

AgriPrice Predictor: AIML Based Model for Predicting Prices of Agri-Horticultural Commodities

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Abstract

Agriculture is one of the most vital pillars of India's economy, supporting a significant portion of the population and playing a crucial role in ensuring national food security. However, agricultural commodity markets in India remain highly volatile due to seasonal production cycles, erratic weather conditions, supply chain inefficiencies, transportation and storage limitations, and regional variations in cultivation practices. These factors result in frequent and unpredictable price fluctuations for essential commodities such as onions, potatoes, and pulses. In many instances, farmers, traders, and market agents depend on fragmented, delayed, or outdated information sources, which leads to inefficient decision-making, poor planning, and financial instability across the agricultural value chain.

In recent years, advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML), along with the increased availability of digital agricultural data, have created new opportunities to address these challenges. AI-driven forecasting models, combined with real-time data monitoring and interactive visual analytics, enable the transformation of raw market data into meaningful and actionable insights. Such technologies enhance the ability to identify price trends, capture seasonal patterns, predict future market movements, and support informed planning for procurement, storage, and distribution.

This survey explores AI-ML based approaches for agricultural commodity price analysis and forecasting, focusing on predictive modeling techniques, trend identification methods, and data visualization frameworks. It highlights how the integration of real-time and historical data with structured computational workflows can improve market transparency and decision support. By enabling data-driven planning and reducing uncertainty, AI-ML powered platforms have the potential to minimize postharvest losses, improve operational efficiency, and contribute to a more resilient, transparent, and technologically empowered agricultural ecosystem in India.

I. INTRODUCTION

Agriculture plays a crucial role in India's economic framework and livelihood systems and contributing substantially to national food security, rural employment, and socio-economic development. Despite its importance, agricultural commodity markets in India are highly volatile and unpredictable. Factors such as seasonal production cycles, erratic and uncertain weather conditions, climate change impacts, regional variations in crop cultivation, inadequate storage facilities, transportation challenges, and inefficiencies in supply chain management collectively contribute to frequent and sharp price fluctuations. Essential agri-

horticultural commodities such as onions, potatoes, and pulses are particularly affected, resulting in income instability for farmers and inefficiencies across the agricultural value chain.

A major challenge within the agricultural ecosystem is the lack of timely, accurate, and centralized market information. Farmers, traders, and market agents often depend on fragmented, delayed, or outdated data sources, including local market observations or irregular reports. This information gap leads to inefficient decision-making related to harvesting, storage, procurement, pricing, and distribution, increasing financial risks and post-harvest losses. Policymakers and regulatory authorities also face difficulties in implementing effective market interventions due to limited access to real-time analytical insights.

In recent years, the rapid expansion of digital infrastructure and the growing availability of agricultural data have created new opportunities to address these challenges. Recent progress in intelligent computational methods has emerged as powerful tools for analyzing large and complex datasets, identifying hidden patterns, and generating reliable forecasts. AI-driven time-series forecasting models, combined with real-time data monitoring and interactive visual analytics, enable the transformation of raw agricultural data into meaningful and actionable insights. Such technologies support accurate price prediction, trend identification, risk assessment, and improved planning for procurement, storage, and logistics.

This work focuses on developing an AI–ML powered analytics platform that provides real-time and historical insights for key agri-horticultural commodities. By integrating predictive analytics, trend analysis, and userfriendly visual dashboards, the platform aims to enhance market transparency, support informed decision-making for farmers and traders, assist policymakers in stabilizing markets, and contribute to a more efficient, resilient, and technology-driven agricultural ecosystem in India.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Hochreiter and Schmidhuber [1] introduced the Long ShortTerm Memory (LSTM) architecture to overcome the vanishing gradient problem in recurrent neural networks. Their work demonstrated how memory cells and gating mechanisms enable effective learning of long-term temporal dependencies in sequential data. This foundational contribution has become the basis for most modern timeseries forecasting applications, including agricultural commodity price prediction.

Breiman [2] proposed the Random Forest algorithm, an ensemble learning method that combines multiple decision trees using bagging and random feature selection. The study highlighted Random Forest’s robustness, high predictive accuracy, and ability to handle noisy and nonlinear datasets. These properties make it particularly suitable for agricultural commodity forecasting, where market data often exhibit complex and volatile patterns.

FAO [3] presented a comprehensive global agricultural market trends report analysing supply–demand imbalances, climate impacts, price volatility, and trade disruptions. The report emphasized the growing need for digital decisionsupport systems and advanced forecasting tools to manage uncertainty in agricultural markets. This work provides macro-level motivation for AI-driven commodity price analytics. Patel et al. [4] applied LSTM networks for time-series forecasting of horticultural crops and demonstrated superior performance compared to traditional statistical models such as ARIMA. Their findings showed that LSTM models effectively capture seasonality, sudden price spikes, and cyclical trends in volatile agricultural markets, supporting the adoption of deep learning techniques.

Singh and Kumar [5] compared various machine learning algorithms, including Random Forest, Support Vector Regression, and Gradient Boosting, for predicting commodity prices in India. The study concluded

that ensemble models outperform single learners and highlighted the importance of feature engineering and model tuning for improving forecasting accuracy.

Breiman [6] revisited Random Forests in a practical context, providing insights into real-world implementation, parameter tuning, and scalability. The updated work reinforced the effectiveness of Random Forest models in handling highdimensional and noisy datasets such as agricultural market data. The Government of India's Agmarknet system [7] provides authenticated real-time and historical agricultural price data across thousands of Indian markets. It serves as a crucial data source for research and forecasting applications, enabling large-scale analysis and supporting AI-based commodity price prediction models.

Sahoo et al. [8] evaluated deep learning models for agricultural price forecasting and demonstrated that LSTMbased approaches outperform traditional methods in capturing nonlinear and seasonal price variations. The study emphasized the importance of data quality, preprocessing, and model optimization in building reliable forecasting systems.

III. EXISTING SYSTEM

Existing agricultural commodity market systems largely rely on traditional data dissemination mechanisms and isolated analytical approaches to support decision-making for farmers, traders, and policymakers. Most current systems provide basic market information such as daily prices, arrivals, and demand trends through government portals, local market boards, or periodic reports. While these platforms offer valuable historical and real-time data, they often lack advanced analytical capabilities required to handle the dynamic and volatile nature of agricultural markets. Information is frequently fragmented across multiple sources, making it difficult for stakeholders to obtain a comprehensive and unified view of market conditions.

In terms of analytical approaches, traditional statistical models such as ARIMA and regression-based methods have been widely used for commodity price forecasting. Although these models perform adequately under stable market conditions, they struggle to capture nonlinear patterns, sudden price fluctuations, and long-term dependencies caused by seasonal effects, climate variability, and supply chain disruptions. As a result, forecasting accuracy remains limited, particularly for highly volatile agricultural commodities.

Some recent systems have adopted machine learning techniques such as Random Forest, Support Vector Regression, and basic neural networks to improve prediction performance. However, many of these implementations focus primarily on offline analysis and lack real-time data integration. Additionally, most existing solutions emphasize model accuracy while offering minimal support for visualization, user interaction, or decision support. This makes them less accessible to non-technical users such as small-scale farmers and local traders.

Furthermore, existing platforms often fail to integrate multiple data sources—including weather, market prices, and historical trends—into a single analytical framework. The absence of interactive dashboards, automated data pipelines, and real-time forecasting limits the practical usability of these systems. These limitations highlight the need for more advanced, integrated, and user-centric AI-driven platforms that combine real-time analytics, predictive modelling, and intuitive visualization to support effective agricultural market decision-making.

IV. PROPOSED SYSTEM

To overcome the limitations of existing agricultural market information systems, the proposed system introduces an end-to-end AI-ML powered commodity price analytics and forecasting platform. The primary objective of the system is to provide real-time market intelligence, historical trend analysis, and accurate price forecasting for key agrihorticultural commodities such as onions, potatoes, and pulses. The platform integrates machine learning models, real-time data pipelines, and interactive visualization tools to transform fragmented agricultural market data into meaningful, actionable insights. By combining historical price records, live market feeds, and predictive analytics, the proposed system aims to enhance market transparency, reduce uncertainty, and support informed decision-making for farmers, traders, policymakers, and researchers. The system is designed as a web-based analytics platform with an intuitive user interface, ensuring accessibility for both technical and non-technical users while enabling scalable and efficient deployment.

1. KEY FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

AI-ML Based Price Forecasting: Utilizes Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) models for time-series forecasting to capture seasonal patterns and long-term dependencies in commodity price data, along with Random Forest models for multi-feature prediction and improved robustness.

Real-Time Market Data Integration: Continuously collects live commodity price data from Gemini API, market feeds, and open datasets to ensure up-to-date and reliable market insights.

Historical Trend Analysis: Enables detailed analysis of historical price behavior, seasonal trends, and volatility patterns to support strategic market planning and forecasting.

AI Crop Doctor: Provides intelligent crop health assistance by analyzing symptoms or uploaded crop images to identify possible diseases, nutrient deficiencies, or stress conditions, and offers appropriate remedial suggestions to farmers.

AI Crop Planner: Assists farmers in planning crop cycles by combining market trends, historical price data, and seasonal patterns to suggest optimal cropping and selling timelines for maximizing profitability.

Interactive Visual Dashboards: Presents prices, trends, forecasts, and recommendations through user-friendly charts and dashboards, allowing easy interpretation of complex analytical outputs.

Automated Data Processing Pipeline: Performs automatic data cleaning, validation, normalization, and updating to maintain high data quality and consistency.

Web-Based Analytics Platform: Provides centralized access to forecasts, insights, and AI-assisted recommendations through a responsive and intuitive web interface suitable for both technical and non-technical users.

2. System Architecture

The proposed system follows a modular and scalable architecture to ensure reliability, maintainability, and ease of use. The system operates as follows:

- **Data Acquisition Layer:** Collects real-time and historical commodity price data from Agmarknet, government portals, and market APIs.
- **Data Processing Layer:** Cleans and preprocesses raw data to remove inconsistencies, handle missing values, and standardize formats.
- **Analytics and Prediction Layer:** Implements LSTM models for time-series forecasting and Random Forest models for feature-based prediction to generate accurate forecasts and trend insights.
- **Visualization Layer:** Displays processed data and predictions through interactive dashboards, charts, and tables.

- **User Interface Layer:** Provides an intuitive and accessible web interface that allows users to explore market trends and forecasts without technical expertise.

3. Advantages of the Proposed System

The proposed system offers a comprehensive decision support framework for agricultural markets by integrating real-time data, predictive analytics, and visualization. It improves market transparency, reduces dependence on outdated information, and enhances forecasting accuracy. By enabling timely insights, the platform helps farmers identify optimal selling periods, supports traders in procurement planning, and assists policymakers in designing effective market interventions. The user-friendly interface ensures accessibility for a wide range of stakeholders, while the scalable architecture supports expansion to additional commodities and regions.

4. Implementation Approach

The implementation follows a systematic and modular approach. Initially, reliable data sources are identified and integrated into automated data pipelines. Preprocessing techniques are applied to ensure data consistency and quality. Machine learning models are then developed, trained, validated, and optimized using historical data. These models are integrated into a web-based analytics platform, where real-time updates and visual dashboards present insights to users. Continuous monitoring and model retraining ensure adaptability to changing market conditions.

5. Expected Outcomes

The proposed system delivers an AI-ML powered agricultural commodity analytics platform that provides accurate price forecasts, real-time market updates, and clear visual insights. It supports better planning, reduces uncertainty in decision-making, minimizes post-harvest losses, and enhances overall market efficiency. By making advanced analytics accessible through an intuitive interface, the system contributes to a more transparent, resilient, and technology-driven agricultural market ecosystem in India.

V. METHODOLOGY

The methodology adopted for this work follows a systematic and structured approach to analyse agricultural commodity markets and generate reliable forecasting and decision support insights using AI and machine learning techniques. The process begins with the collection of real-time and historical commodity price data from reliable sources such as government agricultural portals, market feeds, and open datasets. This ensures comprehensive coverage of market behaviour across different regions and time periods.

Once the data is collected, preprocessing steps are applied to improve data quality and consistency. These steps include data cleaning to remove noise and inconsistencies, handling missing values, normalization of price values, and formatting the data for time-series and feature-based analysis. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) is then performed to study historical price trends, seasonal patterns, and volatility characteristics, which helps in understanding market behaviour and selecting appropriate modeling techniques.

For forecasting and prediction, machine learning models are employed. Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks are used for time-series price forecasting due to their ability to capture long-term dependencies and seasonal variations in sequential data. In parallel, Random Forest models are applied for multi-feature prediction to improve robustness and handle nonlinear relationships within the data. Model training, validation, and tuning are carried out using historical datasets to ensure reliable performance.

The analytical results and predictions are presented through interactive visual dashboards that display real-time prices, historical trends, and forecasted values in an intuitive manner.

1. Data Collection

Real-time and historical agricultural commodity price data are collected from reliable sources such as government agricultural portals, market feeds, and open datasets. This ensures comprehensive coverage of market behaviour across different regions and time periods.

2. Data Preprocessing

The collected data undergoes preprocessing to improve quality and consistency. This includes data cleaning, handling missing values, normalization of price data, and formatting the datasets for time-series and feature-based analysis.

3. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

Exploratory analysis is performed to study historical price trends, seasonal patterns, and market volatility. This step helps in understanding data characteristics and identifying suitable modelling approaches.

4. Model Development

Machine learning models are developed for price forecasting and prediction. Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks are used for time-series forecasting to capture long-term dependencies and seasonal behavior, while Random Forest models are applied for multi-feature prediction and improved robustness.

5. Model Training and Validation

The models are trained using historical datasets and validated through appropriate evaluation techniques to ensure accuracy and reliability. Hyperparameter tuning is performed to optimize model performance.

6. Visualization and Dashboard Development

Forecast results and analytical insights are presented through interactive visual dashboards that display real-time prices, historical trends, and predicted values in an intuitive and userfriendly format.

7. Real-Time Data Integration

Automated data pipelines are implemented to continuously update market data and refresh forecasts, ensuring that users receive the most current insights.

8. System Testing and Evaluation

The complete system is tested for forecasting accuracy, stability, performance, and usability. This ensures seamless integration of data pipelines, machine learning models, and visualization components.



System Architecture

VI. INTERFACE DESIGN



Representative Image of Application



Preview of AI Model's Price Forecasting

VII. FUTURE WORK

The proposed AI–ML powered commodity analytics platform provides a strong foundation for data-driven decision-making in agricultural markets; however, several enhancements can be explored in future work to further improve its effectiveness and scalability. One key direction is the integration of additional data sources such as satellite imagery, remote sensing data, and IoT-based field sensors to incorporate realtime information on crop health, soil moisture, and climatic conditions. This would enable more accurate forecasting and holistic market analysis. The forecasting models can also be extended by incorporating advanced deep learning architectures such as Transformers or hybrid models that combine statistical and neural approaches to further improve prediction accuracy under extreme market volatility. Future versions of the platform may support a wider range of commodities and regional markets, allowing comparative analysis across states and seasons. Additionally, incorporating multilingual interfaces and voice-based interaction can improve accessibility for farmers with limited digital literacy. The system can also be enhanced by adding policy simulation tools to help policymakers evaluate the impact of interventions such as price controls or subsidies. With continuous model retraining and adaptive learning mechanisms, the platform can evolve into a comprehensive intelligent decision-support system that contributes to longterm agricultural sustainability and market resilience.

VIII. CONCLUSION

This work presents a comprehensive study and implementation of an AI–ML powered agricultural commodity analytics and forecasting platform aimed at addressing the persistent challenges of volatility, information gaps, and inefficiencies in agricultural commodity markets. Traditional market information systems often rely on fragmented data sources and static analysis methods, which limit their effectiveness in handling complex, dynamic market conditions influenced by seasonality, climate variability, and supply

chain disruptions. By leveraging modern artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques, the proposed system demonstrates how raw agricultural market data can be transformed into meaningful, accurate, and actionable insights.

The platform integrates advanced forecasting models such as Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for time-series prediction and Random Forest algorithms for multi-feature analysis, enabling reliable price forecasting and trend identification for key agri-horticultural commodities. Realtime data integration, automated preprocessing pipelines, and interactive visual dashboards enhance market transparency and improve accessibility of insights for diverse stakeholders, including farmers, traders, policymakers, and researchers. Features such as AI Crop Doctor and AI Crop Planner further extend the system's capabilities by supporting crop health assessment and strategic planning, thereby strengthening decision-making across the agricultural value chain.

A significant contribution of this work lies in the development and deployment of the entire web application using **Vercel v0.dev**, employing **prompt-based engineering** to rapidly generate frontend components, backend APIs, and data processing logic. This approach enables faster prototyping, efficient iteration, seamless integration, and scalable deployment through a serverless architecture. By reducing development complexity while maintaining high performance and reliability, the platform demonstrates the practical advantages of modern cloud-native development methodologies.

Overall, the proposed system highlights the potential of AI– ML driven platforms to enhance market efficiency, reduce uncertainty, minimize post-harvest losses, and support sustainable agricultural practices. By combining predictive analytics, real-time data processing, intuitive visualization, and modern deployment technologies, this work contributes toward building a more transparent, resilient, and technologically empowered agricultural ecosystem capable of meeting future challenges.

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