

# Weather-Climate Forecasting System for Early Warning in Crop Protection using Machine Learning and Reinforcement Learning

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**Abstract:** Predicting the weather and temperature is an important part of farming because it lets farmers know early on about problems that could hurt their crops. As temperature conditions become less predictable, it is important to have accurate forecast tools in place to protect crops in time. This article suggests a new way to build a Weather-Climate Forecasting System (WCFS) that uses both Machine Learning (ML) and Reinforcement Learning (RL) to make early warnings better for protecting crops. The machine makes use of ML models to expect important herbal factors like temperature, rainfall, and humidity which have a right away effect on crop boom. Those factors are based on beyond climate and weather facts. Including RL to the device makes it better at making decisions, so it is able to adapt faster to adjustments within the weather and better time crop protection measures. Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Random Forests are two guided getting to know algorithms which might be used in this gadget. They are taught on huge datasets that keep beyond temperature data and meals increase records. These models expect essential weather situations and viable excessive weather occasions, which we could farmers understand approximately them early. The RL component also focuses on making the quality use of sources for crop security sports through converting plans on the fly based totally on changing climate patterns and crop conditions. The machine's usefulness is examined through models and real-life case studies, showing that it could make crops extra resilient by way of letting human beings take control of troubles attributable to weather. By mixing ML and RL, the suggested WCFS improves agricultural decision-making, reducing food losses and encouraging growing methods that are good for the environment. Farmers are given fast, data-driven ideas by this combined method, which leads to higher farming output and food security in the long run.

**Keywords:** Weather-Climate Forecasting, Crop Protection, Machine Learning, Reinforcement Learning, Early Warning Systems

## I. Introduction

Changes in weather trends have a direct effect on food growth and output, making the agriculture sector very sensitive to these changes. Weather that you can't plan for, like high temperatures, droughts, storms, and bug outbreaks, can do a lot of damage to crops, lowering yields and costing money. Extreme weather events are likely to happen more often and with more force as climate change speeds up. This will make it harder for farmers to react and shield their vegetation. On account of this, making proper predicting systems for early warning and crop defence is now an essential way to make agriculture greater resilient and make certain there's enough meals for all people. Traditionally, clinical models and statistics from weather websites had been used by climate and weather predicting systems to wager what the quick-time period climate can be like. Even though these systems are useful, they frequently have troubles like now not being able to correctly predict what's going to occur in positive areas,

taking too long to react to sudden adjustments inside the climate, and having low spatial decision. Additionally, these vintage systems aren't in reality made to cope with the complicated factors of crop protection, which wishes actual-time records on such things as temperature, rainfall, humidity, soil wetness, and the degrees of growth of plants. New traits in device studying (ML) and Reinforcement getting to know (RL) show promise for making weather and weather predicting structures greater correct and beneficial [1]. ML structures can look through massive quantities of beyond weather and weather statistics to find trends and make extra accurate guesses about what will show up in the climate within the future. Huge statistics of past weather patterns, crop yields, and natural elements can be used to educate those algorithms. This permits them to expect key factors that have an effect on crop fitness, like modifications in temperature, styles of rainfall, and humidity stages.

Reinforcement studying, a form of gadget getting to know that focuses on making picks and finding the great solutions, could make the predicting system even better via letting it respond dynamically and adaptably to converting weather conditions. The device can study from its surroundings and make the fantastic selections primarily based on modern-day weather statistics and crop situations thanks to RL. In terms of defensive plants, which means RL algorithms can propose and trade aid allocation strategies, like watering, the use of insecticides, or rotating plants, based totally on what the climate is predicted to do and the way the plants are doing proper now [2]. Through constant getting to know from feedback, the gadget gets better at coping with dangers and reducing meals losses attributable to terrible weather. When ML and RL are blended in a climate-climate predicting device (WCFS), it has numerous blessings over different predicting models. First, ML models could make predictions extra correct by way of finding hidden developments in big datasets which can be hard for trendy methods to see. these models can use a whole lot of different sorts of records, like satellite images, weather station data, and tools for faraway sensing, to make estimates that are extra accurate and relevant to the vicinity [3]. ML algorithms can also keep updating their guesses based on new records. This lets the device adapt to changing weather conditions and ship out greater correct warnings. Figure 1 shows a device that can predict weather and temperature so that early warnings can be sent out.

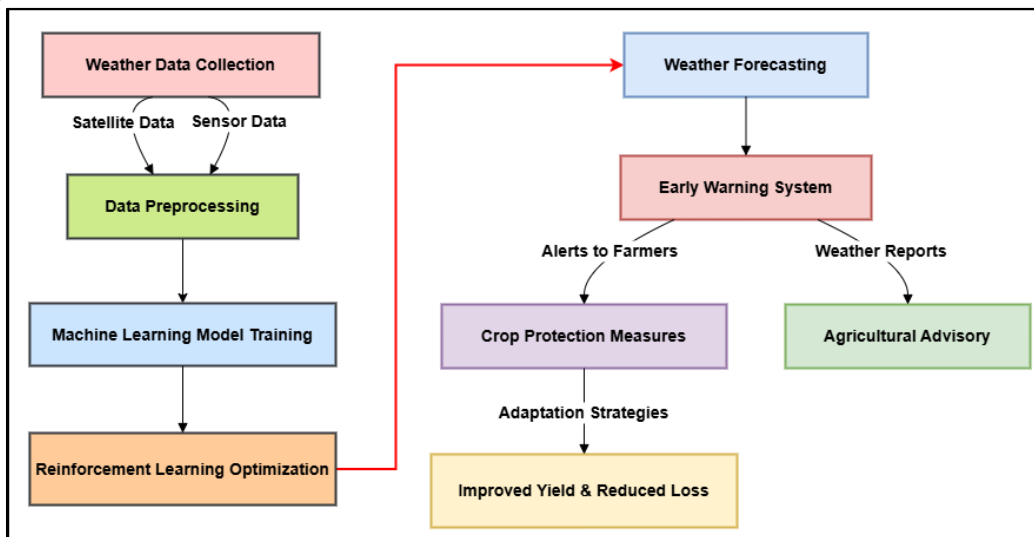


Figure 1: Weather-Climate Forecasting System for Early Warning

Additionally, RL makes it easier for the system to make decisions in real time that are best for each crop and farm. For instance, RL algorithms can find the best times to water crops, use pesticides, and gather them based on current field conditions and weather forecasts. This makes sure that farmers do the right thing at the right time. This dynamic decision-making process not only protects crops better, but it also helps farms use less water, chemicals, and other resources, which supports farming that is good for the environment.

## **II. Background Work**

### **A. Overview of existing weather-climate forecasting models**

Over the past few many years, weather and weather predicting models have modified plenty, making it feasible to predict conditions inside the environment on each a neighbourhood and a world stage. Numerical weather prediction (NWP) strategies, which use complex math equations to describe how the surroundings work, are what maximum traditional weather forecasting models are based on. To make predictions, these models use quite a few one-of-a-kind varieties of statistics, like satellite photographs, readings from floor stations, and measurements of the surroundings. NWP models are very correct at making brief-time period predictions (up to forty eight to seventy two hours), but they get much less correct as the predicting time gets longer, mainly for localised climate traits. One large trouble with these models is that they use exceptional types of information sources that are not constantly accurate, which can cause estimates to be off. Models like widespread circulation models (GCMs) are used to expect the weather over longer periods of time [4].

### **B. Machine learning applications in agricultural forecasting**

Machine learning (ML) has grown to be a strong thanks to make farming predicting systems greater correct and useful. ML systems can examine from information, find styles, and make predictions besides being explicitly programmed. That is unique from traditional models, which frequently use mathematical methods which have already been set up. Machine learning models are getting used an increasing number of in agriculture to predict climate traits, meals yields, and feasible dangers from pests and illnesses [5]. A variety of beyond records, like data of weather, rainfall, soil wetness, and crop yields, is used to train these models. This permits them to make more correct guesses for sure locations and forms of crops. Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Random Forests are 2 examples of guided learning algorithms which have been used efficaciously to guess crop yields based totally on climate trends, soil conditions, and other external factors. ML is used to do more than just expect crop yields. It also tracks and predicts climate occasions like droughts, storms, and big adjustments in temperature that might hurt crop health. Deep studying and neural networks are 2 techniques that could describe the complex links between exclusive outside factors. This makes forecasts extra correct for unique regions. Faraway sensing information, like satellite TV for pc images, is regularly used in these models to provide real-time statistics approximately the fitness of vegetation, the quantity of water within the soil, and the climate [6].

### **C. Role of reinforcement learning in prediction and decision-making**

Reinforcement getting to know (RL) is an extra superior type of machine getting to know that focuses on using comments from the sector to make decisions and enhance moves. RL structures learn by using attractive with their surroundings, getting input, and converting their approaches to maximise long-term advantages. This is exclusive from supervised getting to know, in which models are taught on labelled data. On account of this, RL works great in

settings which can be usually converting, like farming, where options need to be made fast and based totally on new information. For climate and temperature predictions and crop defence, RL can be very helpful in making the satisfactory use of natural factors and assisting farmers make better choices [7]. One of the fine things approximately RL is that it can change what it does primarily based on expected weather traits and crop situations. as an instance, an RL application may want to parent out the nice time to water crops primarily based on how lots rain is predicted, converting the quantity of water used to keep the flowers moist while minimising waste. In the same way, RL can help people get the most out of pesticides and fertilisers by telling them exactly when and how much to use based on weather forecasts and crop growth stages. RL can also be used to handle the risks that come with major weather events like storms or droughts. Because the RL system is always learning from its surroundings, it can suggest preventative steps to reduce the risk of field damage, such as changing growing times, crop types, or resource allocation [8].

Table 1: Summary of Literature Review

Aspect	Key Findings	Limitations	Impact
Weather Prediction using ML	Accurate short-term weather forecasts improve crop management. ML models predict temperature and rainfall effectively.	Limited by low spatial resolution in regional forecasting.	Improved crop yield prediction through better weather forecasting.
Machine Learning for Yield Prediction	ML models such as Random Forests accurately predict crop yields based on weather data and soil conditions.	Requires large datasets and can overfit if not properly tuned.	Optimized crop yield predictions, aiding farmers in planning harvest schedules.
Integration of Satellite Data and ML [9]	Remote sensing combined with ML improves crop health monitoring. Vegetation indices offer early detection of stress.	Data processing can be computationally intensive.	Provides real-time crop monitoring and early intervention recommendations.
RL in Irrigation Management	RL algorithms effectively optimize irrigation schedules based on weather predictions, reducing water waste.	Requires significant computational resources for real-time adjustments.	Better water management and reduced resource waste in agriculture.
ML for Pest Detection	ML models can predict pest outbreaks based on weather patterns and crop data.	Model accuracy is highly dependent on the quality of data.	Early detection of pests, reducing the need for pesticide use and improving crop health.
Hybrid ML-RL for Crop Protection [10]	Hybrid models combine supervised and RL techniques for better predictions and dynamic decision-making.	Complex implementation and longer training times.	Enhanced adaptive decision-making for real-time crop protection.
Weather-Climate Models for Drought	Forecasting droughts with ML models enables proactive water usage	Models may struggle with rare or extreme weather events.	Mitigated drought impact through better water management strategies.

Prediction	strategies.		
Climate Change Impact on Crops	ML models predict long-term crop performance under climate change scenarios.	Long-term projections can be uncertain and influenced by unforeseen variables.	Informed decision-making for long-term crop planning under changing climates.
RL for Crop Disease Prevention	RL helps farmers optimize pesticide application schedules, minimizing overuse and maximizing effectiveness.	Requires constant real-time data updates for accuracy.	Reduced chemical use, promoting sustainable farming practices.
AI-Based Crop Protection System [11]	ML and RL integration improves crop protection by dynamically adjusting resource allocation based on weather forecasts and crop conditions.	Limited scalability for larger farms or regions without proper infrastructure.	Increased crop resilience and minimized losses from adverse weather.

### III. Methods

#### A. Overview of machine learning techniques employed

##### 1. Supervised learning models

Inside the climate-climate predicting machine, supervised learning models are used plenty to bet weather situations and crop effects. Labelled datasets are used to train algorithms in supervised learning. Those datasets pair entries records with output labels that describe such things as food increase or weather. Support Vector Machines (SVM), Random Forests, and Gradient Boosting Machines are a number of the algorithms that the machine uses to wager what will manifest with such things as temperature changes, rainfall, and humidity, all of that have an instantaneous effect on the health of crops. Those models learn the way climate records impacts crop growth, and via searching at beyond records, they are able to wager what weather will take place in the future [14]. By making very accurate predictions about destiny weather conditions, these guided models assist farmers make smart preferences about the way to defend their vegetation, water them, and dispose of pests. Figure 2 shows a precise of the device mastering methods that have been used within the take a look act's technique.

- Step 1. Model Representation:

$$\hat{y} = f(\mathbf{x}; \theta)$$

where  $\hat{y}$  is the predicted output,  $\mathbf{x}$  is the input feature vector, and  $\theta$  represents the parameters (weights) of the model.

- Step 2. Loss Function (Objective Function):

$$L(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i, \hat{y}_i)$$

where  $L(\theta)$  is the loss function,  $(y_i, \hat{y}_i)$  is the loss for each instance,  $y_i$  is the true value, and  $N$  is the number of training examples.

- Step 3. Gradient Descent Update:

$$\theta \leftarrow \theta - \eta \nabla_{\theta} L(\theta)$$

where  $\eta$  is the learning rate, and  $\nabla_{\theta} L(\theta)$  is the gradient of the loss function with respect to the model parameters.

- Step 4. Final Prediction:

$$\hat{y} = f(\mathbf{x}; \hat{\theta})$$

where  $\hat{\theta}$  represents the optimized model parameters after training.

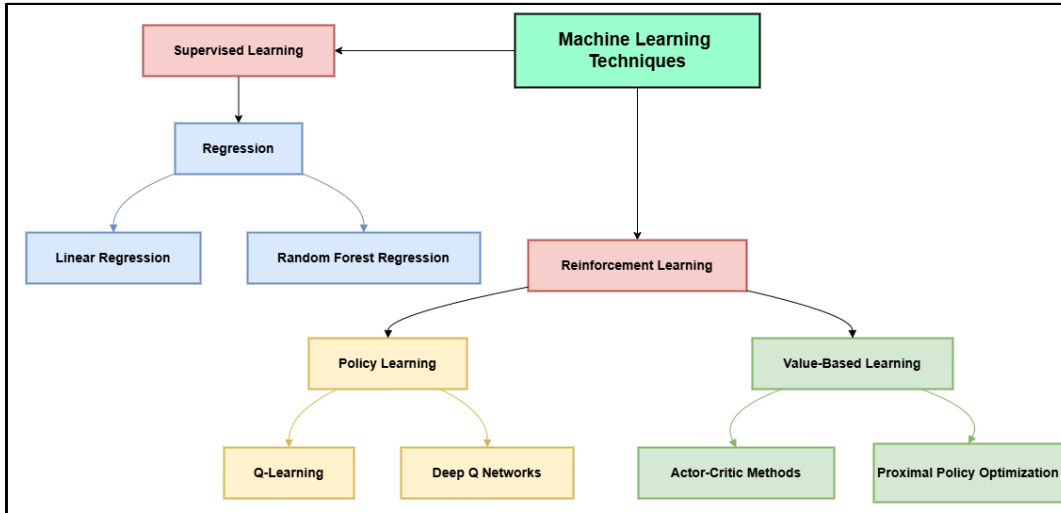


Figure 2: Illustrating the Overview of Machine Learning Techniques Employed

## 2. Unsupervised learning models

Unsupervised learning models are used to locate trends and structures in statistics that may not be apparent at first glance. These models use unlabelled data, like climate and meals facts, to locate groups or bands which can assist us recognize bigger trends within the farming and climate structures. The use of clustering techniques, along with ok-capacity or hierarchical clustering, to institution weather situations or tendencies in crop performance can assist find things that occur again and again once more, like severe weather occasions or adjustments in crop increase that take place with the seasons. With those insights, the system can discover unusual climate traits that might hurt vegetation [15]. Unsupervised gaining knowledge of also can help locate anomalies, like adjustments from normal weather or increase developments that could imply troubles like droughts, computer virus attacks, or crop sicknesses are about to happen.

## 3. Hybrid models

Hybrid models take the satisfactory parts of each managed and unsupervised studying to make predictions which might be more dependable and accurate. it's far higher to make predictions when these models use information from many assets, like climate, land, and food statistics. for example, a combined version may want to use an unsupervised clustering approach to find abnormal weather patterns after which a supervised getting to know version to wager how those styles will affect crop yields. When it comes to farming forecasts, where many variables and changing weather factors need to be thinking about on the identical time, hybrid models are very helpful [16]. Hybrid models use both managed and untrained techniques to give greater complete information and make predictions which can be greater correct for protective vegetation and dealing with assets.

## **B. Reinforcement gaining knowledge of for choice-making in early warning structures**

Reinforcement mastering (RL) is a key a part of making the nice choices for protecting vegetation in a converting international. In supervised gaining knowledge of, the model learns from records that have already been labelled. In RL, alternatively, the intention is to find the quality moves by attempting them out and seeing what works nice through the years. As a part of a gadget that predicts the weather and temperature, RL algorithms can exchange how they make selections primarily based on how the vegetation are doing and how the weather is converting. RL can be used to locate the fantastic instances to water plants, use insecticides, and gather them based totally on what the climate will do and the way wholesome the crops are. The system constantly interacts with the environment (weather information, crop country, etc.) to make higher selections that reduce meals loses, store assets, and improve general yield.

## **C. Integration of device learning and reinforcement learning inside the forecasting machine**

Putting machine learning (ML) and reinforcement gaining knowledge of (RL) collectively in the weather-weather forecasting device makes it a robust tool for planning, controlling, and dealing with problems in agriculture. ML techniques correctly predict climate events and crop conditions, and RL strategies use those estimates to make the satisfactory selections and use sources in actual time. While those technology are used together, the gadget can't solely are expecting climate and weather conditions, however it could also trade redress on the fly to make vegetation greater resilient and decrease dangers. Inside the blended system, ML models first wager the important climate elements that have an effect on meals health, including temperature, rainfall, humidity, and so forth. The RL model then gets those predictions and uses them to make the first-class choices feasible. For instance, if the ML predicts a dry time, the RL device would possibly tell you to alternate the quantity of water you operate for watering.

## **IV. System Design and Implementation**

### **A. Architecture of the proposed forecasting system**

The suggested weather-climate forecasting system is built to use a lot of different data sources, machine learning (ML) models, and reinforcement learning (RL) algorithms to make accurate, real-time weather forecasts and help people make the best choices about how to protect crops. The system is made up of different layers, and each one handles a different part of handling data and making decisions. At the first level, data is collected through a number of different sources, such as weather stations, remote sensing data (from satellites or drones), and earth monitors. Figure 3 illustrates the architecture of the proposed forecasting system for accurate predictions.

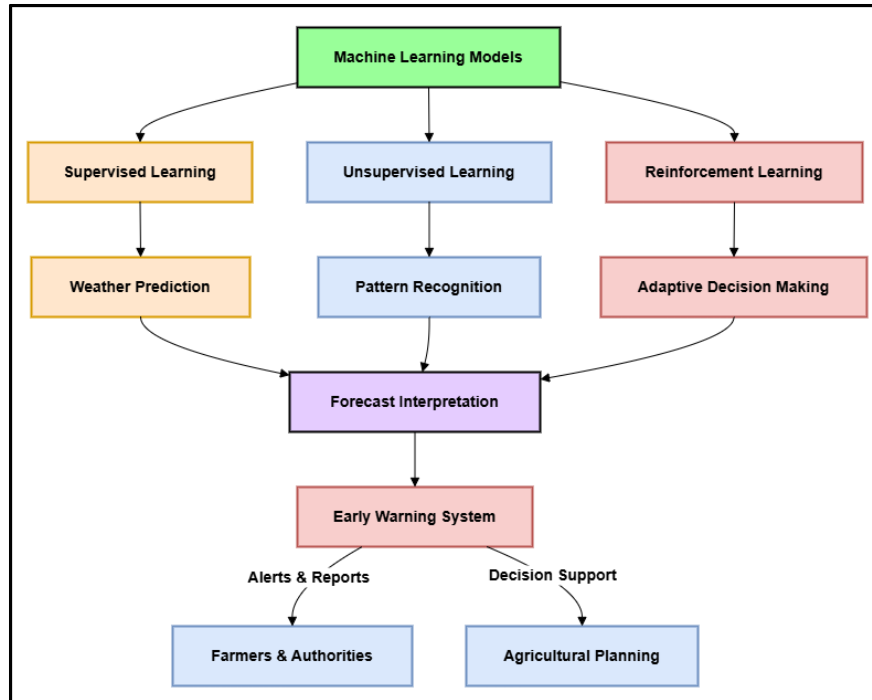


Figure 3: Illustrating the Architecture of the Proposed Forecasting System

After that, this information is sent to a central data warehouse, where it is saved and organised so that it can be used in other processes. The next step is data pre-processing, which cleans and normalises the raw data to get rid of errors and make sure everything is the same. This step is very important to make sure that the machine learning models get good inputs, because estimates that are based on noise or missing data can be wrong.

## V. Future Directions

### A. Integration of real-time data from IoT-based weather stations for enhanced accuracy

The addition of real-time facts from internet of factors (IoT)-based totally climate stations is a huge threat to make weather and weather predictions systems more accurate and reliable. While located in farming areas, IoT gadgets give constant, localised climate facts like temperature, humidity, rainfall, wind velocity, and soil wetness. These video display units can work on their own and ship actual-time data that can be without delay placed into the forecasts system. This makes estimates more special and correct. This is especially helpful in locations where there aren't many well-known climate websites or where getting to records are difficult. By using these real-time facts, the predicting gadget can make very correct guesses about the climate in specific areas, which is very essential for shielding plants.

### B. Incorporating additional variables such as soil health and pest data for more comprehensive models

For a more whole and dependable weather and climate predicting device, it's critical to encompass extra elements like data on pests and the fitness of the land. Situations inside the weather, like temperature and rainfall, are very important for predicting crop fitness and boom. But, the quality of the soil and the number of pests that attack vegetation are also very essential. Metrics for soil fitness, which include pH stages, nutrient content material, organic remember, and moisture retention, are essential for crop growth, nutrient uptake, and general output. Including those soil health factors to predicting models might help us recognize how the

environment affects crops on a deeper level, which could result in extra correct predictions of food yield and boom tiers. Also, information about pests is fundamental for making proactive plans to protect vegetation.

## **VI. Conclusion**

Using both Machine Learning (ML) and Reinforcement Learning (RL) together in a weather and climate tracking system is a strong way to protect crops by giving early warnings and helping people make better decisions. The system can correctly predict important weather events like changes in temperature, rainfall patterns, and humidity levels that have a direct effect on crop health by using past weather data, remote sensing, and real-time environmental inputs. Machine learning methods, like supervised and unsupervised learning, are used to make accurate weather predictions and find outliers that could mean there are risks, like pest outbreaks or extreme weather. These predictions give farmers the information they need to make smart choices, which lowers food losses and raises total output. By letting the system make decisions on its own, reinforcement learning makes it better. RL algorithms are always learning from input, which helps them come up with the best ways to protect crops and use resources as the weather and crops change. In this way, the system can suggest changes to farmers' watering, pesticide use, and reaping plans in real time, so they can protect their crops right away. By adapting quickly to changing conditions, RL makes sure that the system gets better over time, giving farmers more and more accurate and customised advice. When you put ML and RL together, you get a complete, data-driven system that not only makes weather predictions more accurate but also makes better use of farming resources. This combination makes sure that farmers have practical, usable information that helps them deal with the problems that climate change and unpredictable weather trends bring.

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