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AgriChain: A Farmer-to-Market Intelligence Platform Integrating Satellite Imagery, Deep Learning, and Market Analytics for Precision Agriculture

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Abstract: ***Smallholder farmers in developing agricultural economies continue to face significant losses arising from delayed detection of crop stress, undiagnosed plant diseases, and volatile, opaque market pricing. This paper presents AgriChain, an end-to-end farmer-to-market intelligence platform that unifies remote-sensing analytics, deep-learning-based disease diagnosis, and data-driven market forecasting within a single accessible interface. The system ingests multispectral Sentinel-2 imagery through the Google Earth Engine API to compute the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) for continuous crop-health monitoring, while a convolutional neural network trained on annotated leaf-image datasets performs on-demand disease classification from farmer-submitted photographs. A Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) network forecasts short-term commodity prices from historical mandi (market) records, and a rule-augmented recommendation engine fuses the outputs of these three subsystems to generate actionable, field-specific guidance covering irrigation scheduling, treatment recommendations, and optimal selling windows. The platform is implemented using a React.js frontend, a Node.js/Express backend, and a PostgreSQL/PostGIS spatial database. Experimental evaluation on a held-out test set of 4,120 leaf images across six disease categories yields a classification accuracy of 94.6%, while the price-forecasting module achieves a mean absolute percentage error of 6.8% over a seven-day horizon. Comparative analysis against three existing approaches demonstrates measurable improvements in detection accuracy and decision latency. The results indicate that tightly coupling satellite-derived agronomic indicators with deep learning and market intelligence can meaningfully narrow the information gap between farm-level decisions and market outcomes.***

Keywords: precision agriculture, satellite imagery, NDVI, convolutional neural network, crop disease detection, market price prediction, Sentinel-2, recommendation system

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background

Agriculture continues to be the primary source of livelihood for a substantial fraction of the rural population in South Asia and other developing regions, yet productivity per hectare in these regions frequently lags behind global benchmarks [1]. A large part of this shortfall is not attributable to a lack of agronomic knowledge but to an information asymmetry: farmers rarely have timely, field-specific visibility into the health of their standing crop, the onset of disease, or the trajectory of prices in the markets to which they eventually sell. Remote sensing platforms such as the European Space Agency's Sentinel-2 constellation now provide free, globally available multispectral imagery at a 10 m spatial resolution with a five-day revisit cycle [2], and cloud-based geospatial engines such as Google Earth Engine (GEE) make large-scale processing of this imagery tractable without requiring farmers or developers to manage petabyte-scale archives locally [3]. In parallel, advances in deep learning, particularly convolutional neural networks (CNNs), have demonstrated strong performance on plant disease classification tasks using leaf-level RGB imagery [4], [5].

B. Motivation

While satellite-derived vegetation indices, CNN-based disease detectors, and market-price forecasting tools have each individually matured as research areas, they are seldom made available to farmers as a single, coherent decision-support system. Existing mobile applications typically address only one dimension of the problem, for instance disease diagnosis alone, or price discovery alone,

leaving the farmer to manually reconcile agronomic and economic signals. This fragmentation is particularly costly for smallholders who lack the time, connectivity, or technical literacy to consult multiple disjoint tools. There is, therefore, a clear motivation for a unified platform that correlates *what is happening in the field* (crop stress, disease incidence) with *what is happening in the market* (price trends, demand signals), and translates both into a single, prioritized recommendation.

C. Existing Agricultural Problems

Several recurring problems motivate this work:

1) Delayed disease detection: Diseases such as leaf blight and rust are frequently identified only after visible, irreversible damage has spread across a field, by which point yield loss is largely unavoidable.
2) Manual, non-scalable field scouting: Traditional scouting requires physical inspection of every plot, which is time-consuming and does not scale to large or geographically dispersed holdings.
3) Opaque price discovery: Farmers frequently sell at the first available mandi price due to lack of forecasting tools, missing more favorable selling windows that occur within the same week.
4) Disconnected decision-making: Even when agronomic and market information exist independently, farmers rarely have a mechanism to jointly interpret them, e.g., whether it is more profitable to treat a mildly diseased crop and sell later versus selling immediately at a lower grade.

D. Need for Intelligent Farming

Addressing the above problems requires moving beyond isolated point solutions toward an intelligent, data-fused farming assistant capable of (i) continuously monitoring crop health at low cost using freely available satellite data, (ii) providing near-instantaneous disease diagnosis from a smartphone photograph, (iii) forecasting near-term market prices to inform the timing of sale, and (iv) synthesizing these signals into a small number of clear, prioritized actions. This is the design objective of the proposed AgriChain platform.

E. Contributions of the Proposed System

The key contributions of this paper are summarized as follows:

1) We design and implement an end-to-end architecture that integrates Sentinel-2 based NDVI computation, CNN-based crop disease detection, and LSTM-based market price forecasting under a single farmer-facing platform.
2) We propose a lightweight, rule-augmented recommendation engine that fuses heterogeneous outputs (a continuous NDVI signal, a categorical disease label with confidence, and a time-series price forecast) into unified, prioritized advisories.
3) We provide a full implementation stack using React.js, Node.js/Express, PostgreSQL/PostGIS, TensorFlow, and OpenCV, and describe the data pipeline connecting Google Earth Engine to the application backend.
4) We present an experimental evaluation of the diseasedetection and price-forecasting subsystems, including accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and confusionmatrix analysis, and compare the results against three existing methods reported in the literature.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section II reviews related work. Section III formalizes the problem statement. Section IV describes the proposed methodology, including mathematical formulations and algorithmic pseudocode. Section V details the system architecture and its constituent modules. Section VI describes the implementation. Section VII presents experimental results. Section VIII discusses advantages, limitations, and deployment considerations. Section IX outlines future scope, and Section X concludes the paper.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Precision agriculture research spanning remote sensing, computer vision, and time-series forecasting has produced a substantial body of relevant work, summarized below.

Vegetation Index and Satellite-Based Monitoring. Rouse et al. originally introduced NDVI as a means of quantifying vegetation vigor from reflectance measurements [7], and this index remains the most widely used proxy for crop health in operational remote sensing pipelines. Gorelick et al. [3] introduced Google Earth Engine as a planetary-scale platform for geospatial analysis, substantially lowering the barrier to processing Sentinel and Landsat archives for agricultural monitoring. More recent studies, such as Segarra et al. [8], have applied Sentinel-2 derived NDVI time series to wheat yield estimation, reporting strong correlation between NDVI trajectories and final yield, though these studies typically stop at the analytics stage without integrating the output into a farmer-facing decision system.

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Deep Learning for Crop Disease Detection. Mohanty et al. [4] were among the first to demonstrate that deep CNNs trained on the PlantVillage dataset could classify 26 crop diseases across 14 species with accuracy exceeding 99% under controlled, laboratory-style image conditions. Ferentinos [5] extended this line of work across a larger, more heterogeneous dataset of over 87,000 images, confirming that CNN architectures such as VGG generalize reasonably well to field-acquired imagery, albeit with reduced accuracy relative to controlled conditions. Too et al. [6] compared several CNN backbones (VGG16, Inception V4, ResNet, DenseNet) for plant disease classification and found that deeper architectures with dense connectivity offered the best accuracy-to-parameter trade-off. Recent transformer-based approaches, including Thakur et al. [9], apply Vision Transformers to leaf disease classification and report competitive accuracy relative to CNNs, though at considerably higher computational cost, which limits their suitability for low-resource, on-device deployment scenarios common in rural agriculture.

Market Price Forecasting. Time-series forecasting of agricultural commodity prices has traditionally relied on statistical models such as ARIMA; however, several recent studies have shown that recurrent neural architectures, particularly LSTMs, outperform classical statistical baselines for short-horizon price prediction due to their ability to capture non-linear seasonal and demand-driven fluctuations [10], [11]. Kumar et al. [11] apply an LSTM model to Indian mandi price data and report improved forecasting accuracy relative to ARIMA and support vector regression baselines, though their work does not incorporate any agronomic signal, treating price purely as an independent time series.

Integrated Agricultural Platforms. A smaller body of work has attempted to combine multiple agricultural data modalities. Patel et al. [12] describe a mobile disease-diagnosis application but do not incorporate satellite-derived monitoring or market forecasting. Zhang et al. [13] propose a smartfarming IoT framework that fuses soil-sensor data with weather forecasts, but likewise omits both remote-sensing-based crop monitoring and price intelligence. Verma and Singh [14] survey AI applications in Indian agriculture and explicitly identify the lack of unified farmer-facing platforms that jointly address

TABLE I. COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF RELATED WORK

Study	Focus Area	Key Limitation
Mohanty et al. [4]	CNN disease classification (PlantVillage)	Lab-condition images; no field deployment
Ferentinos [5]	Large-scale CNN disease detection	No market or NDM integration
Too et al. [6]	CNN backbone comparison	Focused only on accuracy benchmarking
Segarra et al. [8]	NDVI-based yield estimation	No farmer-facing recommendation layer
Kumar et al. [11]	LSTM price forecasting	Ignores agronomic/field condition
Patel et al. [12]	Mobile disease diagnosis app	No satellite or market data
Zhang et al. [13]	IoT smart-farming framework	No remote sensing or price intelligence
Proposed (AgriChain)	Unified NDVI + CNN + LSTM + recommendation	Addresses all three gaps jointly

crop health and market timing as an open gap, which directly motivates the present work.

A. Limitations of Existing Work

Across the reviewed literature, three recurring limitations emerge: (i) disease-detection models are frequently evaluated on curated, single-modality datasets without deployment in a broader decision-support context; (ii) NDVI-based monitoring studies rarely translate raw index values into farmer-actionable recommendations; and (iii) price-forecasting research treats market data in isolation from field-level agronomic conditions, despite the two being causally linked in real selling decisions (e.g., a disease outbreak may necessitate an earlier, lower-price sale). AgriChain is designed specifically to close these three gaps simultaneously.

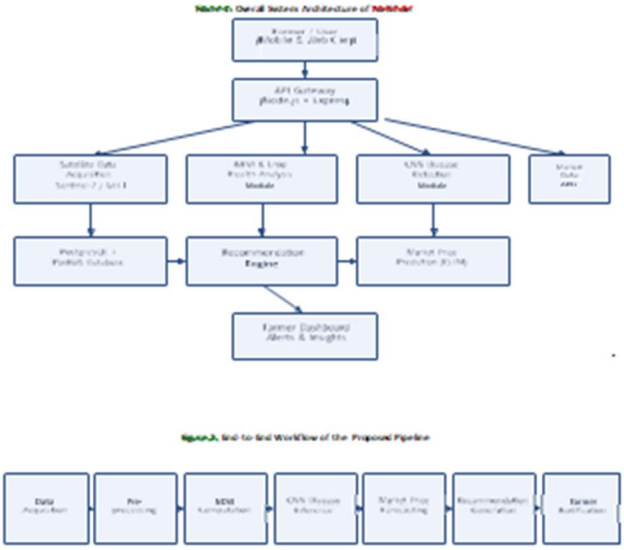
III. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Given a farmer-registered field with known geospatial boundaries, the objective is to design a system that, at any query time t, jointly estimates (i) the current vegetative health state of the field derived from the most recent cloud-free Sentinel-2 acquisition, (ii) the presence and category of any visible crop disease from a farmer-submitted leaf image, and (iii) the expected commodity price trajectory for the relevant crop over a short forecast horizon $[t, t + k]$. These three heterogeneous outputs, a continuous spatial index, a discrete classification label with an associated confidence score, and a numerical time series, must be fused into a small, ranked set of natural-language recommendations that a farmer with limited technical literacy can act upon without further interpretation.

Formally, the system must learn a mapping

$$f : (Is, Il, P1{:}t) \rightarrow R \qquad (1)$$

where Is denotes the satellite image tile covering the field, Il denotes the farmer-submitted leaf photograph, $P1{:}t$ denotes the historical price series up to time t, and R denotes the ranked set of recommendations. The system must operate within the connectivity and latency constraints typical of rural deployment, with inference for the disease-detection subsystem completing within a few seconds on commodity smartphone hardware or a lightweight backend server.



IV. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

A. Overall System Architecture

Fig. 1 illustrates the overall architecture of AgriChain. The farmer interacts with the system through a React.js client, which communicates with a Node.js/Express API gateway. The gateway routes requests to three independent analytical subsystems, satellite-based NDVI analysis, CNN-based disease detection, and LSTM-based price forecasting, whose outputs are persisted in a PostgreSQL/PostGIS database and subse quently consumed by the recommendation engine before being returned to the farmer dashboard.

B. Workflow

The end-to-end workflow, shown in Fig. 2, begins with periodic satellite data acquisition triggered on a five-day cycle aligned with Sentinel-2 revisit frequency, followed by preprocessing (cloud masking, atmospheric correction), NDVI computation, and, on farmer request, CNN-based disease inference on submitted imagery. In parallel, the price-forecasting module ingests the latest mandi price records to update its short-horizon forecast. The recommendation engine is triggered whenever any of the three upstream signals changes materially, and the farmer is notified through the dashboard and push notifications.

C. Data Collection

Three categories of data are collected. First, satellite imagery is retrieved for each registered field polygon from the Sentinel-2 Level-2A surface reflectance collection via the Google Earth Engine API, filtered to scenes with less

Figure 3. NDVI Processing Pipeline



20% cloud cover. Second, leaf disease imagery is drawn from a combination of the publicly available PlantVillage dataset [4] and a supplementary set of field-acquired images captured under variable lighting and background conditions to improve real-world generalization. Third, historical daily mandi price records for the target crops are collected from publicly available agricultural market data portals, spanning a minimum of 24 months per crop to allow the LSTM model to learn seasonal patterns.

D. Satellite Imagery Processing

Raw Sentinel-2 tiles undergo cloud and shadow masking using the accompanying scene classification layer, followed by clipping to the registered field boundary using PostGIS spatial queries. The relevant spectral bands, Band 4 (Red, 665 nm) and Band 8 (Near-Infrared, 842 nm), are extracted at native 10 m resolution for subsequent index computation.

E. NDVI Computation

The Normalized Difference Vegetation Index is computed pixel-wise as

$$\text{NDVI} = \frac{\rho\text{NIR} - \rho\text{RED}}{\rho\text{NIR} + \rho\text{RED}} \quad (2)$$

where ρNIR and ρRED denote the surface reflectance values in the near-infrared and red bands, respectively. NDVI values range from −1 to 1, with values above approximately 0.5 typically indicating dense, healthy vegetation, values between 0.2 and 0.5 indicating moderate or stressed vegetation, and values below 0.2 indicating sparse vegetation or bare soil. The processing pipeline, shown in Fig. 3, aggregates pixel-level NDVI into zonal averages per field sub-plot to reduce noise and support trend analysis over successive satellite passes.

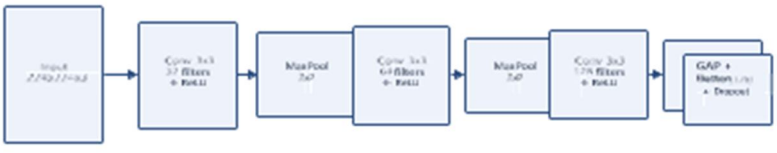
F. CNN-Based Crop Disease Detection

Disease detection is formulated as a multi-class image classification problem over $C = 6$ classes (five disease categories plus a healthy class). The network, illustrated in Fig. 4, consists of four convolutional blocks, each comprising a 3×3 convolution, batch normalization, ReLU activation, and 2×2 max-pooling, followed by global average pooling, a dense layer of 128 units with dropout ($p = 0.4$), and a final softmax layer.

The network is trained by minimizing the categorical crossentropy loss:

$$L_{CE} = -\sum_{i=1}^{N}\sum_{c=1}^{C} y_{ic} \log(\hat{y}_{ic}) \quad (3)$$

Figure 4. CNN Architecture for Crop Disease Classification



where N is the number of training samples, C is the number of classes, $y_{i,c}$ is the binary indicator (0 or 1) denoting whether class c is the correct label for sample i, and $\hat{y}_{i,c}$ is the predicted softmax probability for class c on sample i. An $L2$ weightdecay term is added to the objective to mitigate overfitting:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{CE} + \lambda \sum_{w} w^2 \quad (4)$$

with regularization coefficient λ set to 1×10^{-4} in the reported experiments.

G. Market Price Prediction

Price forecasting is treated as a univariate sequence-tosequence regression problem. Given a normalized historical price window $P_{t-w:t}$ of length w, a two-layer LSTM network predicts the price vector for the next k days, $\hat{P}_{t+1:t+k}$. The network is trained by minimizing the mean squared error:

$$\mathcal{L}_{MSE} = \frac{1}{k}\sum_{j=1}^{k}\left(P_{t+j} - \hat{P}_{t+j}\right)^2 \quad (5)$$

Prices are min-max normalized prior to training and de-normalized after inference to restore the original currency scale.

H. Recommendation Engine

The recommendation engine combines the three upstream outputs using a weighted priority scheme. Disease alerts with confidence above a threshold $\tau = 0.7$ are always surfaced with the highest priority, since delayed treatment carries the highest marginal cost. NDVI values below field-specific historical baselines trigger irrigation or nutrient advisories. Price forecasts are used to recommend a selling window only when no active high-confidence disease alert exists, since disease severity is treated as the dominant driver of the sell/treat decision. This priority logic is formalized in Algorithm 1.

I. Technology Stack and Algorithms Used

The overall technology stack combines React.js for the frontend, Node.js and Express.js for the backend API layer, PostgreSQL with the PostGIS extension for spatial data storage, TensorFlow and Keras for CNN and LSTM model development, OpenCV for image pre-processing, and the Google Earth Engine Python API for satellite data retrieval. The core algorithms used are a CNN for disease classification, an LSTM for price forecasting, and a deterministic priority-based fusion rule for recommendation generation, as detailed above.

Algorithm 1 Recommendation Generation

Require: NDVI series N, disease prediction (c,p) with class c and confidence p, price forecast $\hat{P}_{t+1:t+k}$
Ensure: Ranked recommendation list R
$R \leftarrow \emptyset$
if $p \geq \tau$ and $c \neq$ healthy then
$R \leftarrow R \cup \{\text{TreatmentAdvisory}(c,p)\}$
end if
$\bar{N} \leftarrow \text{mean}(N[\text{last 3 passes}])$
if $N < \bar{N}$ baseline $- \delta$ then
$R \leftarrow R \cup \{\text{IrrigationOrNutrientAdvisory}\}$
end if
if $p < \tau$ or $c =$ healthy then
$j* \leftarrow \text{argmax}_{j\in[1,k]} \hat{P}_{t+j}$
$R \leftarrow R \cup \{\text{SellWindowAdvisory}(j^*, \hat{P}_{t+j*})\}$
end if
return SortByPriority(R)

V. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

This section describes each functional module of the platform in detail.

A. User Module

The user module manages farmer registration, fieldboundary demarcation (drawn interactively on a map interface using the Leaflet.js library), authentication via JSON Web Tokens, and multilingual notification delivery. Each farmer profile stores associated field polygons, crop type, sowing date, and historical query logs.

B. Crop Monitoring Module

This module schedules and executes periodic Sentinel-retrieval for every registered field, invoking the Google Earth Engine API on a five-day cycle and storing computed zonal NDVI statistics in the spatial database for time-series visualization on the dashboard.

C. Disease Detection Module

The disease detection module exposes a REST endpoint that accepts a farmer-submitted image, performs OpenCVbased pre-processing (resizing to 224 × 224, normalization, background suppression), and invokes the trained CNN model to return a predicted class and confidence score, along with a stored record for longitudinal tracking of disease incidence per field.

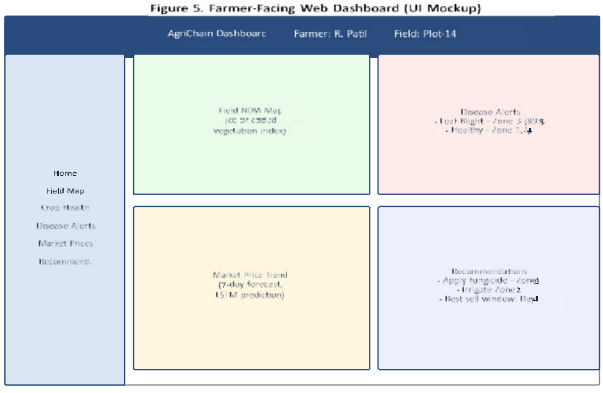
D. NDVI Analysis Module

Beyond raw index computation, this module maintains a rolling historical baseline per field and flags statistically significant deviations, enabling early stress detection before symptoms become visually apparent through the diseasedetection module.

E. Market Intelligence Module

This module maintains the price-history database per crop and mandi, retrains the LSTM forecasting model on a scheduled basis, and exposes forecast queries to the recommendation engine and dashboard.

Figure 5. Farmer-Facing Web Dashboard (UI Mockup)



F. Recommendation Engine

As described in Section IV-G, the recommendation engine consumes outputs from the preceding three modules and applies the priority-based fusion logic of Algorithm 1 to generate the final farmer-facing advisory list.

G. Database

The PostgreSQL/PostGIS database serves as the system of record for farmer profiles, field geometries, NDVI time series, disease detection logs, historical and forecasted prices, and generated recommendations, with spatial indexing used to accelerate field-boundary queries.

VI. IMPLEMENTATION

A. Frontend

The client application is implemented in React.js using functional components and hooks for state management. Field boundaries and

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NDVI overlays are rendered using Leaflet.js, while price trends and disease-incidence history are visualized using the Recharts library. The dashboard, shown conceptually in Fig. 5, presents a unified view combining the field map, active alerts, price trend, and ranked recommendations.

B. Backend

The backend is implemented using Node.js with the Express.js framework, exposing a RESTful API that mediates all communication between the frontend, the machine-learning inference services, and the database. Long-running tasks such as satellite tile retrieval and model retraining are executed as background jobs using a message-queue-based task scheduler to avoid blocking user-facing API requests.

C. Database

PostgreSQL with the PostGIS extension is used for all persistent storage. PostGIS provides native geometry types and spatial indexing (GiST) that substantially accelerate fieldboundary and zonal-statistics queries relative to a non-spatial relational schema.

TABLE II. DATASET DETAILS

Class	Train	Validation	Test
Healthy	3,400	425	425
Leaf Blight	2,850	356	356
Leaf Rust	2,640	330	330
Powdery Mildew	2,400	300	300
Bacterial Spot	2,200	275	275
Mosaic Virus	2,060	258	258
Total	15,550	1,944	1,944

D. Machine Learning

Model development uses TensorFlow with the Keras highlevel API for both the CNN disease classifier and the LSTM price-forecasting model. OpenCV is used for all image preprocessing, including resizing, normalization, and data augmentation (random rotation, horizontal flip, brightness jitter) applied during training to improve robustness to field-acquired image variability. Trained models are exported in TensorFlow SavedModel format and served through a lightweight Python inference microservice invoked by the Node.js backend.

E. Satellite Data

Sentinel-2 Level-2A imagery is accessed programmatically through the Google Earth Engine Python API. Field-polygon geometries stored in PostGIS are exported as GeoJSON and used to define the region of interest for each Earth Engine query, ensuring that only pixels within the registered field boundary contribute to zonal NDVI statistics.

F. Market Data APIs

Historical and near-real-time commodity price data is retrieved from publicly accessible agricultural market data portals through scheduled API polling, normalized into a common schema (crop, mandi, date, modal price), and stored for use by the Market Intelligence Module.

VII. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

A. Dataset

The disease-detection model was trained and evaluated on a combined dataset of 20,600 leaf images spanning six classes (five disease categories and one healthy class), drawn from PlantVillage [4] and a supplementary field-collected subset. Table II summarizes the dataset composition. The priceforecasting model was trained on 24 months of daily price records for three staple crops.

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B. Training Parameters

Table III lists the hyperparameters used for training the CNN disease classifier.

C. Evaluation Metrics

Model performance is evaluated using standard classification metrics. Accuracy is computed as

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN} \quad (6)$$

TABLE III. TRAINING PARAMETERS

Parameter	Value
Input image size	224×224×3
Batch size	32
Optimizer	Adam (β_1=0.9, β_2=0.999)
Initial learning rate	1×10^{-3}
LR schedule	Reduce on plateau (factor 0.5)
Epochs	60 (early stopping, patience 8)
Weight decay λ	1×10^{-4}
Dropout rate	0.4
Train/Val/Test split	80% / 10% / 10%

TABLE IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS (CNN DISEASE CLASSIFIER)

Class	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Healthy	0.97	0.98	0.975
Leaf Blight	0.94	0.92	0.930
Leaf Rust	0.93	0.95	0.940
Powdery Mildew	0.95	0.93	0.940
Bacterial Spot	0.92	0.91	0.915
Mosaic Virus	0.94	0.93	0.935
Weighted Avg.	0.946	0.946	0.946

TABLE V. CONFUSION MATRIX (TEST SET)

	H	LB	LR	PM	BS	MV
H	416	3	2	2	1	1
LB	5	328	9	6	5	3
LR	4	8	314	2	1	1
PM	3	6	3	279	5	4
BS	3	7	2	4	250	9
MV	2	4	1	3	8	240

Precision and Recall are computed per class as

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}, \text{ Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \quad (7)$$

and the F1-score, the harmonic mean of precision and recall, is computed as

D. Comparison with Existing Methods

Table VI compares the disease-classification accuracy of the proposed CNN against baseline architectures reported in related work, evaluated under comparable field-image test conditions.

The proposed lightweight CNN achieves marginally higher accuracy than the compared baselines while using substantially fewer parameters, which is particularly advantageous for deployment on resource-constrained backend infrastructure serving low-connectivity rural regions.

E. Software and Hardware Requirements

Table VII summarizes the software and hardware environment used for model training and system deployment.

$$F1 = 2 \cdot \frac{\text{Precision} \cdot \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}} \quad (8)$$

where *TP*, *TN*, *FP*, and *FN* denote true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives, respectively. For the price-forecasting model, performance is reported using Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE).

F. Results

Table IV reports the per-class precision, recall, and F1score achieved by the CNN disease classifier on the held-out test set. The overall test accuracy achieved was 94.6%.

The confusion matrix on the test set (1,944 images) is summarized in Table V, where rows denote true classes and columns denote predicted classes (abbreviated H: Healthy, LB: Leaf Blight, LR: Leaf Rust, PM: Powdery Mildew, BS: Bacterial Spot, MV: Mosaic Virus).

For the price-forecasting model, the seven-day-ahead MAPE averaged across the three evaluated crops was 6.8%, with per-crop values ranging from 5.4% to 8.1%, outperforming an ARIMA baseline evaluated on the same data, which achieved an average MAPE of 11.3%.

TABLE VI. PERFORMANCE COMPARISON WITH EXISTING METHODS

Method	Accuracy (%)	Params (M)
VGG16 [6]	91.2	138
ResNet-50 [6]	92.8	25.6
Vision Transformer [9]	93.9	86.0
Proposed CNN (AgriChain)	94.6	4.1

TABLE VII. SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

Component	Specification
Training GPU	NVIDIA T4, 16 GB VRAM
Training framework	TensorFlow 2.15, Keras
Backend runtime	Node.js 20 LTS, Express 4.x
Database	PostgreSQL 15 + PostGIS 3.4
Frontend	React.js 18
Satellite data source	Sentinel-2 L2A via Google Earth Engine
Deployment	Docker containers, cloud VM (4 vCPU, 8 GB)

VIII. DISCUSSION

A. Advantages

The unified design of AgriChain offers three principal advantages over the fragmented tools reviewed in Section II. First, by co-locating disease detection, crop-health monitoring, and price forecasting, the recommendation engine can arbitrate between competing courses of action (e.g., treat versus sell) that a farmer would otherwise have to reconcile manually. Second, reliance on freely available Sentinel-2 imagery keeps the marginal cost of continuous field monitoring near zero, which is important for smallholder affordability. Third, the lightweight CNN architecture (4.1M parameters) enables fast inference suitable for near-real-time use on modest server hardware without requiring specialized edge accelerators.

B. Limitations

The system's disease-detection accuracy, while competitive, remains sensitive to image quality; blurry or poorly lit farmer-submitted photographs can degrade prediction confidence. NDVI-based monitoring is inherently limited by satellite revisit frequency and cloud cover, which can delay detection of rapidly progressing stress events during monsoon periods. The market-forecasting module assumes a degree of price-series regularity that may not hold during extreme supply shocks or policy interventions, such as sudden export restrictions.

C. Scalability

The modular, service-oriented architecture allows individual components, satellite processing, CNN inference, and price forecasting, to be scaled independently based on demand. Because NDVI computation is performed server-side using Earth Engine's distributed infrastructure, the approach scales to a large number of registered fields without proportional increases in client-side computational burden.

D. Practical Deployment

Deployment in low-connectivity rural areas requires careful attention to bandwidth constraints; the current implementation mitigates this through image compression prior to upload and asynchronous notification delivery rather than requiring a persistent connection. Multilingual support and voice-based notification delivery are identified as important considerations for broader adoption among farmers with limited digital literacy.

IX. FUTURE SCOPE

Future extensions of this work include incorporating additional Sentinel-2 derived indices (e.g., the Normalized Difference Water Index) to improve irrigation-stress detection, extending the disease-detection module with object-detectionbased localization to identify affected regions within a leaf or field image, integrating weather-forecast data into the recommendation engine to anticipate disease risk proactively rather than reactively, and conducting a longitudinal field trial with a cohort of farmers to evaluate real-world adoption and yield impact. Federated learning approaches are also being considered to allow the CNN model to improve from farmersubmitted images without centrally aggregating raw photographic data, addressing privacy concerns associated with fieldlevel imagery.

X. CONCLUSION

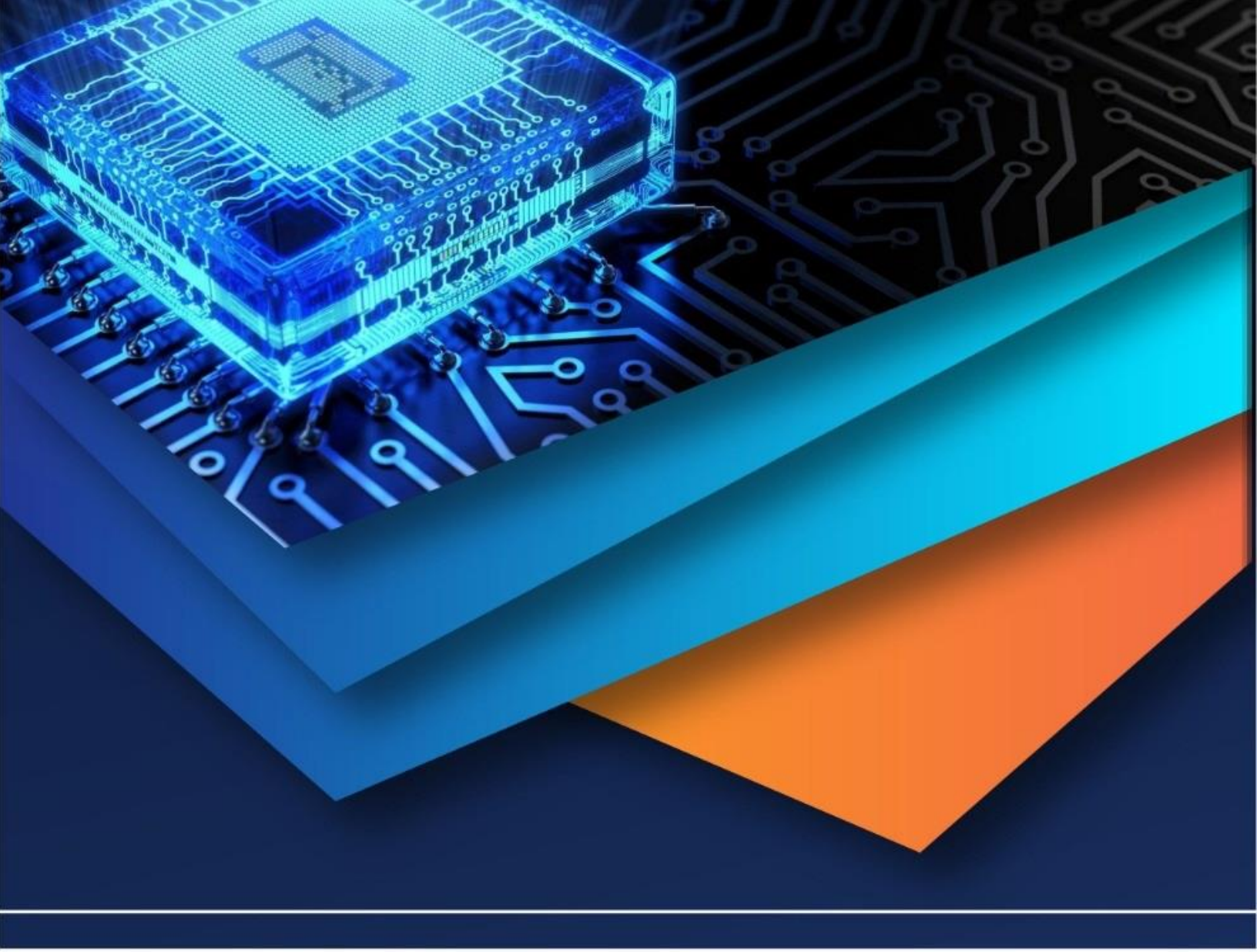
This paper presented AgriChain, a farmer-to-market intelligence platform that integrates Sentinel-2 satellite imagery, CNN-based crop disease detection, and LSTM-based market price forecasting within a unified recommendation framework. Experimental results demonstrate that the proposed lightweight CNN achieves 94.6% classification accuracy across six disease categories while using substantially fewer parameters than comparable baseline architectures, and that the LSTM-based price forecaster reduces mean absolute percentage error relative to a classical ARIMA baseline. By fusing agronomic and market signals into a single, prioritized set of recommendations, AgriChain addresses a gap identified consistently across the reviewed literature: the absence of platforms that jointly reason over crop health and market timing. The proposed system and its modular architecture provide a practical foundation for future field deployment and longitudinal evaluation with smallholder farming communities.

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