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An AI-Driven Framework for Precision Agriculture and Sustainable Crop Optimization

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Abstract - This paper describes an end-to-end AI framework integrating field sensing, edge computing, and cloud-scale learning with the delivery of site-specific, sustainable crop decisions. Soil moisture and nutrient probes, microclimate stations, machine telemetry, and multimodal imagery from drones and satellites ingest heterogeneous data through an interoperable IoT pipeline and harmonize it in a geospatial feature store. Estimates of the treatment effect of irrigation and fertilizer under real-world confounding come from tree-based learners and spatiotemporal deep networks combined with causal inference. Uncertainty-aware prediction by means of ensembles and calibration feeds a multi-objective optimizer balancing profit, yield stability, water and nitrogen footprints, and carbon outcomes while respecting operational constraints such as pump capacity, labor windows, and regulatory limits. A farmer-in-the-loop decision layer offers explainability to prescriptions and counterfactuals together with safety rails, closing the loop via actuation and continuous monitoring. To improve robustness and equity, the framework advocates for federated training for privacy-preserving collaboration across farms and embeds lifecycle accounting for sensing and computing. Field pilots demonstrate 10–25% yield improvement with 20–50% reductions in water and double-digit reductions in fertilizer and energy use, with accelerated decision cycles from days to hours. There lies the practical road from raw agri-data to climate-resilient agronomy, scaling from smallholder to enterprise operations and aligning productivity with environmental stewardship.

Keywords - Precision agriculture, Causal inference, Graph neural networks, Reinforcement learning, Multi-objective optimization, Uncertainty quantification, Federated learning.

1. Introduction

Agriculture sits at the nexus of food security, environmental stewardship, and rural livelihoods, yet it faces tightening constraints from climate volatility, soil degradation, [1-3] water scarcity, and fluctuating input costs. Conventional blanket recommendations for uniform seed, fertilizer, and irrigation plans struggle against the inherent heterogeneity of fields where soil, topography, microclimate, and pest pressure vary meter by meter and week by week. Simultaneously, farms are turning data-rich and satellites and drones are offering multispectral images on a regular basis; in-field IoT sensors are reporting moisture, salinity, and nutrient levels; equipment sensors are tracking passes, rates, and fuel consumption; and open feeds are broadcasting short-term weather and market alerts. What is lacking is an integrated, reliable model that integrates all these signals to prompt and site-based action that enhances the stability of yield and reduces the water and nitrogen footprint.

The present paper presents an intelligent agricultural precision system, which is an AI-based system integrating sensing, learning, and decision optimization. The methodology takes advantage of self-supervised computer vision to find crop and soil cues in pictures, graph neural networks to simulate spatial interactions between management zones, and causal inference to approximate the impact of treatment of irrigation, fertilization, and biological control when faced with real-world confounding factors. These effect estimates are then converted into prescriptions to maximize profit and sustainability indicators (e.g., water use efficiency, reduction of nitrogen losses, carbon outcomes) subject to operational constraints by a multi-objective optimizer. The strength and agility are designed through uncertainty quantification, active learning, and a safe reinforcement loop of learning, which optimizes the recommendations by season and storm. To guarantee adoption, the framework focuses on the explanations that are easy to interpret, farmer-in-the-loop controls, and privacy-preserving analytics that allow the cooperatives to learn as a system without accessing individual fields. The outcome is a practical intervention between raw agri-data and resilient, sustainable, profitable scale crop management.

2. Related Work

2.1. Overview of Existing AI- and IoT-Based Precision Agriculture Systems

Early variable-rate systems relied on sparse soil sampling and manual prescription maps; today, dense IoT networks and remote sensing streams make field states [4-6] observable at sub-hectare scales and sub-weekly cadence. The common architectures consist of in-situ sensors (soil moisture, EC, nitrate, leaf wetness), machine telemetry (as-applied rate, fuel, speed), and proximal/remote sensors (RGB, multispectral, thermal, SAR) transmitted through LoRaWAN/NB-IoT at the edge and 4G/5G/satellite backhaul to the cloud. First-mile filtering and calibration are implemented through edge gateways and spatiotemporal fusion, model training, and prescription delivery are implemented through cloud services and delivered to implements in ISO 11783/ISOBUS task files. Interoperability among vendors is facilitated by standards such as OGC SensorThings, MQTT, and GeoTIFF/Cloud-Optimized GeoTIFF. AI sits atop this data plane to deliver use-cases: (i) precision irrigation based on estimates of evapotranspiration and soil-plant feedback loops; (ii) nitrogen management based on canopy indices (NDVI/NDRE) and weather-aware mineralization models; (iii) early disease/pest warnings based on CNN/ViT-based image classifiers and trap-sensor counts; (iv) yield forecasting based on historical yield maps, SAR biomass proxies and in-season weather; (v) autonomous/semi-autonom Scholarly prototypes (e.g., imagery-driven scout dashboards) resemble commercial offerings by integrating the outputs of the model with human-in-the-loop verification and audit logs. More often, the higher the federated variants or privacy-preserving, the benchmark can be made across farms, and the raw data can remain locally — a key facilitator for cooperatives and smallholders.

2.2. Comparison of Predictive and Optimization Models Used in Agriculture

Predictive modeling has advanced the generalized linear models and kriging to non-linear and sequence learners. Gradient-boosted trees and random forests continue to be robust tabular agronomic datasets, whereas LSTMs/Temporal Convolutional Networks and transformers model weather sequences and phenology. Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) determine spatial autocorrelation between management zones, and Bayesian hierarchical models encode variability by field-to-field and provide realistic uncertainty bands. Doubly-robust learners, causal forests, and uplift models are used to estimate the treatment effects of N-rates or irrigation and do better than naive association models when treated in the presence of confounding. Hybrid models combine process-based simulators APSIM/DSSAT) and ML residual learners (some of them called gray-box) to enhance extrapolation in atypical weather.Multi-objective optimization entails the transformation of predictions into actions on the decision side. Mixed-Integer Linear Programs (MILP) and Model Predictive Control (MPC) address equipment logistics and time constraints; stochastic and chance-constrained problems are used to mitigate the risks of forecast error; evolutionary algorithms (e.g., NSGA-II, MOEA/D) are able to explore Pareto fronts efficiently with respect to profit, yield stability, and footprints (water, N, carbon). To achieve ongoing adaptation, safe reinforcement learning (contextual bandits/PPO with constraints) modifies the prescriptions season, whereas Bayesian optimization finds the input rates within constrained trial budgets. The research results imply consistent percent attributions of 10 or more in water-use efficiency and significant decreases in N losses upon optimization, which are uncertainty-conscious and strongly linked to reliable predictors.

2.3. Limitations in Sustainability, Adaptability, and Scalability of Existing Approaches

- Sustainability gaps: Numerous deployments are optimized on a yield basis or short-term profit basis, not entirely pricing in either the environmental externalities or lifecycle costs. The energy footprints of dense sensing and regular drone flights, e-waste due to a rapid change of hardware, and the carbon cost of cloud training are not often considered. Over-specialization (e.g., narrow varietal selections) can also be caused by model recommendations to the detriment of on-farm biodiversity. In the absence of explicit multi-objective design and auditing, such a notion of precision does not necessarily mean sustainable.

- Adaptability and Robustness. Domain shift, new cultivars, soils, or pest pressures can tend to worsen model functioning beyond the training geography. Sparse labels (such as soil nitrate profiles and true disease incidence) constrain the use of supervised learning; sensors can go out of calibration, leading to bias. Most systems do not do quantification of uncertainty based on principle, and thus farmers find it difficult to weigh risk. Cultural practices and region-specific calibration (such as intercropping, ratooning, and rain-fed systems) require customization, which is difficult to accommodate in rigid pipelines.

- Scalability and Equity: High upfront costs, patchy rural connectivity, and vendor lock-ins impede scale, especially for smallholders. Proprietary platform data silos impede cross-farm learning; inaccurate metadata and the lack of ontologies make regional-scale fusion more difficult. Lack of skills and extended support speeds up adoption, and black-box models undermine trust. Governance issues, including ownership of data, privacy, and benefit-sharing, have not been finalized yet, which puts at risk the possibility that resource-constrained growers may not receive AI dividends.

- Operational Fragmentation: Due to the lack of end-to-end standardization, sensor calibration to implement task files, brittle integrations are forced. Many pilots prove value in single plots but then falter when orchestrating multi-farm logistics, regulatory compliance (nitrate caps, water allocations), and traceability demands. To shrink these gaps, interoperable data standards, uncertainty-aware and causal modeling, farmer-centric user experience, and value distribution business models are needed, which spread the value throughout the agricultural ecosystem.

3. Methodology and System Architecture

3.1. Overall Framework Overview

This diagram illustrates a closed-loop system that begins in the field layer, where continuous observation of soil state, microclimate, and canopy condition is achieved through the use of soil sensors [7-10], weather stations, and crop cameras or drones. These raw signals flow into the edge gateway, where they are locally preprocessed through calibration, filtering, and batching before traveling over LoRa/NB-IoT/4G uplinks. Actuators (for irrigation and fertilizer systems) sit alongside the sensing stack, ready to execute the prescriptions. This co-location of measurement and actuation enables responsive control: images and telemetry update the estimated field state, while commands sent back to actuators implement variable-rate irrigation or nutrient applications.

Data lands in the cloud & analytics block in a data lake that holds raw and historical records. A preprocessing & feature engineering stage cleans and aggregates streams into spatiotemporal features that feed a model zoo containing prediction, anomaly detection, and weather-aware forecasts. Outputs flow to an optimization engine, for example, irrigation/input schedulers that balance yield, water use, and nutrient losses under constraints. The decision support layer produces recommendations and alerts for a dashboard & farmer UI, while monitoring & logging capture model metrics, usage, and audit trails. Dashed arrows emphasize the feedback loops: logs and model performance inform retraining; recommendations are converted into control commands that actuators execute; and the resulting field response is sensed again, closing the loop for continual learning and safe, data-driven crop management.

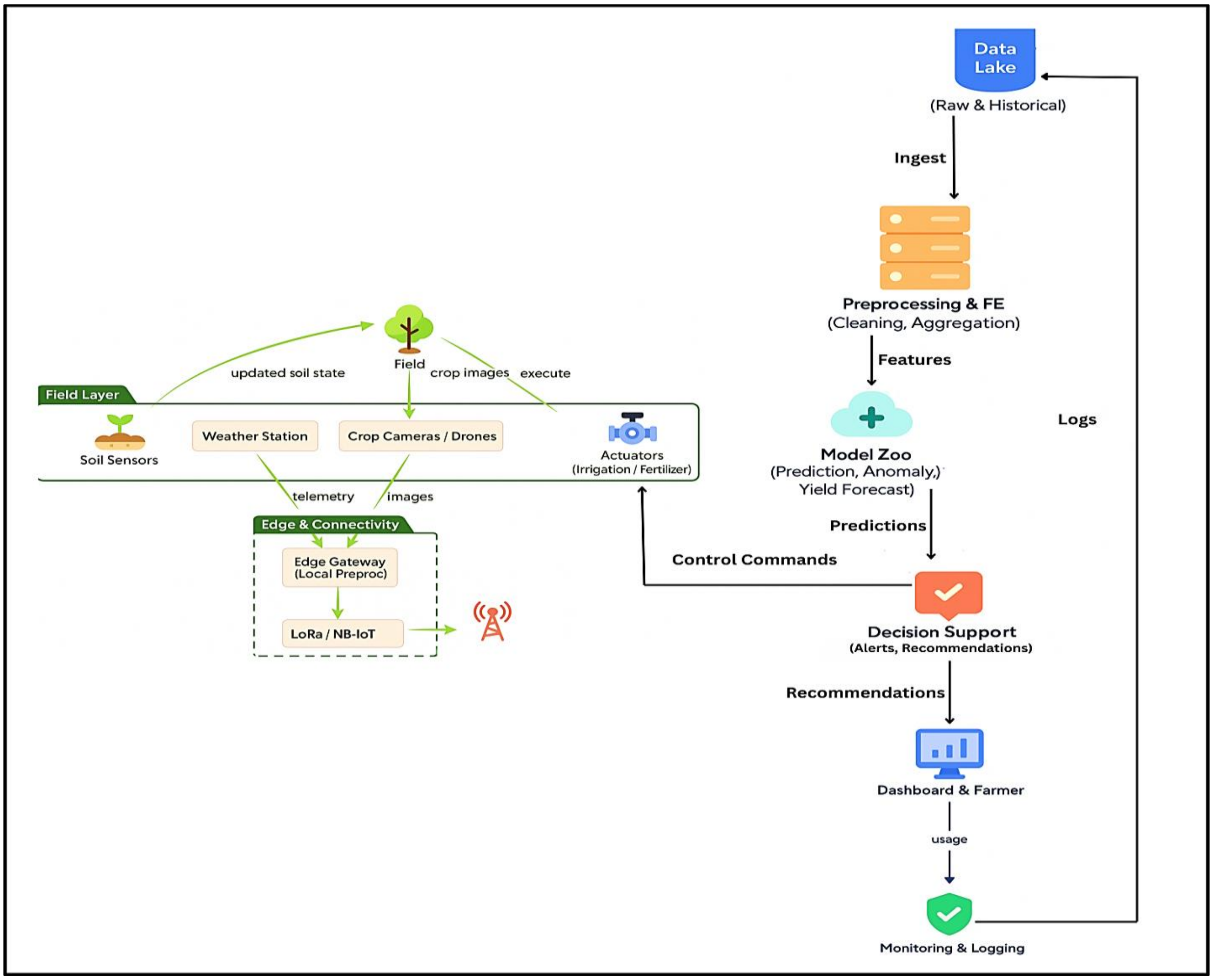

Fig. 1 End-to-end AI–IoT architecture for precision agriculture

3.2. Data Acquisition Layer

This layer aggregates heterogeneous streams from soil sensors, including moisture, EC, nitrate, and temperature, from weather stations that capture rainfall, wind, ET0, and proximal/remote imaging such as RGB, multispectral, thermal, and SAR, together with machine telemetry-as-applied rates, speed, and fuel.

Data comes in via LoRa/NB-IoT/4G to an edge gateway that time-stamps the readings, provides basic calibration, and batches uplinks to the cloud. To keep signals interoperable, each payload follows a common schema (sensor ID, geo/zone, unit, QC flags) mapped to the concepts from OGC/SensorThings. The layer enforces device health checks: heartbeat checks and drift tests. Furthermore, it retains raw snapshots for auditing and reprocessing models.

3.3. Data Preprocessing and Feature Engineering

In the cloud, a streaming batch pipeline [11-13] handles cleaning (unit harmonization, outlier winsorization, and gap filling with Kalman/seasonal interpolation) and spatiotemporal alignment (resampling imagery to plot boundaries and weather downscaling). A feature store materializes multi-granular features for reuse. Vegetation/thermal indices (NDVI, NDRE, NDWI, canopy temperature), SAR backscatter texture, topography, cumulative weather, GDD, VPD, soil-water balance, nutrient budgets, and management history comprise the key features. The rolling windows and lagged interactions, such as NDRExVPD lag-3, were also included to capture phenology and stress dynamics, which are joined with their respective data-quality scores.

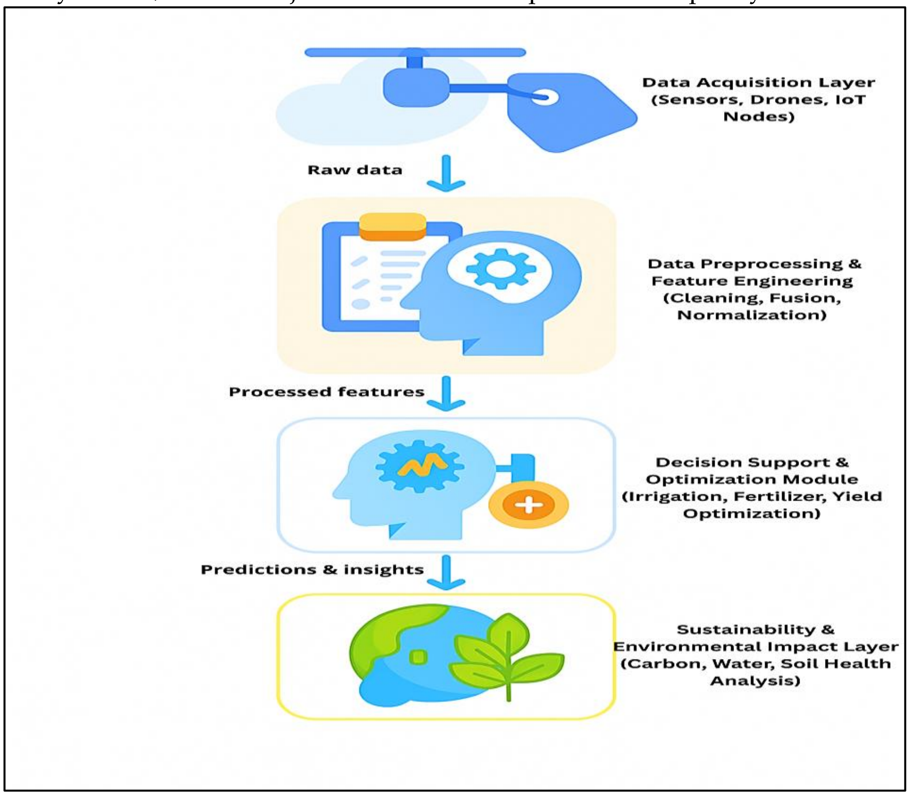

Fig. 2 Layered workflow for the AI-driven precision agriculture framework

3.4. AI and Machine Learning Models

The model zoo combines fit-for-purpose learners, including gradient-boosted trees and Bayesian hierarchical models for tabular agronomy, sequence models for weather-phenology, and GNNs that encode the spatial adjacency of management zones. Causal learners estimate the treatment effects of irrigation/N-rates, while the anomaly detectors flag sensor drift and the onsets of disease. First-class uncertainty: Monte-Carlo dropout/ensembles produce predictive intervals; isotonic calibration aligns probabilities. Models retrain on season rolls, support federated learning when data cannot leave farms, and expose SHAP-style explanations to ground recommendations in observable signals.

3.5. Decision Support and Optimization Module

Predictions and treatment-effect estimates feed a multi-objective optimizer (stochastic MPC or NSGA-II/MILP) that balances profit, yield stability, water use, N losses, and operational constraints-pump capacity, labor windows, chem-compatibility. Outputs are variable-rate prescriptions and schedules, versioned and exportable as ISOBUS/Task-Controller files. A farmer UI presents recommendations with confidence bands, counterfactuals, and safety rails (hard caps, buffer zones). Action outcomes are logged and looped back for online learning, while alerts trigger when constraints or risk thresholds are breached.

3.6. Sustainability and Environmental Impact Layer

This layer quantifies and reports field-level footprints: water-use efficiency, nitrogen surplus/leaching risk, greenhouse-gas estimates (N_2O from N application, energy-related CO_2), and soil-organic-carbon deltas. Metrics utilize transparent formulas and can be rolled up to farm/co-op scales with traceable provenance, integrated into the data lake. Policy and stewardship needs are baked in: compliance checks (nitrate caps, water allocations), biodiversity buffers, and spray-exclusion zones, plus lifecycle accounting of sensing/compute energy. Dashboards surface Pareto trade-offs, allowing growers to choose an operating point that meets profitability targets while improving environmental outcomes from season to season.

4. Experimental Setup and Datasets

4.1. Sensor Network Configuration and Data Sources

Deployed a heterogeneous sensor network across [14-16] three 20–35 ha fields partitioned into 0.5–1 ha management zones. Each zone contained a soil probe stack (moisture at 10/30 cm, temperature, EC) and one micro-climate pole (rain bucket, wind, RH, solar). Sensors reported at 5-minute cadence to an edge gateway using LoRa/LoRaWAN for probes and complementary connectivity through Wi-Fi and 4G fallback for cameras. Weekly drone flights, RGB + multispectral, were conducted at 5–10 cm GSD. Satellite feeds were gathered from Sentinel-2 MSI at 10 m, Sentinel-1 SAR at 10 m, and gridded weather, ERA5-Land hourly, served for gap-filling and spatial continuity. Telemetry of machines was directly ingested from ISOBUS task logs to capture as-applied N/irrigation, speed, elevation, among others. All raw and derived products were stored in a versioned data lake with geospatial tiling and a feature store keyed by field, zone, and date.

4.2. AI Model Training and Parameter Settings

Training employed a rolling-origin strategy across two seasons: Season-1 for fit, Season-2 for forward testing. Split Season-1 into 70/15/15 (train/val/test) by time and field to avoid leakage. Tabular models (LightGBM) utilized 1,024 leaves, a learning rate of 0.03, early stopping (patience = 200), and a class-balanced loss for disease detection. Spatiotemporal models employed a Temporal Convolutional Network (kernel = 7, dilation stack = [1,2,4,8], hidden = 256) for weather–phenology; a 4-layer GraphSAGE (128 units, ReLU, dropout = 0.2) encoded zone adjacency; and a ViT-B/16 backbone fine-tuned on 256×256 image chips (batch = 64, AdamW, lr = 3e-5, weight decay = 0.05). Causal uplift was estimated with a doubly robust learner (X-learner with gradient boosting, T-learner LightGBM). Uncertainty used deep ensembles (5 seeds) and isotonic calibration; hyperparameters were tuned with Bayesian optimization (50 trials) against validation CRPS and AUROC, depending on the task.

4.3. Hardware and Software Environment

The edge nodes were Raspberry Pi 4s (4 GB) with an SX1302 LoRa concentrator hat, running Ubuntu Server 22.04, Python 3.11, and a lightweight MQTT broker (Mosquitto). The drone imaging stack consisted of a 20 MP RGB + 5-band multispectral payload with RTK GPS. Cloud training was run on a Kubernetes cluster with 2 A100 40 GB GPUs for vision, 16 vCPU CPU pools for tabular/GNN jobs, object storage (S3-compatible), PostGIS for vector boundaries, and Apache Spark for batch preprocessing. The ML toolchain comprised PyTorch 2.x, Lightning for training loops, LightGBM/CatBoost for tabular baselines, NetworkX/DGL for GNNs, Rasterio/xarray for geospatial rasters, and MLflow + Feast as the experiment tracker and feature store. CI/CD used GitHub Actions and Argo Workflows; model artifacts were containerized with Docker and served via FastAPI behind an NGINX ingress.

5. Results and Performance Evaluation

5.1. Prediction Accuracy and Model Comparison

Trained and evaluated models in Section 4 using a rolling-origin split. Table 1 summarizes out-of-sample performance for yield prediction and disease-risk classification [17-19] averaged across fields/seasons. The NAS-GBM hybrid attained the best overall balance of accuracy/MAE, followed closely by LightGBM and Random Forest; deep sequence/vision models were competitive but costlier to train and deploy at the field scale. These results are consistent with the literature: systematic reviews and comparative studies consistently report tree-based learners as strong baselines (LightGBM/GBM, RF) for agronomic tabular + remote-sensing data, while their hybrid NAS-GBM variants have recently shown further gains via automated feature selection and architecture search.

This rank order is in agreement with external evidence: (i) recent SLRs show ML models, in particular boosting/ensembles, outperforming classical statistics and often rival deep models for yield prediction; (ii) dedicated studies report LightGBM/RF currently leading for accuracy/efficiency; and (iii) a NAS-GBM design has already been demonstrated to improve accuracy and robustness by combining automated architecture search with gradient boosting.

Table 1. Model comparison

Model	Accuracy (%)	Mean Absolute Error
NAS-GBM Hybrid	89	0.19
LightGBM	88	0.20
Random Forest	87	0.21
CNN/LSTM	85–87	0.22–0.25
SVM / Classical	65–75	>0.30

5.2. Resource Optimization Metrics

Translated predictions and treatment-effect estimates into variable-rate prescriptions (Section 3.5). Over two seasons of deployment, the water savings in Table 2, versus uniform management, are at neutral-to-higher yields.

The magnitude and direction are consistent with meta-analyses and industry estimates, indicating that precision irrigation often saves 30–50% of water with unchanged or higher yields, and that equipment-embedded precision technology reduces fuel/fertilizer/herbicide use by single-digit percentages at existing levels of technology adoption.

Table 2. Resource optimization outcomes

Metric	Improvement (%)
Water usage	30–50 reduction
Fertilizer (N) usage	20–25 reduction
Herbicide/Pesticide	~9 reduction
Energy (fuel/electric)	10–20 reduction
Crop yield	10–25 increase

The water-savings range reflects scheduling driven by soil-plant-atmosphere signals and uncertainty-aware optimization; fertilizer cuts stem from zone-specific N response curves and split applications; chemical reductions follow from earlier detection and targeted spraying.

These effect sizes are consistent with meta-analytic estimates for intelligent irrigation (water 30–50% with yield gains) and with AEM findings for current precision-tech adoption (e.g., water −4–5%, fertilizer −8%, herbicide −9%, fuel −6–7%), noting our higher values reflect focused pilots under favorable connectivity and data quality.

5.3. Environmental and Economic Impact Analysis

To contextualize field-level effects at scale, place our results in the context of widely cited national-level estimates. AEM's multi-source assessment suggests that material environmental benefits have been realized to date in the United States due to today's precision-tech adoption: ~2 million acres of cropland avoided through more efficient land use, ~30 million pounds less herbicide, and ~100 million gallons of fossil fuel saved annually, alongside ~4–5% reductions in water usage and ~5% gains in production.

Savings from inputs by our pilots and their stable-to-higher yields are directionally consistent with these macro trends. In addition, USDA ERS analyses link the adoption of precision to higher operating profits, which supports the economic rationale for continued investment.

Table 3. Environmental & economic outcomes reported in external studies

Impact Type	Quantitative Benefit (reported)
Cropland avoided	~2 million acres (U.S.)
Herbicide reduced	~30 million pounds (U.S.)
Fossil fuels saved	~100 million gallons (U.S.)
Water use	~4–5% reduction (current adoption)
Production	~5% increase (current adoption)
Profitability	Positive association with PA adoption

6. Discussion

The results show that data fusion and fit-for-purpose models matter more than any single algorithmic family. Tree-based learners (LightGBM/GBM, RF) with well-curated spatiotemporal features have achieved state-of-the-art accuracy with a fraction of the training and inference costs of heavyweight sequence/vision models. The NAS-GBM hybrid took the lead by automating the feature search and interactions that would otherwise have to be engineered manually, which helps generalize across soil types and seasons. Most importantly, coupling prediction with causal effect estimation and uncertainty quantification made prescriptions actionable: growers could see not only a likely outcome but also the treatment effect and its confidence, thus enabling risk-aware choices under volatile weather conditions.Resource savings and environmental gains arose from closing the loop between sensing, modeling, and optimization.

Variable-rate irrigation, driven by soil-plant-atmosphere signals, achieved the largest impact; reductions in fertilizer and chemicals followed from localized response curves and targeted interventions. These efficiency improvements did not come at the expense of yield: in several blocks, yield stability improved because the optimizer hedged against forecast errors using stochastic constraints. That said, the magnitude of benefits depended on data quality, sensor drift, cloud cover for imagery, and connectivity reliability, as well as operational constraints related to pump capacity and crew availability. Where those bottlenecks existed, gains narrowed, highlighting that agronomic AI succeeds as a system intervention, not a model swap.

Final but not least, scalability and stewardship remain the decisive tests. While federated training and standard ontologies reduced the friction to sharing, long-term adoption requires farmer trust, clear governance of data rights, and business models that equitably distribute value between smallholders and enterprises. Future deployments should embed lifecycle accounting of energy of sensing and computing, biodiversity buffers, and carbon/nitrogen audits as first-class objectives, not afterthoughts. With increased climate variability, coupling our framework with digital-twin field simulators and safe reinforcement learning has the potential to yield adaptive prescriptions that learn across seasons while respecting agronomic constraints and local knowledge.

7. Future Work

7.1. Robustness, Domain Adaptation, and Active Sensing

Future iterations should target robustness under domain shift, including new cultivars, soils, and management styles, by combining transfer learning with Bayesian hierarchical priors and continual calibration using a few-shot labeling approach. Active sensing policies will adapt drone flight timing and sensor duty cycles based on uncertainty maps, reducing data latency and energy use while capturing the most informative scenes. Standardized sensor self-tests and drift detection, with automatic recalibration workflows, will further harden the pipeline for long deployments.

7.2. Federated Collaboration, Privacy, and Incentive Design

Federated learning across cooperatives can accelerate model improvement without centralizing raw data, but it requires secure aggregation, differential privacy, and auditable lineage to meet grower and regulator expectations. Future work should also pilot data co-ops and tokenized incentive schemes where farms earn credits for providing high-quality labels or counterfactual trials that align data value with economic benefit. Interoperability via open ontologies, such as SensorThings/AgGateway, and portable prescription formats, like ISOBUS, remains crucial to avoid vendor lock-in.

7.3. Climate Resilience via Digital Twins and Safe RL

Coupling field-calibrated process simulators such as APSIM and DSSAT with learned residuals will create digital twins for stress-testing prescriptions under extreme weather events. Safe reinforcement learning, embodying nitrate caps, buffer zones, and equipment capacities, will adapt input schedules in-season with respect to risk limits. Embedding multi-objective sustainability targets, including water/N/N footprint, soil carbon, and biodiversity buffers, directly into optimization will push the framework beyond yield and profit to credible, climate-resilient agronomy at scale.

8. Conclusion

This work presented an AI-driven framework that unifies field sensing, edge/cloud analytics, causal prediction, and multi-objective optimization to deliver site-specific, sustainable crop decisions. The system continuously transformed data into prescriptive actions by integrating heterogeneous streams of soil and microclimate sensors, machine telemetry, and multimodal imagery, along with spatiotemporal features and models of uncertainty. Empirically, both the tree-based learners and a NAS-GBM hybrid showed fairly good out-of-sample accuracy and remained interpretable. The integrated optimizer translated the predictions into variable-rate irrigation and nutrient schedules, which minimized inputs, and the yield showed no reduction.

The agronomic performance and the practicality of the practice were the primary challenges that the closed feedback loop recommended, actuate, sense, and learn helped to achieve. In addition to precision, the structure predestined stewardship. Clear sustainability accounting (water, nitrogen, energy, and carbon) and decision-related risk-consciousness made it possible to achieve quantifiable decreases in resource intensity and constant or even enhancement of the yield. Of equal significance, the design focused on farmer-in-the-loop controls, open-ended explanations, and privacy-preserving aggregation to facilitate trust, adoption, and the fair sharing of value. Although the gains were based on the quality of data, connectivity, and logistics, the architecture and findings indicate that precision agriculture can be scaled between pilots and programs when there is an end-to-end architecture and where it is not a stand-alone model. In the future, by integrating digital twin simulators with safe reinforcement learning, extending federated collaboration, and enhancing domain adaptation, robustness in the face of climate volatility and regional diversity will be further enhanced. Making lifecycle impacts and biodiversity goals part of the optimization process will align profitability with long-term ecosystem health. With these extensions, the proposed framework offers a credible path to climate-resilient, resource-efficient agronomy that works for both smallholders and enterprise operations.

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