# Enhancing Agricultural Productivity through IoT-Based Devices: A Future Perspective

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## *Abstract*

*The research presented here offers a comprehensive review of how IoT-based devices promote the resilient expansion of agriculture, minimize obstacles, and maximize resource usage. The study explores the many uses of IoT in agriculture through an extensive analysis of recent research and developing trends. It emphasizes using Internet of Things (IoT) sensors for real-time crop health, livestock management, soil moisture levels, and environmental monitoring. In addition, it talks about how machine learning and data analytics are used to interpret massive volumes of agricultural data gathered by Internet of Things devices, giving farmers access to predictive analytics and well-informed decision-making. There is also a discussion of important factors including the scalability of IoT systems. To enhance the success of IoT installations in agricultural contexts, the article emphasizes the significance of strong amenities, dependable connections, and sufficient support for technical issues. the study discusses possible advancements in IoT-enabled agriculture, such as independent agricultural equipment, sophisticated drip irrigation systems, and accurate cultivation techniques. It highlights how IoT technology may significantly improve sustainable farming methods, lessen their negative effects on the environment, and guarantee adequate nutrition despite changing global problems.*

**Keywords: Internet-of-Things (IoT), Farming, Productivity in agriculture, Durability, Analytics of data, Accurate farming**

## l. INTRODUCTION

Throughout the evolution of humanity, humans have developed significant advancements to increase agricultural productivity with less work and assets. However, despite this, the rapid expansion has prevented supply and demand from matching for all these years. Based on projections, humanity is anticipated to reach 9.8 billion by 2050, a rise of around 25% over the present number [1]. Projections predict that emerging nations will experience almost all the population growth, as mentioned earlier [2]. Conversely, the drift of modernization is projected to keep going at a faster rate, with 49% of the globe's inhabitants now expected to live in cities by 2050 (about 70% of the total) [3]. In addition, income levels will be several times higher than they already are, which will increase the need for food, particularly in emerging nations. These countries' increased attention to food hygiene and nutrition will cause consumers in these countries to shift from favoring wheat and cereals to lentils and then protein. By 2050, the agricultural output should have doubled to sustain this bigger, wealthier, and more urbanized population [4], [5]. Notably, the existing 2.1 billion metric tons of yearly cereals output needs to reach almost three billion tons, and to satisfy the projected need of 470 million tons, annual slaughtering of meat should rise by more than 200 million tons [6], [7]. Crop production is becoming crucial for food and the manufacturing sector; in fact, many countries' economies rely heavily on crops like cotton, rubber, and gum. In addition, the demand for renewables derived from agricultural products has only begun to grow. Before a decade, just 110 million tons of coarse grains—roughly 10% of global production—were used in the ethanol manufacturing process [7], [8]. The sustainability of agriculture is at risk as a result of the growing use of agricultural products for the manufacturing of biofuel, bioenergy, which is and other commercial applications. The strain on existing limited farmland is rising as an outcome of these requirements.

Additional investigation revealed that each agricultural field has unique qualities that may be measured independently for quantity and quality. Crucial attributes, such as the kind of soil, the availability of nutrients, irrigation flow, resistance to bugs, etc., determine whether or not it is suitable for a given crop. Site-specific assessments are necessary for optimized yield maximization since, in most cases, feature differences might occur within a single crop field, even if the same crop is being grown throughout the whole farm. Moreover, an additional aspect of time is added: in regions where geographic and time-related variations lead to particular growth necessities to maximize crop output, certain crops in the same field rotate from installment to period and physiologically reach distinct phases of their rotation throughout one calendar year. Agriculturalists come up with innovative technological-driven techniques for producing greater quantities with a smaller workforce and on a smaller footprint to meet their needs on an assortment of challenges. To be able to acquire a greater awareness of the crop circumstances, agriculturalists must visit the agriculture sites regularly during the crop's life, taking into account normal farming practices. Because 70% of agricultural time is spent studying and keeping track of crop conditions rather than working in the fields, efficient farming is required as a result [9]. Given the size of the farming industry, it is extremely demanding in terms of technology and accuracy to achieve resilience with the least negative environmental effects.

Modern sensing and communication technologies enable farmers to monitor events in the field from a distance, acting as a virtual "eye in the field," without needing to be physically there. To cut down on bottlenecks and boost productivity throughout every market, the Internet-of-things, or IoT, is starting to influence a broad spectrum of companies and sectors, including manufacturing, health, communications, and energy as well as the agricultural sector [10]–[14]. If one looks meticulously, the present implementations are just the leading edge of the iceberg and the true effect of IoT and its utilization is yet to come. Nevertheless, is the primary force behind technology. In summary, Figure 1[15] presents the primary forces behind technology, while Figure 2[15] illustrates the key obstacles to implementing technological advances in smart agricultural practices.

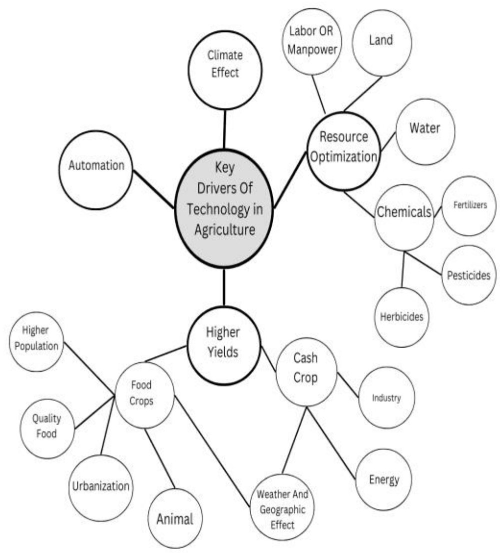


**FIGURE 1 Driven Keys**

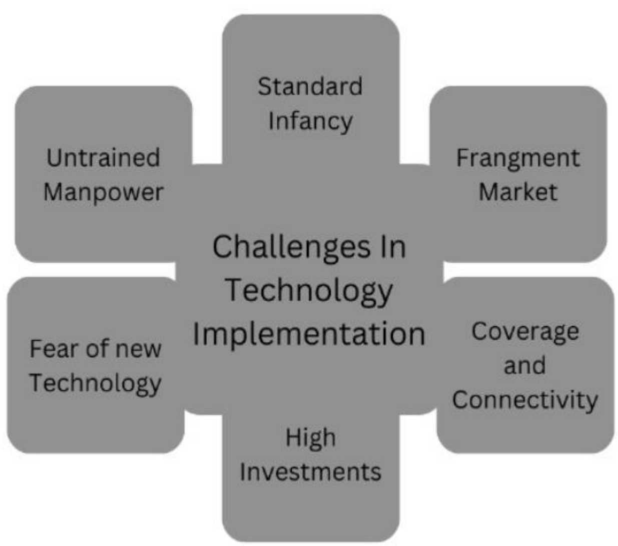


**FIGURE 2 Challenges**

## II. CRITICAL COMPONENTS

It is possible to radically alter every facet of conventional farming processes by using the newest sensors and IoT technology. Currently, smart agriculture may achieve previously unthinkable heights with the smooth integration of wireless sensors and the Internet of Things. IoT may enhance the answers to many conventional agricultural problems, such as pest management, irrigation, land appropriateness, production maximizing efficiency, crisis consequence, and yield enhancement, by adhering to smart agricultural principles. The structure of the main sensor networks, services, and programs utilized in smart agriculture is shown in Figure 3[15]. The following section discusses some significant examples of how contemporary advancements are contributing to overall effectiveness improvement at various phases.

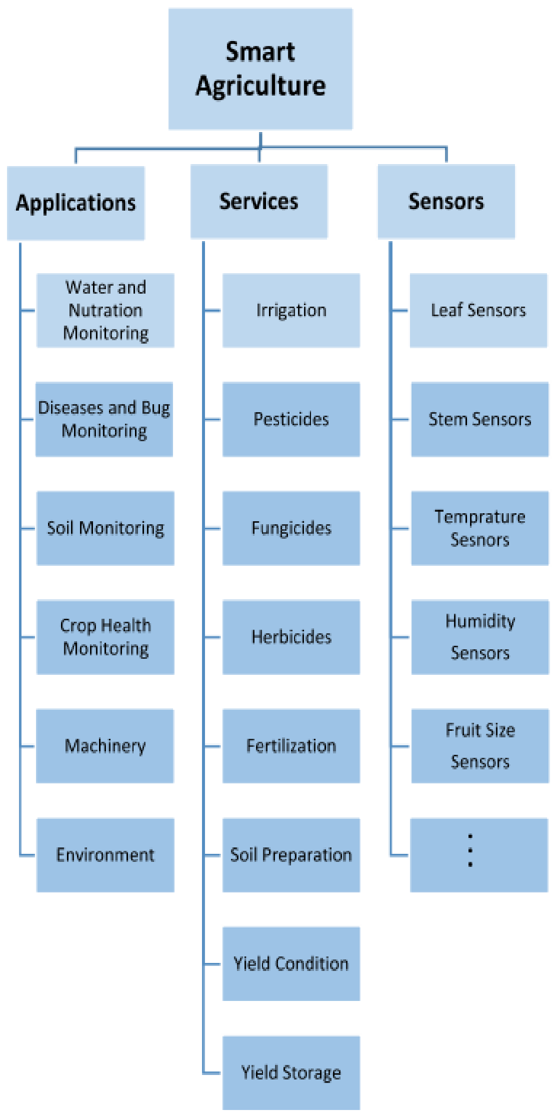


**FIGURE 3 Smart Agriculture**

# III. LITERATURE REVIEW

## A. ORIGIN

The roots of smart farming, also known as precision agriculture or digital agriculture, can be traced back to the convergence of traditional farming wisdom and advancements in technology. It is a concept that has evolved, gaining momentum with the emergence of innovative technologies aimed at enhancing agricultural practices. Originating from the need for more efficient and sustainable farming methods, smart farming found its early proponents among pioneering farmers and researchers in the late 20th century. Experimenting with rudimentary forms of GPS, yield monitoring systems, and variable rate technology, these early adopters paved the way for the broader adoption of precision agriculture techniques. Moreover, government initiatives, research institutions, and industry players have all contributed to the development and dissemination of smart farming practices. Government policies, such as the USDA's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and the European Union's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), have provided support for sustainable farming practices and technology adoption. Meanwhile, companies in the agricultural machinery and technology sector have played a crucial role in driving innovation, introducing a wide array of precision agriculture technologies, including GPS-guided tractors, drones, sensors, and farm management software. Additionally, global challenges such as population growth, climate change, and food security concerns have underscored the importance of adopting more sustainable and productive agricultural practices. In response, smart farming offers solutions to optimize resource utilization, minimize environmental impact, and enhance food production efficiency. As technology continues to advance and the agricultural sector grapples with evolving challenges, the trajectory of smart farming is poised for further growth and innovation in the pursuit of a more sustainable and resilient future for agricultur

## B. STUDY

| AUTHOR | MODEL PAPER | PROS. | CONS. | YEAR | ALGORITHM |
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| UN (department of economics and social affairs) | World Population Projected to Reach 9.8 billion 2050, and 11.2 billion in 2100. | Real insights about the shift of the country's population | No details about the solution to the problem | 2017 | Data interpretation |

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| Michele Kremer Sott; Leonardo Bertolin Furstenau; Liane Mahlmann Kipper; Fáber D. Giraldo; José Ricardo López- | Precision Technique and agriculture 4.0 technologies to promote sustainability in the coffee sector : state of the art, challenges anf future trends | Machine Learning and geostatistics are the most used technologies in the coffee sector, | The holistic vision of farmers about the use of PA techniques and A4.0 technologies in the coffee sector has hardly been addressed | 2020 | PA techniques and A4.0 technologies |
| Maanak Gupta; Mahmoud Abdelsalam; Sajad Khorsandroo; Sudip Mittal | Security and privacy in smart farming : challenges and opportunity | multi-layered architecture relevant to the precision agriculture domain and discusses the security and privacy issues in this dynamic and distributed cyber-physical environment. | - | 2020 | SND |
| Nabila ElBeheiry; Robert S. Balog | Technologies driving the shift to smart farming :A review | influential technologies affecting farming practices and structures | Not having proper robustness and scalability of prosed technology | 2022 | RMS , CNN, etc. |

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| Ahmad Ali AlZubi; Kalda Galyna | Artificial intelligence and internet of things for sustainable farming and smart agriculture | state of research and development in SSA, pays attention to the current form of information, and proposes an Internet of Things (IoT) and artificial intelligence (AI) framework as a starting point for SSA. | fixing problems that have surfaced as a direct result of the fragmentary nature of farming production | 2023 | integrated AI and “IoT platform for SSA” |
| Antonino Pagano, Daniele Croce, Ilenia Tinnirello, and Gianpaolo Vitale. | A Survey on LoRa for Smart Agriculture: Current Trends and Future Perspectives | Offers a comprehensive overview of LoRa's potential in agricultural applications, addressing scalability, energy efficiency, and future research prospects. | Challenges such as latency, energy management, device heterogeneity, and scalability hinder the widespread adoption of LoRa in smart agriculture. | 2023 | LoRa, LoRaWAN, and low-power wide-area network (LPWAN) |
| Md. Najmul Mowla, Neazmul Mowla, A. F. M. Shahen Shah, Khaled M. Rabie, and Thokozani Shongwe. | Internet of Things and Wireless Sensor Networks for Smart Agriculture Applications: A Survey | The study offers insights into integrating IoT-WSNs and wireless protocols in agriculture, addressing monitoring needs, and proposing future- | The integration of IoT with WSNs in smart agriculture faces challenges such as interoperability issues, sensor reliability, and data security concerns. | 2023 | ZigBee, WiFi, SigFox, and LoRaWAN |

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| Jamalbek Tussupov; Moldir Yessenova; Gulzira Abdikerimova; Aidyn Aimbetov; Kazbek Baktybekov; Gulden Murz | Analysis of formal concepts for verification of pests and diseases of crops using machine learning methods | This work can be used both as scientific and practical recommendations for agricultural enterprises and organizations and for the development of new technologies and programs for automating agricultural processes. | critical in the face of growing populations and changing climate conditions. | 2024 | Spectral , Sentinal 2 |
| Adeel Ahmed, Irum Parveen, Saima Abdullah, Israr Ahmad, Nazik Alturki, and Leila Jamel. | Optimized Data Fusion With Scheduled Rest Periods for Enhanced Smart Agriculture via Blockchain Integration | The study innovates by combining Blockchain and cluster head sleep scheduling to improve data collection and pest monitoring in smart agriculture, enhancing efficiency and reducing costs. | Integrating blockchain and the Cluster Head Sleep Schedule in smart agriculture faces challenges regarding scalability, feasibility in large-scale systems, and the necessity for user- | 2024 | Cluster-Based Data Fusion with Energy-Efficient Sleep Scheduling. |

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| | | | friendly interfaces. | | |
| Nancy Victor, Praveen Kumar Reddy Maddikunta, Delphin Raj Kesari Mary, Ramalingam Murugan, Rajeswari Chengoden, Thippa Reddy Gadekallu, Nitin Rakesh, Yaodong Zhu, and Jeongyeup Paek. | Remote Sensing for Agriculture in the Era of Industry 5.0—A Survey | This comprehensive survey explores remote sensing technologies in agriculture within the Industry 5.0 era, emphasizing applications and integration challenges. | The survey underscores challenges such as lack of farmer awareness, high costs, technical complexity, and data security concerns hindering the widespread adoption of remote sensing technologies in agriculture despite their transformative potential with Industry 5.0 principles. | 2024 | CNN model |

## IV. MODERN FARMING METHODS

Agriculture, the backbone of human civilization, has continually evolved to meet the demands of a growing population and changing environmental conditions. In recent decades, the convergence of technology and agriculture has ushered in a new era of modern farming methods aimed at enhancing productivity, sustainability, and food security.

Among these innovative approaches, glasshouse cultivation and heightened farming have emerged as promising techniques poised to revolutionize traditional farming practices.

### A. GLASSHOUSE CULTIVATION

Glasshouse Cultivation: Enhancing Crop Growth in Controlled Environments Glasshouse cultivation, also known as greenhouse farming or controlled-environment agriculture (CEA), represents a significant advancement in agricultural practices. It involves the cultivation of crops within enclosed structures equipped with transparent or translucent materials such as glass or plastic. These structures, often equipped with advanced technology and IoT-based devices, create an optimal environment for plant growth by regulating factors such as temperature, humidity, light intensity, and CO2 levels.

## Benefits of Glasshouse Cultivation:

**Climate Control:** Glasshouses offer farmers the ability to create a controlled microclimate conducive to plant growth, regardless of external weather conditions. This enables year-round cultivation and protects crops from adverse weather events such as frost, hailstorms, or excessive rainfall.

**Water Conservation:** Through the implementation of advanced irrigation systems and moisture control mechanisms, glasshouse cultivation minimizes water wastage by precisely delivering water to plants as needed. This efficient use of water resources is crucial, particularly in regions facing water scarcity and drought conditions.

**Pest and Disease Management:** The enclosed nature of glasshouses provides a natural barrier against pests and diseases, reducing the need for chemical pesticides. Additionally, integrated pest management (IPM) techniques can be implemented more effectively in controlled environments, further minimizing the reliance on harmful chemicals and promoting ecological balance.

**Enhanced Crop Quality and Yield:** By optimizing environmental conditions, glasshouse cultivation promotes faster growth, improved crop uniformity, and higher yields. Moreover, the ability to control factors such as light intensity, photoperiod, and nutrient levels allows for the production of high-quality, premium crops with consistent characteristics, meeting the demands of discerning consumers.

**Extension of Growing Seasons:** Glasshouses extend the traditional growing seasons by providing a stable environment conducive to plant growth. This allows farmers to cultivate crops that may not be suitable for outdoor production in their respective regions, thereby diversifying agricultural output and increasing market opportunities.

**Energy Efficiency:** While glasshouse cultivation requires energy inputs for climate control and lighting, advancements in energy-efficient technologies such as solar panels and LED lighting have made operations more sustainable. Additionally, waste heat generated within the glasshouse can be recycled to further improve energy efficiency and reduce operational costs.

### B. HEIGHTED FARMING

Maximizing Space Utilization for Sustainable Agriculture Heighted farming, also known as vertical farming or vertical agriculture, represents a novel approach to agricultural production that maximizes land utilization by growing crops in vertically stacked layers or shelves, typically within indoor facilities or vertical structures. This innovative farming method harnesses technology and automation to create optimal growing conditions for plants, irrespective of geographical constraints.

## Advantages of Heighted Farming:

Space Efficiency: Heighted farming utilizes vertical space efficiently, enabling farmers to produce larger quantities of crops within a smaller footprint compared to traditional farming methods. By stacking crops vertically, growers can significantly increase production capacity while minimizing land requirements, making it particularly suitable for densely populated urban areas or regions with limited arable land. Year-Round Production: Vertical farming facilities can operate year-round, independent of seasonal variations or climatic conditions. By controlling factors such as temperature, humidity, and light exposure, growers can ensure continuous crop production and supply to meet market demands, reducing dependency on seasonal cycles and external factors.

Resource Optimization: Heighted farming systems are designed to optimize resource utilization, including water, energy, and nutrients. Techniques such as hydroponics or aeroponics allow for precise nutrient delivery and water recirculation, minimizing waste and environmental impact. Additionally, vertical farming minimizes the need for arable land, conserves water resources, and reduces pesticide usage, contributing to sustainable agriculture practices. Localized Production: Vertical farms can be established closer to urban centers, reducing the distance between production and consumption. This localized approach to farming helps reduce transportation costs, carbon emissions, and food miles, thereby promoting sustainable agriculture and supporting local food systems. Moreover, vertical farms can be integrated into existing urban infrastructure, repurposing underutilized spaces such as warehouses, shipping containers, or abandoned buildings. Diversification of Crop Production: Heighted farming allows for the cultivation of a wide range of crops, including leafy greens, herbs, fruits, and vegetables, irrespective of geographical limitations. By diversifying crop production, growers can cater to diverse consumer preferences, expand market opportunities, and reduce reliance on monoculture farming practices, which are susceptible to pests, diseases, and environmental degradation.

Innovation and Technological Integration: Heighted farming relies heavily on technology and automation to monitor and control various aspects of the growing environment. IoT-based devices, sensors, and data analytics enable real-time monitoring of environmental conditions, crop health, and resource usage, allowing growers to make data-driven decisions and optimize productivity. Additionally, advancements in robotics, artificial intelligence (AI), and vertical farming systems continue to drive innovation and efficiency in heightened farming practices, shaping the future of agriculture.

## V. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

I've gained invaluable insights into the intersection of IoT, agriculture, and sustainable practices through Figures 6 to 12. Our findings vividly show the potential and challenges associated with integrating IoT technologies into agricultural systems to promote sustainability.

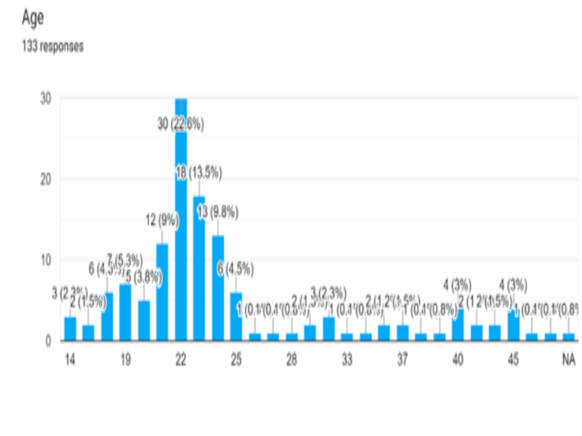


**FIGURE 4 AGE TABLE**

Beginning with Figure 4, which presents an age table, we've discerned the significance of demographics in shaping attitudes towards technology adoption and sustainable farming practices within agricultural communities. This highlights the need to tailor IoT solutions to different age groups to ensure widespread acceptance and adoption.

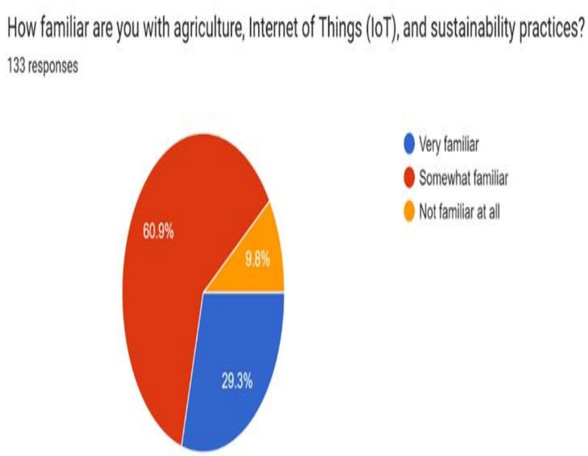


**FIGURE 5 IOT, AGRICULTURE, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICE**

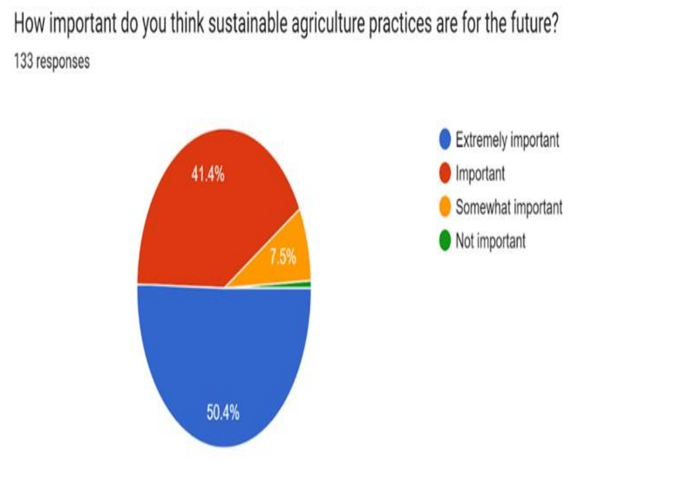


**FIGURE 6 SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PRACTICES**

Figures 5 and 6 delve into the practical application of IoT in agriculture, showcasing how it enables precision farming techniques and fosters sustainability through resource optimization and data-driven decision-making. These figures emphasize the transformative impact of IoT on agricultural practices, offering a pathway towards more efficient and environmentally conscious farming methods.

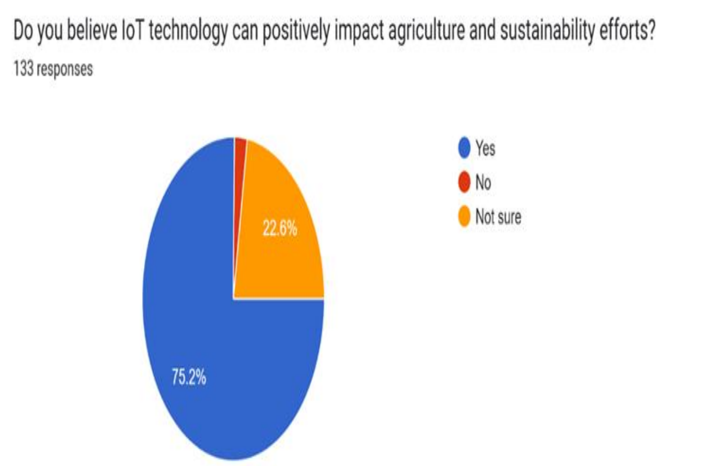


**FIGURE 7 IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS**

Figure 7 underscores the broader implications of IoT adoption in agriculture, emphasizing its role in enhancing productivity, resource efficiency, and environmental stewardship. By harnessing IoT technologies, farmers can increase their yields and reduce their environmental footprint, contributing to long-term sustainability efforts.

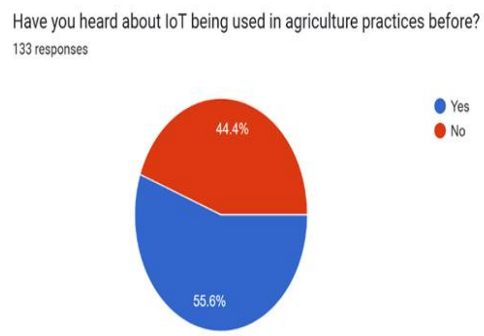


**FIGURE 8 IOT BEING USED IN AGRICULTURE**

Figure 8 provides concrete examples of IoT applications in agriculture, ranging from soil moisture monitoring to drone-enabled crop surveillance. These examples highlight the versatility and potential of IoT solutions in addressing various challenges faced by farmers, from optimizing irrigation to managing pest infestations.

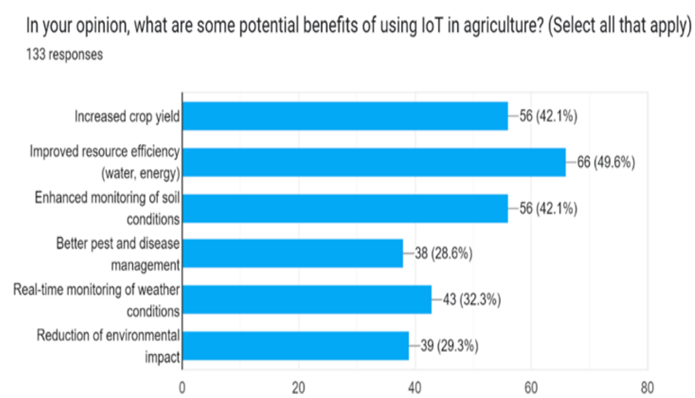


**FIGURE 9 POTENTIAL BENEFITS**

Figure 9 outlines the potential benefits of embracing IoT in agriculture, including increased yields, reduced costs, and improved market access for farmers. These benefits underscore the transformative potential of IoT in driving economic growth and improving livelihoods in rural communities.

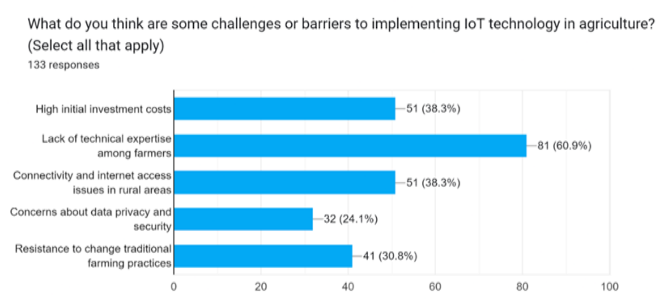


**FIGURE 10 CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENT IOT**

However, Figure 10 serves as a sobering reminder of the challenges that accompany the adoption of IoT in agriculture, including high initial costs, technical expertise barriers, and concerns regarding data privacy and cybersecurity. Addressing these challenges will be essential in ensuring the equitable and sustainable implementation of IoT solutions in agriculture.

In conclusion, our survey findings highlight the immense potential of IoT in revolutionizing agriculture and promoting sustainability. By understanding the nuances of technology adoption, addressing challenges, and leveraging IoT solutions effectively, we can pave the way for a more resilient, efficient, and environmentally conscious agricultural sector.

## VI. CHALLENGES

Even while SA has made great strides in incorporating WSN-based techniques, there are still important limits that need to be carefully assessed and dealt with through proactive mitigation tactics. These barriers take many forms, including those related to the system's hardware, the devices that are used, the network architecture, and the critical component of data security [16]. It can be difficult to build a suitable architecture for IoT-WSNs-based SA systems as it necessitates the ongoing integration of manya sobering devices, devices, and communication interfaces into a cohesive and effective framework [17]. It can be difficult to find the ideal balance between integration, system dependability, and scalability [18].

Furthermore, the wide variety of devices used in IoT WSNs-based SA systems, such as automatic drip irrigation systems, UAVs for aerial monitoring, and sensors for detecting water content in the soil, continually provide difficulties concerning setup, servicing, and cautious selection. When deploying them, factors like cost-effectiveness, durability, energy efficiency, and device compatibility are crucial and create constant problems in this technical context. It is similarly important to address the network design complexity in IoT-WSNs-based SA settings, which calls for the creation of a robust, high-bandwidth, minimal latency connection able to handle the steady stream of data produced by several devices. To satisfy the growing need for real-time data processing and choice-making in deep SA programs, careful design for flexibility and dependability is essential.

## VII. CONCLUSION

The trip through the provided information has been both educational and motivating for me as an academic exploring the complex world of Internet of Things-based equipment in farming. Investigating the potential connections between IoT technology and farming methods offers a plethora of opportunities to improve agricultural adaptability, long-term viability, and production. Let us summarize the main findings from the thorough study that was carried out, tying together the strands of revelations, difficulties, and opportunities for the future. Above all, it is clear that agriculture is in a unique position to address the increasing needs of a growing world population against the backdrop of changing environmental difficulties.

The need to modernize conventional agricultural practices is highlighted by the anticipated increase in population and the tendencies toward urbanization. This is where IoT-based devices come into play, providing farmers looking to maximize yields, minimize hazards, and optimize resource utilization with a ray of hope.

A new age of precision farming, where farmers are empowered with actionable insights through real-time data on crop health, soil moisture levels, and environmental conditions, is heralded by the integration of IoT sensors into agricultural methods. Farmers may get predictive analytics through the use of machine learning and data analytics, which facilitates proactive management techniques and informed choice-making. This paradigm change in agriculture from reactive to proactive methods is the key to achieving previously unheard-of levels of production and efficiency. Furthermore, the introduction of IoT-driven technologies like heightened farming and glasshouse production opens up new possibilities for creatively resolving issues with climate uncertainty and physical limitations. Water saving, year-round cultivation, and improved crop quality are all made possible by glasshouse farming's capacity to generate regulated microclimates. Similar to this, heightened farming makes the most of available space by stacking crops vertically, allowing for year-round production, resource efficiency, and crop variety.

To sum up, the exploration of the IoT-facilitated agricultural future reveals a diverse range of prospects entwined with challenges and advantages. The combination of technology and agriculture has an opportunity to significantly improve sustainability and production while preserving the availability of food and employment for future generations. As scholars, we play a more active role in influencing this revolutionary trajectory than just observing it. Ultimately, the pursuit of an adaptable, efficient, and ecological agricultural future necessitates teamwork, creativity, and unwavering dedication. As academics, let us set out on this path with fervor and commitment, driven by the belief that IoT-based gadgets can bring about a new age of wealth for rural populations and communities throughout the globe. Let's work together to plant the foundations for transformation and build a more innovative, resilient, and sustainable future for agriculture.

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