

IBM Watson Decision Platform for Agriculture

Using A.I. to Aid in Decision Making from Farm to Fork

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Why IBM?

Market-leading AI, Predictive Analytics, IoT and Cloud capabilities

By combining talent and technology, people are changing their businesses – and the world.

Technology has to be more than smart. Technologies like **AI, cloud, blockchain and the Internet of Things (IoT)** will change the world. But only if they can be effectively trained, trusted and applied.

Together with our clients, IBM is putting smart to work.

Vast IBM Research IP

At IBM Research, we invent things that matter to the world. Today, we are pioneering the most promising and disruptive technologies that will transform industries and society, including the future of **AI, blockchain and quantum computing**. We are driven to discover.

With more than 3,000 researchers in 12 labs located across six continents, IBM Research is one of the world's largest and most influential corporate research labs.

Unique breadth of data

Our Ag and Weather **Data APIs**, provide agribusiness with access to a variety of weather data feeds that inject a wealth of weather-based insights on a field-by-field or zone-by-zone basis.

Growers and their advisors can take advantage of these packages quickly and easily, accessing the weather data APIs via the cloud.

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Combined with **Watson artificial intelligence (AI)** and **advanced analytics**.

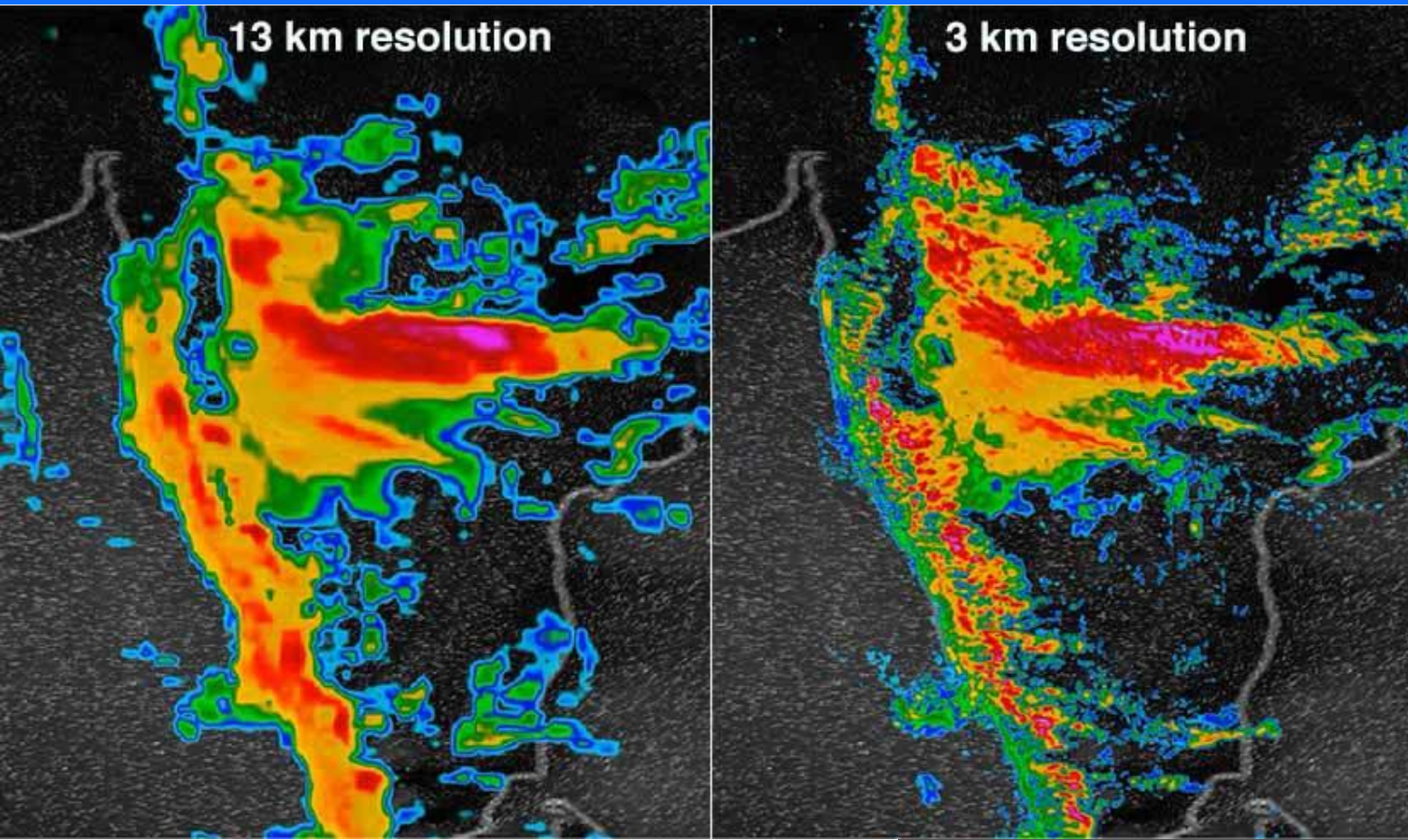
Where IBM is using Artificial Intelligence & Advanced Analytics for Ag Decision Support



Weather:	IBM GRAF Weather Model Seasonal Probabilistic Alerts
Remote Imagery:	Crop Stress
Soil:	Soil Temp/ Moisture Soil Tests Auto Field Boundaries
Pest and Disease:	Risk and Identification
Risk Management:	Crop Type Identification
Farm Operations:	Operations Dashboard
Geospatial Analytics:	Geo-spatial Analytics

IBM GRAF Next Generation Weather Model

Model for Prediction Across Scales (MPAS)



Driven by IoT data including:

- 20M barometric pressure sensors
- Temperature and wind data from commercial aircraft, radars, satellites, and ground observations

Powered by:

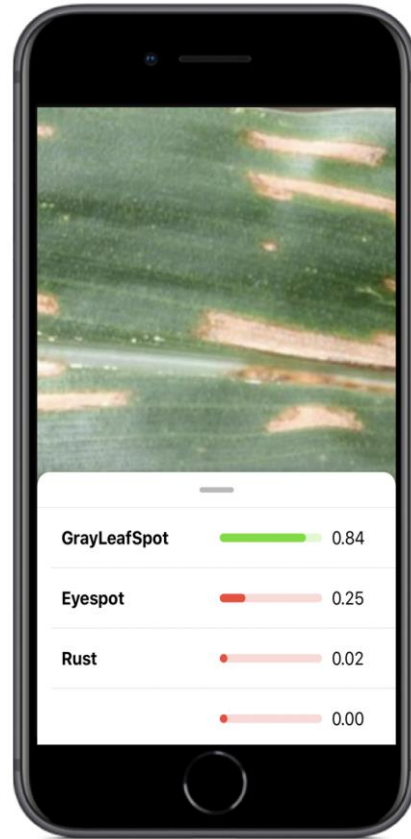
- Purpose-built IBM super computers utilizing parallel processing

Resulting in:

- 3X-5X resolution and frequency improvement in global forecasting
- Ability to resolve individual thunderstorms



Watson identified pests based on drone imagery



Watson smart phone app identifies crop disease

IBM applies market-leading Watson, AI and analytics

Crop Protection

- Crop stress
- Pest / disease likelihood
- Watson Visual Recognition of pest & disease

Planting & Fertilization

- Seeding recommendations
- N, K, P, Lime recommendations

Potato: Yield, Pest & Disease

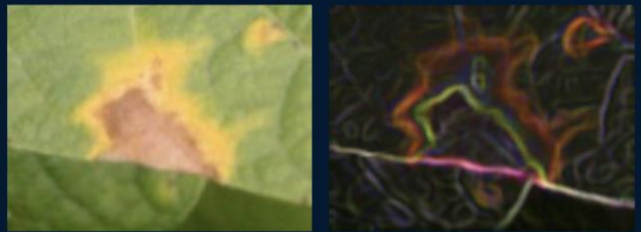
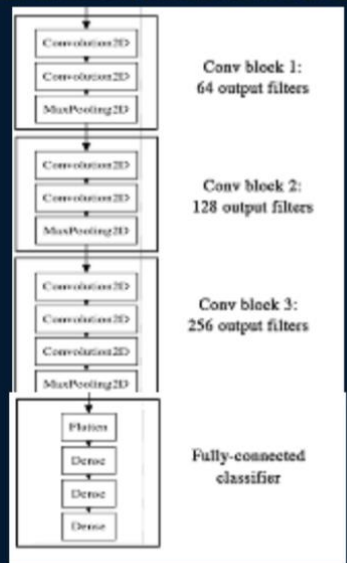
In addition to in-season Potato Yield Forecast, we have experience with Early & Late Potato Blight Disease and with Whitefly Pest.



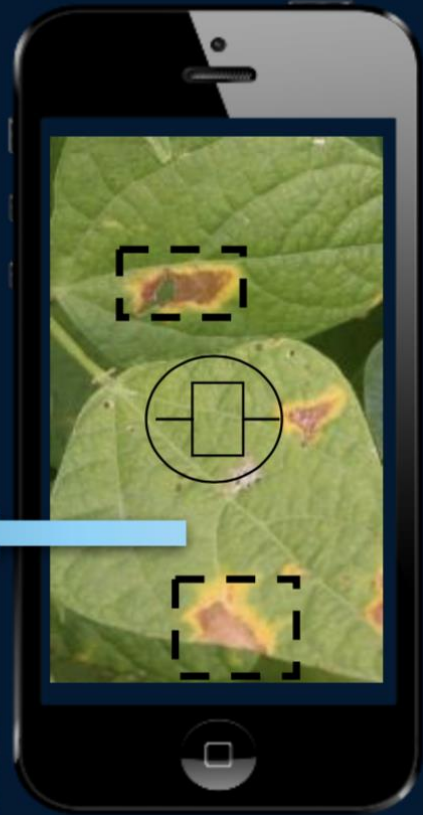
Plant Village dataset:

Label	#of samples
Healthy:	152
Late blight:	1000
Early blight:	3167

Randomly split into equal parts
Train and Test (90+% accuracy)



“possible blight symptoms”
Alert
Deep Image Learning



Counters: Fruit and Tree Counting

Cognitive machine vision techniques can process raw drone imagery. The species, estimated inventory (count), crop health and estimated yield can be determined.

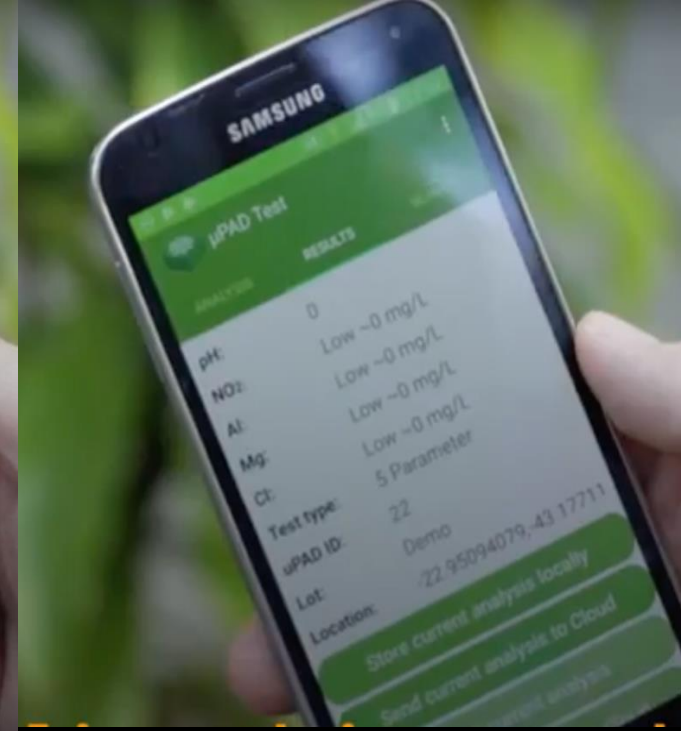
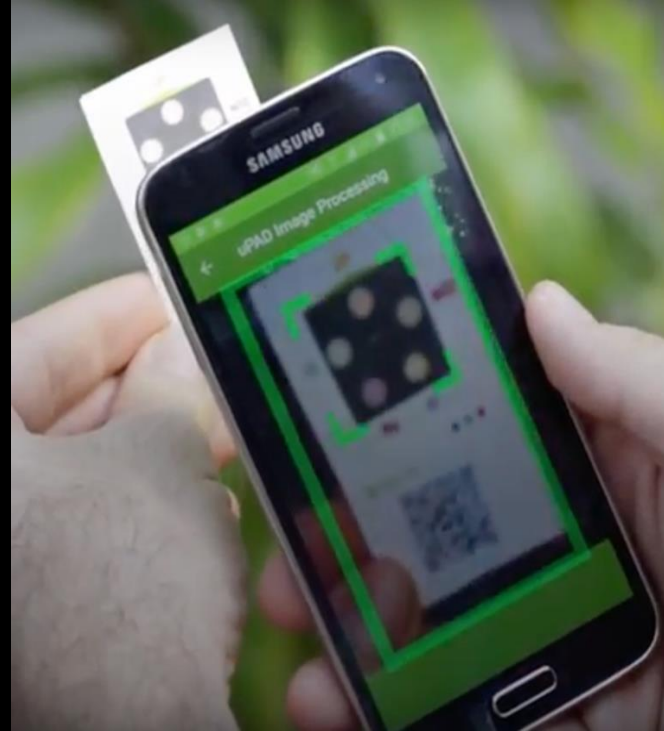
These models and experiences could potentially be leveraged with respect to potato tube counts and pre-season yield estimates.



Soil Management

Soil Management is critical to crop yield and quality. Yet traditional methods are complex and time consuming.

AgroPad is AI-powered technology to help farmers check soil and water health.



NDVI
Crop
Health



Soil
Moisture &
Temperature
@ 5 depths



Operations Dashboard – actionable insights that influence crop decisions



Soil moisture and temperature for irrigation and soil-based nutrients



Crop stress to identify geolocations requiring scouting



Weather alerts and forecast for spraying and harvest

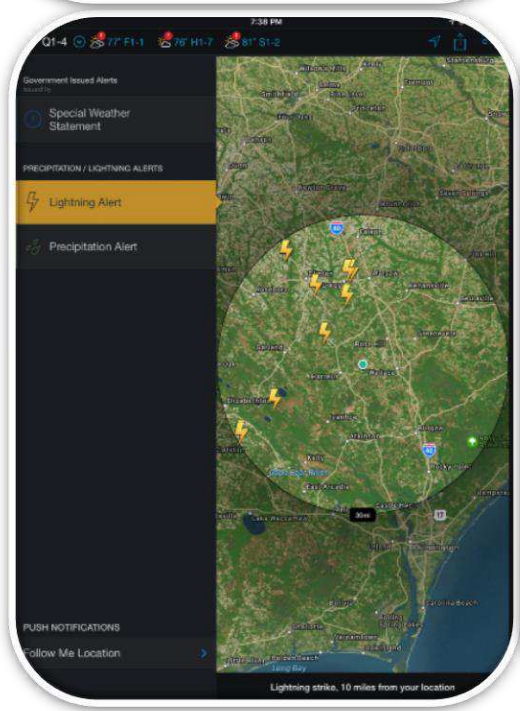


Pest & disease for eradication plan

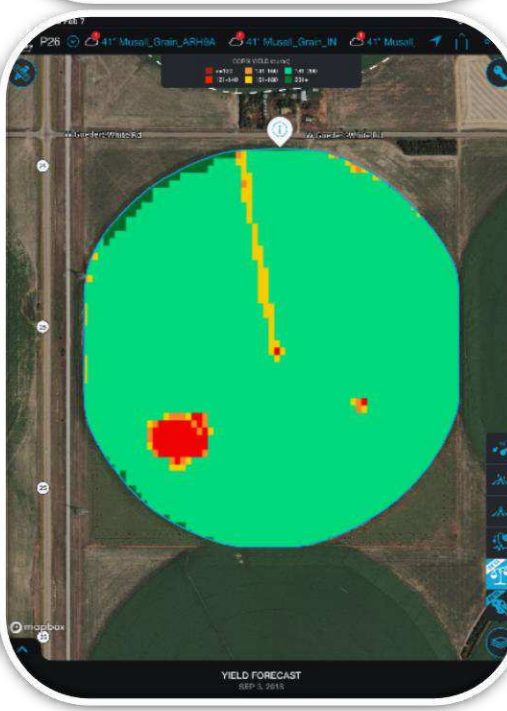


Yield projection for trading timing

Precision
0.5km
Weather
+ Alerts



Yield
Forecast



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