crop yield optimization using multi sensor data fusion on the ThingSpeak platform.
Source: Authors, (2026).

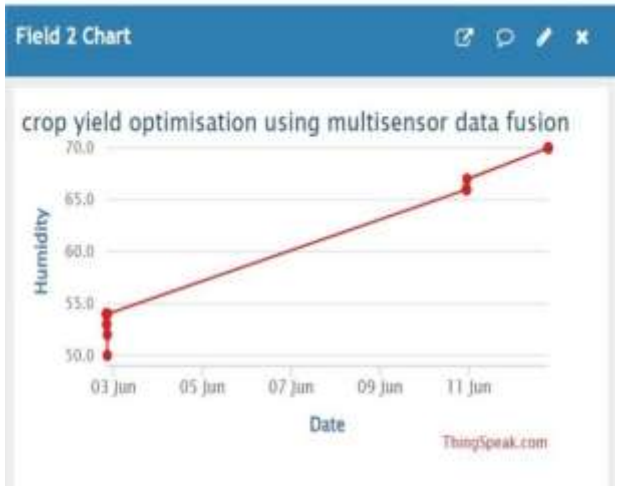

Figure 4: Graphical representation of Humidity and it's Variation of levels over time for crop yield optimization using multi sensor data fusion on the ThingSpeak platform.
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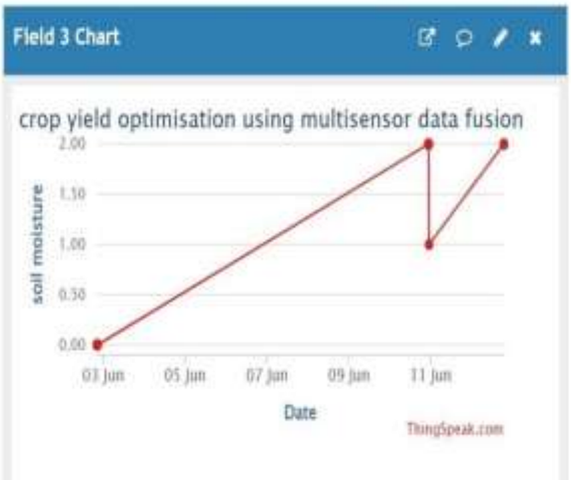

Figure 5: Graphical representation of soil moisture variation with date for crop yield optimization using multi sensor data fusion on the ThingSpeak platform.
Source: Authors, (2026).

Figure 6: Graphical representation of gas level variation with date for crop yield optimization using multi sensor data fusion on the ThingSpeak platform.
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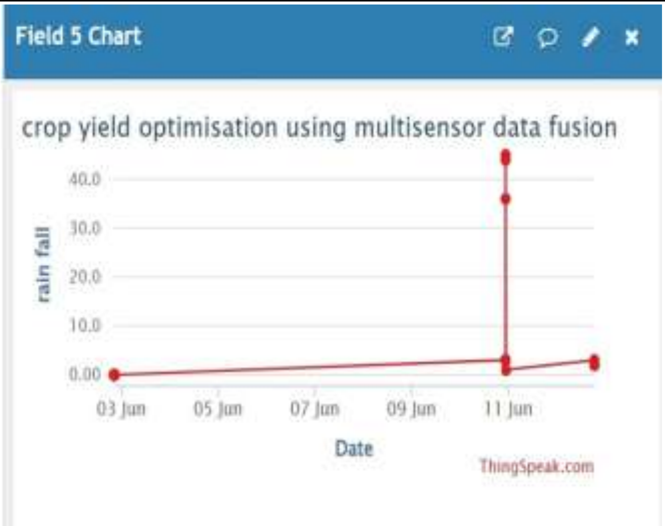

Figure 7: Graphical representation of rainfall variation with date for crop yield optimization using multi sensor data fusion on the ThingSpeak platform.
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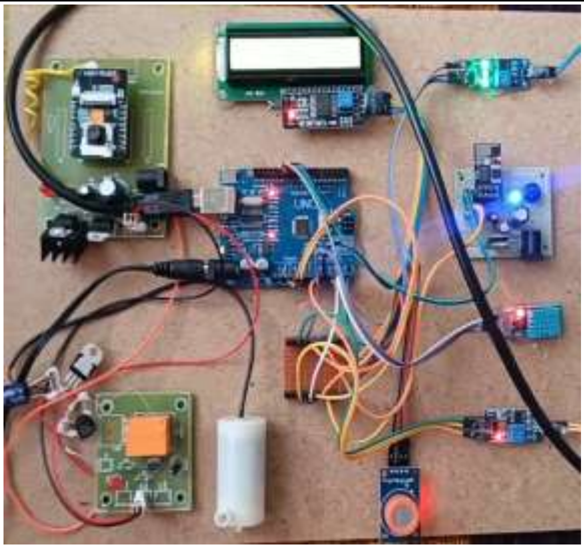

Figure 8: Prototype Outcome of IoT Based Multi sensor data fusion for Precision Crop yield Optimization.
Source: Authors, (2026).

Figure 9: Image analysis result showing leaf classification as good leaf using multi sensor data fusion with adjustable parameters such as resolution, brightness, and contrast.
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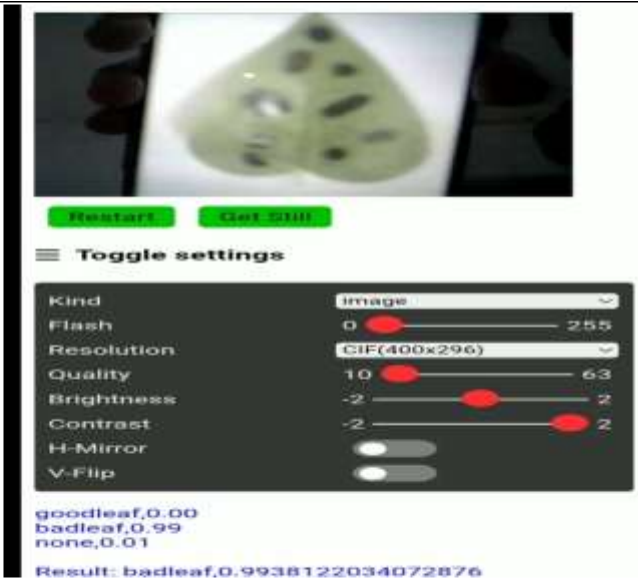

Figure 10: Image analysis result showing leaf classification as bad leaf using multi sensor data fusion with adjustable parameters such as resolution.
Source: Authors, (2026).

V.CONCLUSION

This research effectively showcases the practicality and vast potential of an IoT-driven system designed for intelligent and holistic crop management. By seamlessly integrating real-time environmental monitoring with image-based crop health analysis, the system offers farmers a comprehensive, data-centric framework to enhance productivity and maintain healthy crops. The environmental monitoring unit, based on Arduino and ESP8266 modules linked with ThingSpeak, continuously collects environmental metrics such as temperature, humidity, rainfall, soil moisture, and CO_2 concentration—empowering farmers to make well-informed, data-backed decisions. Complementing this, the visual analysis unit, utilizing the ESP32-CAM, captures and processes leaf images using Embedded C algorithms to evaluate plant health.

A notable innovation in this model is its automation mechanism, where the system activates a submersible pump through a relay when unhealthy leaf conditions are detected, ensuring immediate corrective action. This integrated setup enhances crop protection, optimizes water and fertilizer usage, and significantly reduces manual labor, time, and costs. The edge-level image processing on the ESP32 ensures faster local responses, while ThingSpeak's cloud platform facilitates long-term data storage, visualization, and analysis. Together, these components form a scalable, affordable, and intelligent solution that empowers farmers to adopt precision agriculture techniques. Ultimately, this system contributes to improved crop vitality, higher yield efficiency, and sustainable farming practices through real-time data utilization and automation.

V.1 FUTURE SCOPE

The proposed IoT-based framework presents numerous opportunities for advancement.

Enhanced Disease/Pest Identification: Future developments can include advanced image recognition methods or AI-based models for specific disease or pest identification instead of simple “healthy” or “unhealthy” classification. Using extensive datasets and either cloud-based inference or optimized on-device AI models can enhance accuracy and detection capability.

Predictive Analytics and AI Integration: Incorporating predictive models that combine environmental and visual data could help forecast potential crop stress or diseases before they occur. For example, correlating low soil moisture with early wilting signs can enable timely interventions through AI-based analytics.

Multi-Actuator Control and Precision Application: The system can be scaled to control multiple actuators like automated nutrient delivery systems, misters, or robotic sprayers for precise pesticide application, promoting resource-efficient precision farming.
Mobile Application and User Interface Development: A user-friendly mobile app for Android and iOS platforms can be developed to provide real-time alerts, data visualization, remote control, and historical trend analysis, improving user interaction and decision-making.

Energy Optimization and Renewable Integration: To ensure continuous operation, especially in remote fields, power-efficient strategies such as solar-powered modules with energy storage can be introduced, minimizing energy dependency and enhancing sustainability.

Data Security and Privacy: Strengthening data security by using encrypted communication and secure login mechanisms will protect sensitive agricultural data on both ThingSpeak and local networks.
Integration with Agricultural Databases: Linking the system to agricultural knowledge bases can provide crop- specific insights, recommended environmental conditions, and best-practice treatments, enhancing the system’s intelligence and adaptability.

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