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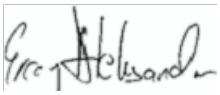
APPROVED BY 

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ABSTRACT
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Agricultural technology (Agri-Tech) is poised to revolutionize the agricultural landscape of India's rural hill regions, where traditional farming practices are predominantly prevalent. This thesis explores the multifaceted opportunities and challenges that emerge from integrating Agri-Tech into the supply chains in these areas, aiming to provide a comprehensive understanding of its potential impact on local agriculture and economic development. The study begins by contextualizing the unique environmental, economic, and social dynamics of rural hill areas in India, which are characterized by rugged terrains, limited accessibility, and a lack of infrastructural development. These factors traditionally hinder agricultural productivity and market access, presenting a compelling case for the adoption of technology-driven solutions. Opportunities for Agri-Tech in these regions are vast and varied. One of the significant opportunities identified is the application of precision agriculture technologies, which can lead to optimized input usage such as water, fertilizers, and pesticides, thus enhancing crop yields and sustainability. Moreover, the adoption of digital platforms can play a pivotal role in overcoming information asymmetries by providing farmers with real-time data on weather, soil health, and market prices. Another critical opportunity lies in the use of blockchain and IoT-based technologies to improve supply chain transparency and traceability, reducing losses and ensuring fair compensation to farmers.

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1.1 Introduction

Rural hill areas offer businesses in the agri-tech supply chain with a number of opportunities as well as issues that are specific to India's various topography. India is home to a lot of different terrain, thus this is a problem that is unique to the nation. These sites are defined by the picturesque landscapes they are located in and, in many instances, the difficulty with which they may be accessible. It is possible to find communities in these areas that depend largely on agriculture as their primary means of livelihood. There is a chance that the introduction of technology into the agricultural supply chain in these areas may result in a sea change in farming practises, a rise in productivity, and an overall enhancement of the standard of living experienced by the people who live there. The rural hill areas of India are like alluring pockets of natural beauty and cultural heritage, and they may be found nestled away within the vast expanse that is India. These regions are located in the mountains. Agricultural practises that have been handed down through the years in these locations, which are defined by their rocky topography and calm views, have prospered here. These areas may be identified by their lack of flat land and their abundance of rocky terrain. Businesses that are part of the agritech supply chain have the ability to plant the seeds of change in these areas because they provide an appealing canvas on which innovation may be fused with tradition. These places provide a fascinating canvas on which history and innovation may be artfully combined, which is especially relevant given the unrelenting march of technological advancement. In front of our own eyes, a picture of the evolution of agriculture is being created as a tapestry of opportunities and challenges is being unfurled against the stunning backdrop of hills and valleys. This landscape is really amazing. This picture seamlessly combines memories from the past with hopes for the foreseeable future. In these remote locations, where the earth and the sky meet, the storey of how agricultural products find their way from the field to the table takes on a

personality of its own. In this region, getting anywhere requires weaving your way through crowded paths, and the rhythm of everyday life shifts in step with the changing of the seasons. However, the allure of agri-tech lies in the alluring promise it makes, a promise of maximum yields, more autonomy for farmers, and environmentally responsible practises.

1.2 Research Problem

Poor infrastructure and connectivity plague highland areas. Restricted road networks and transportation facilities may affect agricultural commodity movement; this may be investigated and solved with modern supply chain technologies. Hilly locations cultivate many crops, and production varies seasonally. Agri-tech solutions should be investigated to increase supply chain efficiency year-round and make handling a range of crops simpler. Understanding the problems rural hill farmers face entering new markets is vital. Studying market access bottlenecks may help build agri-tech solutions. Hilly areas are vulnerable to weather and climate threats. Studying how agri-tech might help farmers prepare for landslides and harsh weather is crucial. Examine what motivates hill farmers to use agri-tech solutions. Research may examine socio-economic and cultural factors affecting technology adoption. Agriculture increasingly needs sustainability. Studies may reveal how agri-tech supply networks might promote organic and agroforestry in hilly places. Agri-tech solutions may need training for farmers. Researchers study how training programs affect technology uptake. Studying government policy and finance for mountainous agri-tech supply chain firms is intriguing. In this framework, subsidies, incentives, and regulations must be assessed.Agritech enterprises need data collection and analysis. In hill agriculture, data management and analytics may be examined for potential and dangers. Scaling agri-tech startups need accessible funding. Mountainous entrepreneurs and farmers may benefit from research on loan and grant options.

1.3 Purpose of Research

In order to fully evaluate the potential for harnessing technology-driven solutions to improve agriculture in these difficult terrains, researchers in India's rural hill districts are studying the agri-tech supply chain's prospects and difficulties. Examining the potential of agri-tech to enhance crop management, market access, and sustainability in hill farming is the focus of this study. At the same time, it aims to examine the constraints on infrastructure, the hazards posed by climate change, and the cultural issues that impede the widespread acceptance and use of such technology. The study's ultimate goal is to provide policymakers, entrepreneurs, and other stakeholders with information that will help them improve the agri-tech ecosystem in rural hill regions, which would in turn increase food security, income, and the general prosperity of hill farming communities

1.4 Significance of the Study

This research on the possibilities and threats facing the agri-tech supply chain in India's rural hill regions is important because of the positive impact it may have on agriculture in the face of formidable obstacles. This work has the potential to improve food security, agricultural output, and revenue for hill farmers by illuminating novel approaches to these problems. In addition, it may provide light on how politicians and business owners might better tackle issues of infrastructure, market access, and the environment. The importance of this study rests in its potential to promote long-term agricultural progress, economic expansion, and the general prosperity of India's rural hill villages.

1.5 Research Purpose and Questions

The goal of this study is to take a systemic look at the agri-tech supply chain from a commercial perspective in India's rural hill districts. This research will hopefully provide light on the advantages and disadvantages of implementing agricultural solutions driven by technology in such varied landscapes. By doing so, it intends to enlighten stakeholders, including policymakers, entrepreneurs, and farmers, on the potential advantages and challenges of agri-tech adoption, eventually contributing to the sustainable growth of hill agriculture in India.

Research Questions:

1. What are the key opportunities for agri-tech supply chain businesses in rural hill areas of India?
2. What challenges and obstacles hinder the successful implementation of agri-tech solutions in these hill regions?
3. How can agri-tech solutions be tailored to address the unique needs and conditions of rural hill areas?
4. What role can government policies and support mechanisms play in fostering the growth of agri-tech supply chain businesses in hill regions?
5. What are the potential socio-economic and environmental impacts of agri-tech adoption in hill agriculture?

Agri-Tech Opportunities in Rural Hill Areas of India

A tapestry that is stitched with the threads of history, resiliency, and agricultural legacy may be found nestled inside the embrace of India's rural hill districts. A new chapter is beginning, one that is being written with the brushstrokes of technology and invention, and it is taking place among the undulating landscapes and terraced fields. In these peaceful hillscapes, the intersection of agriculture and technology creates a canvas filled with

prospects, where agri-tech solutions may give fresh life to age-old methods. There is a discernible opportunity for expansion, which presents a window of opportunity to enhance agricultural practises, fortify supply lines, and improve the standard of living of people with strong links to the land. These mountainous areas are poised to become both benefactors and leaders of the agri-tech revolution as the digital age continues to expand its sphere of influence. However, along with the promise that these opportunities hold, they also bring with them a variety of difficulties that are inherent to the terrains in question. These difficulties reflect the requirement for sustainable adaptation, equitable access, and the preservation of the one-of-a-kind ecosystems that have shaped these rural terrains over the course of many centuries. As the sun rises and sets over these hills, the interplay of promise and perseverance sets the stage for a transformative journey in agri-tech, where innovation is met with the rhythm of tradition, and progress is intertwined with the very heartbeat of rural hill India. As the sun rises and sets over these hills, the interplay of promise and perseverance sets the stage for a transformative journey in agri-tech. The hill regions of India are home to a rich tapestry of time-honored agricultural methods that are carried out against the alluring background of the country's natural scenery. The winds of change carry the hushed promise of possibility to this location, where previous generations have struggled hard to wring food from the ground. A fascinating offer is presented by the integration of agri-tech with these traditional landscapes. This proposition is the opportunity to modernise while still honouring history, and to maximise while yet conserving the natural balance. Opportunities in the field of agritechnology may be found in rural hill regions of India, and they are painted with shades of development, empowerment, and efficiency. Farmers now have the ability to define a route toward precise farming, secure market access, and increased output thanks to technological advancements. The rolling landscape of difficulties lurks just below the surface of the opportunities that are available. The path to complete integration of agri-tech in these far-flung locations is paved with the obstacles of restricted connection; here is where the digital promise meets the restrictions of the actual world. The establishment of infrastructure that can link these hills to bigger supply chains in a seamless manner offers a technological as

well as a logistical issue. It takes a strategy that is courteous and empathic in order to win over groups who are firmly ingrained in their traditions and ways of doing things. When engaging in a delicate dance with environment, it is of the utmost importance to ensure that the development of technology is in harmony with ecological sensitivity.

The narrative of agri-tech in rural India's hill regions emerges as a tale of contrasts as morning comes over these peaceful hills and dusk settles over the lowlands. It is a tale of old knowledge mixed with future vision, of chances awaiting daring people prepared to explore new roads. In the middle of the ups and downs of hopes and challenges, the storey of the possibilities offered by agri-tech resounds as an ode to evolution and a tribute to the tenacity of people who tend the land. A captivating storey of change is being told in the heart of India's rural hill regions, where the traditions of the past collide with the hopes and dreams of the future. These hills, which are covered in terraced fields and have a rich agricultural history, are presently at the intersection of the past and the future in terms of agricultural practises. The possibilities offered by the agritech supply chain unfold before us like a canvas, with the colours of development, efficacy, and empowerment serving as the primary brushstrokes. The people who have been cultivating this land for centuries are hearing whispers of promises from technology that promise increased yields, simplified distribution, and an enhanced quality of life for them. This location is both secluded and dynamic. The outlines of the difficulties appear simultaneously with the contours of the possibilities. The ascent toward full-fledged agri-tech integration in these more rural terrains is fraught with the challenges posed by restricted connection. In these kinds of environments, digital ambitions often run up against geographic limits. In order to construct a solid supply chain infrastructure in an environment with a lot of obstacles, you need to have a strategic vision and plan things out carefully. It takes time, patience, and a strategy that is sensitive to cultural norms in order to win over communities whose identity is deeply anchored in their agricultural past and their willingness to accept modern advances. The delicate symphony of technology and nature must find harmony in order to ensure that development has a minimal impact on the ecological balance. This delicate

symphony must find harmony among the stunning sceneries. The tale of agri-tech prospects in rural hill regions of India takes root with each dawn that caresses the summits of the mountains and each sunset that leaves long shadows over the valleys. It is a tale of creativity that does not eradicate the past but rather builds upon it; it is a voyage that respects the accumulated knowledge of history while welcoming the opportunities of the future. Agri-tech companies have the potential to plant the seeds of sustainable growth and create a future in which innovation thrives among the echoes of the past in the very centre of these hills, where ambitions and problems intersect. This is an opportunity that should not be missed. An unusual storey is being told, and it is one that blends the ageless rhythm of agriculture with the pulse of technology. This storey is taking place in the rural hill parts of India, which are known for their peaceful beauty. These environments, in which the very contours of the land each tell a different tale of resiliency, are now in a position to record a new chapter in the annals of invention. In these rural hill areas, possibilities in the agritech supply chain are woven together like a tapestry, and the threads that make up that tapestry are growth, efficiency, and empowerment. In this context, technology presents the prospect of optimising agriculture techniques, streamlining supply chains, and improving living conditions for communities that have strong roots in the land.

However, despite all of these chances, problems continue to present themselves as waypoints along the trip. The route toward seamless integration of agri-tech meets the challenge of restricted connection, which presents a conflict between digital goals and the reality of geographic location. The establishment of a strong supply chain infrastructure in the middle of a variety of terrains calls for careful design and creative implementation. The process of bringing new technical developments to communities that are deeply rooted in tradition requires a careful balance of patience and an awareness of the local culture. As the cogs of development revolve, the balance that exists between technology and the natural world becomes more important, highlighting the need of ensuring that expansion is in harmony with the natural equilibrium that exists in these hills. The narrative of the agri-tech potential in rural hill regions of India becomes more in-depth with every sunrise that

paints the sky in colours of promise and every twilight that sends long shadows over the valleys. It is a tale that connects different eras while also weaving originality into the very fabric of tradition. Amidst these hills, where aspiration and adversity meet one another, agri-tech ventures hold the brush to paint a canvas where technology enriches the legacy of the land, and progress harmonises with the whispers of the past. agri-tech ventures hold the brush to paint a canvas where technology enriches the legacy of the land.

Challenges of Agri-Tech Supply Chain in Hill Areas

Agricultural techniques that are intricately entwined with the natural cycle of the land have flourished in India's hilly regions, which are characterised by their rocky terrain, beautiful panoramas, and terraced farms. As the globe moves into the digital era, these places find themselves on the precipice of a transformative journey. This is a trip that carries with it the promise of development as well as an array of difficult obstacles. We find a tale that is distinguished by the complications inherent in integrating tradition with innovation, and meeting the special needs of these geographical terrains, as we delve further into the difficulties that are presented by agri-tech supply chains in hilly regions. A complex activity, the implementation of agri-tech solutions inside hill regions is significantly impacted by the contours of tradition and the subtleties of local communities, making it a very delicate endeavour. Trying to bridge the gap between technical improvements and firmly ingrained behaviours is one of the most difficult difficulties that may be faced. To successfully persuade farmers, whose way of life has been formed by decades of agricultural knowledge, to accept digital technologies demands patience, education, and an approach that respects the sanctity of traditions that are already in place. The same geography that endows these places with their allure also offers logistical challenges that agri-tech supply chains need to overcome. Establishing an effective supply chain infrastructure might be difficult due to the undulating geography and often restricted accessibility. When transportation, storage, and distribution become complex riddles, finding answers to them requires creative thinking as well as a willingness to be flexible.

Connectivity, or the lack thereof, appears as a recurrent obstacle that casts a shadow on the seamless integration of digital technology. The isolated locations of these hill regions generally have poor internet access, which makes it difficult to share data in real time and limits the potential of the internet of things (IoT) and data-driven solutions.

The ecologically sensitive nature of the issue is yet another facet that cannot be ignored. It is essential to strike a careful balance between the efficacy that may be driven by technology and the protection of the environment. The approaches that are used to find solutions need to be gentle on the land and should take precautions to ensure that developments do not upset the natural balance of these hills or put the viability of agricultural techniques at risk. We discover a tapestry woven with strands of resilience, cultural importance, and the pulse of innovation as we investigate the difficulties of agri-tech supply networks inside hill communities. In order to effectively address these difficulties, a strategy is required that takes into account the one-of-a-kind qualities possessed by these areas, recognises the inextricable connection that exists between technology and tradition, and embraces a dedication to making sustainable growth. The path to creating solutions that elevate communities while simultaneously conserving the spirit of the hills unfolds inside this intricate environment. This path involves building solutions that uplift communities while also preserving the soul of the hills. The close relationship that Indians have always had with the earth is reflected in the breathtaking scenery of the country's hill regions, which are characterised by steep slopes and verdant vegetation. On the other hand, as modernization spreads throughout all sectors of the economy, the agricultural landscapes of these areas are not immune to the demands of development. The use of agri-tech solutions presents an opportunity to boost production, improve people's standard of living, and ensure a more sustainable future. However, hidden behind this window of opportunity is a complex web of obstacles that must be navigated with extreme caution.

Connectivity is one of the most important but also most difficult tasks. These isolated mountainous regions often find themselves on the periphery of digital networks as the reach of technology continues to expand. Access to the internet in limited areas is a barrier to the implementation of digital solutions that are essential to the contemporary agriculture supply chain. In order to overcome this obstacle, inventive solutions that bridge the digital gap and provide farmers with access to real-time information, trends in the market, and recommendations for best practises are required. The geography that gives these areas their allure also creates challenges when it comes to logistics. The need for creative infrastructure design is highlighted by the establishment of effective supply chain networks on uneven ground. In order to get access to markets, distribution hubs, and storage facilities, one must have a comprehensive awareness of the specific requirements posed by the terrain. The use of cutting-edge technology must be done so while maintaining respect for established cultural norms. Convincing farmers, who have traditionally depended on the information passed down from generation to generation, to adopt novel techniques requires striking a careful balance between innovation and respect for the traditional knowledge that has created their means of subsistence. An further difficult obstacle is presented by the need to strike a balance between advancing technology and protecting the environment. These hilly regions are home to delicate ecosystems; thus, any development in this area must be environmentally sustainable in order to maintain the balance between progress and the surrounding environment. Collaborating with others, being flexible, and maintaining a commitment to making holistic growth are the defining characteristics of the path to success in overcoming these problems. It is possible for agri-tech supply chains to thrive in hilly regions if creative connection solutions, new infrastructure designs, education that is sensitive to local cultures, and an in-depth knowledge of the natural dynamics of the land are implemented. In the context of this attempt, the goal of modernising agriculture is in harmony with the necessity to conserve the very essence of these hills. The result is a storey in which technology and tradition unite to bring agriculture to new heights.

Cultivating Innovation: Exploring Agri-Tech Supply Chain Opportunities in Hill Areas

A storey of innovation is unfolding among the tranquil landscapes of India's hill districts. This narrative offers the possibility of reviving traditional agricultural techniques with the use of technology. These hills, which have been carefully cultivated by previous generations, have now become a fruitful field for agri-tech supply chain enterprises, who are planting the seeds of revolution there. The options that abound are as varied as the landscapes themselves, presenting the possibility of a paradigm shift in the approach that is taken to agriculture in these one-of-a-kind environments. Agri-tech supply chain businesses are the ones that hold the key to unlocking efficiency, productivity, and sustainable development inside this complex web of possibilities. The intersection of agriculture and technology creates a canvas that may be coloured with the brilliant colours of precision farming, direct market access, and decreased post-harvest losses. These hills, which have long been home to communities with strong links to the land, are now on the cusp of embracing the digital era and reaping the benefits that come along with it. Precision farming, which is made possible via the use of sensors, drones, and data analytics, may provide farmers the ability to adapt their farming methods to meet the particular requirements of mountainous terrains. Growers are able to cut out middlemen and get access to larger markets via the use of direct market connections, which results in more equitable pricing for their goods. Furthermore, the construction of contemporary cold storage and transportation facilities tackles the age-old problem of post-harvest losses. This opens up potential to improve food security and cut down on waste. The threads of difficulties are interlaced throughout the fabric of potential opportunities. When agri-tech solutions are introduced, they must be greeted with an awareness of the local context. This is because the cultural traditions and community dynamics of these regions are an essential part of the fabric of these areas. In addition, even though technology has the potential to bring about radical change, there are still many difficult problems that need to be solved,

such as improving internet connectivity in areas with poor service and building robust supply chain infrastructure in regions with difficult topography. The potential of agri-tech supply chains bloom like the petals of a flower opening up to a new day as the sun rises over these hills, putting a golden light across the fields. It is a tale of expansion, not just of agricultural production but also of towns and economies. Agri-tech supply chain businesses have the luxury of shaping a narrative that fosters innovation, maintains tradition, and ushers in a new age of agricultural success here in these hills, where the past and the future meet. A symphony of opportunity and desire is now being performed in India's hill districts, which are known for their warm embrace. These areas, which are known for their magnificent landscapes and extensive agricultural history, are today at the forefront of innovation in the agri-tech landscape. In these undulating landscapes, there is an opportunity to rewrite the history of agriculture by bringing together new technology and the ancient knowledge that has been passed down through the generations. The landscape is broad and colourful, and it is being painted with the strokes of possibility that enterprises in the agri-tech supply chain have the ability to bring to reality.

The agrarian potential of these hill places is strongly resonant both in the shadows of the towering hills that surround them and in the calm of the terraced fields that surround them. The integration of modern agricultural technology with time-honored farming techniques offers the potential to reinvigorate farming practises, enhance the usage of available resources, and improve the quality of life for people who have lived in this region for a very long time. This new era, which is ushered in by the development of precision farming, which is led by data and digital technologies, heralds in an age in which every piece of land is managed in a unique manner, which ensures an effective use of resources and a low impact on the environment. Direct market connections, which are made possible by digital platforms, provide a bridge that connects producers directly with customers, which gets rid of the need for middlemen and enables farmers to charge higher prices for their goods. The post-harvest loss problem has been there for a long time, but new developments in supply chain infrastructure, such as cold storage and transportation solutions, promise to solve the

problem in the near future. This opens up a wider canvas of opportunities. These technologies not only increase food security but also improve the economic underpinnings of the communities they serve by lowering the amount of food that is wasted. The route that leads to the actualization of these potential is littered with obstacles that are inextricably linked to the intricate topographical and cultural fabric of these locations. When bringing new technology into communities that are strongly rooted in their traditions, it is necessary to choose a strategy that respects those traditions and incorporates the locals in the process of defining the path of change. In addition, the digital divide caused by restricted connection necessitates the development of innovative solutions in order to guarantee that the advantages of agri-tech will reach even the most inaccessible areas of these hills. The potential of agri-tech supply chains spring to life when the sun paints shades of gold onto the hills at morning and as the day's final light touches the valleys at twilight. This is a storey about how technology and nature can coexist, how innovation may foster tradition, and how the drive for advancement can be balanced with an awareness of the rhythms of the land. The luxury of cultivating not just crops but also affluence, sustainability, and the promise of a better future is one that is afforded to agri-tech supply chain companies in rural hill regions of India, despite the difficulties and successes that they face. A narrative of agricultural livelihoods that have been cultivated by generations of people working in peace with nature may be found engraved into the contours of the land in India's rural hill districts. These very landscapes are on the cusp of seeing a change that will combine elements of the past with those of the present and future. A storey of promise and possibility is presented by the agri-tech supply chain, which is set against the serene backdrop of these rolling hills. The canvas is expansive, and the colours are varied, which together present a picture of options that have the potential to change the agricultural landscape in these one-of-a-kind terrains.

A remarkable storey of change may be found in the intersection of technology and agriculture, which can be seen when the sun rises and sets over sloped fields terraced with vegetation. The use of data-driven insights to fuel precision farming ushers in a new age

of agricultural techniques that are more effective. Farmers are now able to transcend their geographical limits and reach wider markets thanks to the integration of digital platforms, which bridges the gaps between them. In addition, the construction of contemporary cold storage facilities has the potential to reduce the historically problematic problem of post-harvest losses, which would contribute to an improvement in both economic security and food safety. In the midst of this intricate web of opportunities, problems surface, which need creative responses and farsightedness in strategic planning. The undulating geography of these hill locations, which is part of what gives these places their allure, also creates logistical issues and makes it necessary to have infrastructure that can adapt to the specific requirements of the terrain. Respect, knowledge, and a willingness to adapt are three essential components that must be present in order to successfully implement cutting-edge technology in societies that are firmly ingrained in traditions that date back centuries. In order to solve the difficult problem of overcoming inadequate connection and guaranteeing fair access to agri-tech breakthroughs, creative solutions are required. The road that lies ahead is going to be a complicated tango between achieving your goals and overcoming challenges. Because of the nature of this trip, it is imperative that technology advancement and ecological awareness be brought into harmony with one another. The communities that have been stewarding these hills for centuries are at the crossroads of change, ready to embrace the advantages of agri-tech while at the same time protecting the rhythms of tradition. The narrative of the agri-tech supply chain potential in rural hill regions of India comes to life when dawn paints the hills in colours of possibility and dusk throws lengthy shadows over the valleys. Both of these events take place in India. It is a tale in which development is made while respecting the sacredness of the land, where expansion is constrained by sustainability, and where innovation is nourished by legacy. Agri-tech companies are the writers of this tale, and they are writing it in a way that will improve people's lives, give communities more power, and ensure that the character of these hills is preserved for future generations.

Harvesting Tech in India's Hill Agri-Supply Chains: Prospects & Hurdles

A region where the ground meets the sky and where the beautiful rhythms of agriculture have woven a tapestry of sustenance and tradition for ages may be found inside the alluring embrace of India's hill lands. These hills represent an archetypal crossroads — a point where technology and tradition intersect — as the globe gallops into the digital era, and their significance cannot be overstated. The agri-tech supply chain emerges as both a beacon of promise and a vessel of problems as a result of this dichotomy. It offers a transformational journey that unites age-old agricultural expertise with the possibility for innovation. The article "Harvesting Tech in India's Hill Agri-Supply Chains: Prospects and Hurdles" reveals a storey that goes beyond the mundane, one in which the contours of the terrain and the traditions of the area are reinvented through the prism of technology. These hills, which stand as a mute monument to the centuries of people who have cultivated the land before them, now carry the footsteps of development. Agri-tech supply chains provide an opportunity to optimise, innovate, and elevate existing practises, which causes the canvas to unfold with possibilities. Precision farming, which is supported by data and sensors, holds up the possibility of a future in which every seed planted will be methodically maintained, in a manner that is congruent with the distinctive topographies that these hills provide. Farmers are now able to transcend their geographic constraints and access markets that were previously inaccessible because to the proliferation of digital market connections, which provide bridges across locations. In this scenario, the creation of contemporary cold storage facilities not only tackles the historical issues of post-harvest losses, but it also gives life to hopes of stability and wealth. In other words, it is a win-win situation. This path toward technological prosperity is not without its share of obstacles to overcome. The steep hillside terrain that contributes to the beautiful splendour of these areas also presents logistical challenges that must be overcome through creativity. The incorporation of new technologies into existing practises has to be in tune with deeply ingrained customs, requiring a deft dance of adaptation that strikes a healthy balance between respect for history and openness to new experiences. The difficulty of restricted connection adds even more layer to this complex tapestry, serving as a timely reminder

that the tendrils of the digital revolution do not always reach the most inaccessible areas. As the sun rises and casts a golden light over these hills at morning, and as the shadows grow longer as evening approaches, the tale of the promise and intricacy of agri-tech begins to take shape. This is a tale of those who went before us and blazed new trails, of hopes and dreams that have been passed down through the ages, and of the trials that have inspired innovation and tenacity. The article "Harvesting Tech in India's Hill Agri-Supply Chains: Prospects and Hurdles" captures the essence of these hills, not just as geographical entities, but as landscapes of hope, where innovation threads through the fabric of tradition, and progress takes root in the fertile soil of heritage. This article was published in the journal "Harvesting Tech in India's Hill Agri-Supply Chains: Prospects and Hurdles." An extraordinary narrative of nourishment, stewardship, and tranquilly is being told right in the middle of India's hill regions. These landscapes, in which the cohesion of human enterprise and the rhythm of nature has thrived for centuries, are now on the verge of undergoing significant shifts as a result of a number of factors. The storey of agri-tech supply chains emerges as a tribute to human creativity against the background of these ancient hills. It is a storey that is defined by potential that might transform the future of agriculture, as well as problems that throw shadows on the route to development.

This duality is explored in depth throughout the narrative of "Cultivating Tomorrow: Navigating Agri-Tech Prospects and Challenges in India's Hill Agri-Supply Chains," which paints a vivid picture of a transition that is now taking place. The hills, which are steeped in history and culture, are now resonating with the mutterings of progress. A new age of precision farming, which is powered by data and technology and matches agricultural techniques with the precise contours of the land, is expected to be ushered in by agri-tech supply chains, according to a recent prediction. Farmers now have direct access to markets that were previously out of their grasp because digital connection has bridged the geographical boundaries that previously existed. The use of contemporary cold storage solutions provides relief from the difficulties associated with post-harvest losses, which instils economic stability and has the potential to minimise the amount of food that

is wasted. In addition, obstacles are encountered in this storey that put the strength of advancement to the test. The exact geography that contributes to the allure of these areas also creates logistical challenges that call for creative methods to overcome them. The integration of modern technology with time-honored procedures calls for a careful balancing act between the old and the new, with a focus on maintaining a reverence for the past while incorporating cutting-edge ideas. While technology has the ability to bring people together, it is not always easily accessible, as seen by the ongoing effort to maintain consistent connection. The history of agri-voyage tech's is being told as the sun rises, filling the sky with many hues of potential, and the hills, at nightfall, throw their shadows over the valleys below them. It is a tale of the perseverance of the human spirit, of adjusting to the here and now without completely letting go of the past. The book "Cultivating Tomorrow" weaves a narrative of exploration, in which pioneers of the agri-tech supply chain venture into the hills not only to reap economic rewards, but also to cultivate a future that honours the land, empowers communities, and sustains generations that have not yet been born. A symphony of development and change can be heard reverberating across India's hill regions, despite their reputation for peace and tranquilly. These landscapes, on which reverent care for the earth has been passed down from generation to generation, are living testaments to the ever-evolving interaction between agriculture and technology. This narrative is explored in depth in the article titled "Charting the Terrain of Agri-Tech Innovation: Navigating Opportunities and Challenges in India's Hill Agri-Supply Chains," which is a narrative that acknowledges the complexities that come along with change while simultaneously embracing the possibility of advancement.

The hills, which have the marks of the toil of humans who have cared for the land for ages, are now at a crossroads where innovation and tradition meet one another. The world of agri-tech supply chains is revealing itself to be a domain of promise, where the agricultural landscape is getting ready to undergo significant change. The implementation of precision farming, which is driven by data and technology, holds the promise of a future in which each seed will be planted with a specific intention, hence increasing crop yields and

maximising the use of available resources. Farmers now have direct access to markets that extend beyond regional limits thanks to digital platforms, which bridge the gap between them. The establishment of contemporary cold storage facilities reverberates with the possibility of stemming the flood of post-harvest losses, which would improve both economic prospects and food security. In this world full of possibilities, difficulties cast their shadow; each one is a test of one's capacity to adapt and remain resilient. The undulating landscapes that contribute to the allure of the area also offer logistical challenges, which call for creative solutions in order to set up reliable supply chain networks. Integration of technology necessitates having a sympathetic awareness of local traditions, which helps to ensure that development will not disrupt the traditional fabric of a society. The emergence of limited connection as a reality that must be confronted is a timely reminder that even in the middle of innovation, fair access is of the utmost importance. The storey of agri-journey tech's takes centre stage as the light rises and paints the hills in shades of promise, and as the sun sets, the hills throw their outlines over the valleys below. It is a storey that epitomises the spirit of advancement, as it is told via a narrative that is intertwined with threads of desire and hardships. This article, "Charting the Terrain of Agri-Tech Innovation," embodies the essence of these hills, where innovation does not eradicate legacy but rather enhances it, where progress is woven into the very fabric of tradition, and where the future is planted with care.

Cultivating Change: Agri-Tech Supply Chain Dynamics in Rural Hill India

A tale of change is being told right in the middle of India's rural hill landscapes; it is a tale that combines the complex tapestry of tradition with the promise threads of technology. This storey is as much about the past as it is about the future, and as much about conserving legacy as it is about embracing innovation. The term "Cultivating Change: Agri-Tech Supply Chain Dynamics in Rural Hill India" reflects the heart of this narrative. The hills, with their terraced fields and historic knowledge, have been a witness to years of agricultural techniques that have been carefully tailored to the contours of the terrain. These

practises have been passed down from generation to generation. Now, as technological breakthroughs call, these places stand at the crossroads, where the promise of agri-tech supply chains interacts with the difficulties of preserving the authenticity of age-old methods. These regions are at a crossroads because technological advancements are beckoning. A diverse range of opportunities may be mapped out throughout the landscape of transformation that agri-tech ushers in. The use of precision farming, which is supported by data and digital technologies, has the potential to revolutionise agricultural techniques, maximise yields, and save resources in an environment that is notoriously fragile. Farmers now have a direct path to customers, which creates fairer pricing and fosters economic resilience thanks to the emergence of direct market access through digital platforms, which bridges the gap between isolated hilltops and busy metropolitan marketplaces. Furthermore, the construction of contemporary storage and distribution facilities, which are intended to reduce post-harvest losses, sheds a positive light on the persistent problem of food insecurity. However, this path will not be without its obstacles. As the digital revolution rushes across these hills, it comes up against the need of preserving the cultural fabric that has been constructed over the course of many generations. When introducing new technology, care must be taken to accommodate local customs, and a profound regard must be shown for the inextricable bond that exists between people and the place they call home. The lovely undulating terrains, however, provide logistical challenges that need the development of new solutions in order to permit the effective movement of both commodities and information. The narrative of "Cultivating Change" is being told as the sun rises over the hills, giving the fields a golden colour, and the dusk paints the valleys in hues of serenity. Both of these events take place while the tale is being told. This is a narrative about change, one that treads a fine line between respecting the past and moving forward with the times. It is in this equilibrium that the dynamics of the agri-tech supply chain unfold, providing a symphony in which the echoes of tradition harmonise with the rhythms of innovation, and eventually fostering a future that is profoundly anchored in the spirit of rural hill India. A new chapter is beginning to be written in the heart of India's rural hillscapes, where time appears to stand still and the land holds the footprints of

generations past and present. This new chapter is one that resounds with the buzz of development and the echoes of tradition. This article, "Cultivating Change: Embracing Agri-Tech Supply Chain Dynamics in Rural Hill India," encapsulates the core of this transformational storey. This is a narrative that carries the promise of modernisation while also cherishing the legacy of the land.

These slopes, which are covered with terraced fields and have a long history of agricultural practise, are now poised on the brink of a technological revolution. A new era of opportunities has been ushered in as a result of the confluence of agri-tech and supply chain dynamics in these locations. The implementation of precision agriculture, which is led by data and technology, ushers in a new age in which every seed planted, every choice about irrigation, and every cultivation technique can be adjusted to achieve the highest possible level of success. The use of digital platforms that are not limited by location may provide a direct link between rural producers and urban markets. This can result in more equitable rewards for farmers and a shorter distance between the farm and the consumer's plate. In addition to embracing change, these hills are also grappling with challenges that call for inventiveness and adaptation. The establishment of advanced storage and distribution networks addresses the historic challenge of post-harvest losses, offering a lifeline to economic stability and food security. Despite its scenic qualities, the steep terrain creates logistical challenges that call for creative approaches to infrastructural solutions. The goal of bridging the gap between tradition and technology requires a strategy that pays homage to the customs of one's ancestors while also encouraging creative thought. The difficulty of maintaining connection serves as a useful reminder that despite the fact that technology strives to bring people together, access to its advantages continues to be uneven. The narrative of "Cultivating Change" is being told as the sun rises and bathes these hills in a golden glow, and as the evening twilight wraps the valleys in a calming embrace. Both of these occurrences take place at this time of day. It is a storey of expansion, not only of agricultural production but also of human groups and ambitions. This voyage of agri-tech

supply chain dynamics speaks to a transition that is not about letting go of the past; rather, it is about constructing a future that resonates with the harmony of innovation and legacy.

Sowing the Future: Agri-Tech Supply Chain Prospects in Rural Hill Areas of India

A storey of change takes root among the bucolic appeal of rural hill districts in India; it is a storey that speaks of ingenuity, resiliency, and the blending of tradition with technology. This narrative is one that casts a visionary gaze upon the vast potential while acknowledging the complexities that come with nurturing change in these timeless landscapes. The phrase "Sowing the Future: Agri-Tech Supply Chain Prospects in Rural Hill Areas of India" encapsulates the essence of this narrative. This narrative is one that casts a visionary gaze upon the vast potential. These hills, whose ancestors have toiled the soil with care for centuries and developed traditions that run deep, are now on the cusp of a new age. The picture that we see in front of us is one that is rich in the colours of possibility, and it is woven with the threads of agri-tech supply chain possibilities that hold the promise of reviving, improving, and enhancing. The merging of technology and agriculture paves the way for the practise of precision farming, which involves the use of data-driven insights and digital technologies to reconceive traditional methods of crop production. The elimination of geographical obstacles brought about by the proliferation of direct market connections enabled by digital platforms enables farmers to communicate with customers in a manner that was before incomprehensible. The age-old problem of post-harvest losses may be overcome by establishing storage and distribution networks that are up to date with modern technology. This gives rise to promises for improved economic stability and increased food security. There are many possibilities, but there are also many problems, and each of these challenges is an important piece of the jigsaw. The undulating terrains that decorate these hills also provide logistical challenges, which need the development of inventive solutions in order to establish robust supply networks. To ensure that development is made in a manner that is respectful of the essential cultural components of these areas, the integration of technology must move in step with the patterns of

tradition. The problem of poor connection highlights the need for fair access and serves as a reminder that technological advancement should help close existing gaps rather than create new ones. The narrative of "Sowing the Future" is being told at the same time as the sun begins to colour the morning sky in shades of hope and the hills begin to throw long shadows over the valleys at nightfall. It is a storey of desire and evolution, a storey that honours the past even as it lays the path for future advancement. This is a storey about the American dream. The phrase "Sowing the Future" captures the spirit of these hills, which are a place where modernity and antiquity come together, where innovation is fostered by tradition, and where the seeds of change are planted with care in the hopes that they will one day blossom into a future that respects the earth, gives communities more power, and ensures the continuation of life for future generations. A tapestry that is stitched with the threads of history, resiliency, and agricultural legacy may be found nestled inside the embrace of India's rural hill districts. A new chapter is beginning, one that is being written with the brushstrokes of technology and invention, and it is taking place among the undulating landscapes and terraced fields. In these peaceful hillscapes, the intersection of agriculture and technology creates a canvas filled with prospects, where agri-tech solutions may give fresh life to age-old methods. There is a discernible opportunity for expansion, which presents a window of opportunity to enhance agricultural practises, fortify supply lines, and improve the standard of living of people with strong links to the land. These mountainous areas are poised to become both benefactors and leaders of the agri-tech revolution as the digital age continues to expand its sphere of influence.

This storey revolves on the term "Sowing the Future: Nurturing Agri-Tech Supply Chain Prospects in Rural Hill Areas of India," which serves as the narrative's focal point. This phrase encapsulates the essence of this transformative journey, which includes both the planting of seeds for a technologically enhanced tomorrow and the nurturing of roots that have anchored generations of people to the land. This journey encompasses both the planting of seeds for a technologically enhanced tomorrow and the nurturing of roots. While these hills are poised on the brink of transformation, the canvas of agri-tech supply

chain opportunities is unfurling with a rainbow of colours. The implementation of precision farming, which is powered by data and digital technologies, has the potential to take agricultural methods to a whole new level by bringing them into harmony with the topography of the land and the cycles of the natural world. The construction of direct market connections via the use of digital platforms provides a bridge between these isolated landscapes and the busy marketplaces found in metropolitan areas. This bridge gives farmers the ability to get direct access and more favourable pricing. The development of modern storage facilities has the potential to reduce the amount of food that is wasted after it has been harvested, which would be beneficial not just for the economy but also for the long-term viability of agricultural operations. Within this canvas of possibility, complex patterns of difficulty are beginning to develop. The topographical peculiarities of these hill regions create logistical challenges, which in turn need the development of creative supply chain systems that can navigate the challenging landscapes. The incorporation of technology must be carried out in such a way that it creates a harmonic symphony that respects the cultural history of these communities. This will ensure that the legacy of tradition is maintained even as progress is made. The difficulty of maintaining connection serves as a useful reminder that while technology moves us ahead, it must also work to advance the lives of those who have been left behind by it. The narrative of "Sowing the Future" is being revealed piece by piece with each passing dawn and sunset; the former creates lengthy shadows over the valleys, while the latter bathes the hills in a golden light. It is a tale of cultivation, where the seeds of technical advancement are carefully sown, where advancement develops in harmony with heritage, and where the landscape of innovation and tradition blooms side by side. In these hills, where time-honored knowledge and the promise of the future meet, the endeavour to nurture agri-tech supply chain prospects encapsulates not just an economic journey, but also a cultural evolution. This is a journey that, with careful tending, has the potential to reap a harvest of sustainable prosperity for generations to come.

Hillside Harvest: Navigating Agri-Tech Supply Chain Opportunities in Rural India

A tale of change is now being written among the serene beauty of the hillside vistas seen in rural India. This tale will weave the artistry of tradition with the accuracy of technology to tell the tale of this transition. The essence of this narrative is encapsulated in the title "Hillside Harvest: Navigating Agri-Tech Supply Chain Opportunities in Rural India." This is a narrative that echoes the footsteps of generations past while simultaneously paving the way for a future where agriculture and technology dance together in harmony. These hillside districts, whose terraced fields have been fashioned by the hands of generations of farmers and where the rhythm of rural life still pulses through the ground, are now poised at the crossroads of change. The canvas that we see in front of us is splashed with the colours of possibility, and each brushstroke represents an opportunity in the agri-tech supply chain that has the potential to revitalise, enrich, and elevate. Precision farming ushers in a new age, which ushers in with it a new era of data-driven insights and digital tools that correspond with the delicate contours of the land, maximising every part of production. This new era is ushered in by the integration of technology with agricultural techniques. Farmers now have the ability to transcend borders and engage directly with customers as a result of the emergence of direct market access via digital platforms, which spans geographical barriers. In addition, the construction of contemporary storage and distribution facilities provides a solution to the age-old problem of post-harvest losses, which in turn invigorates economic stability and food security. The storey of "Hillside Harvest" is told in such a way that it begins with the sun rising and casting its first rays over the hills, and ends with the sun setting and the last light fading towards the horizon. It's a storey about change, one in which the gloom of history and the radiance of modernity come together in an interesting way. This voyage will present obstacles that need inventiveness, teamwork, and compassion on your part to overcome. The undulating landscapes that offer appeal also add complexity, necessitating the development of creative supply chain systems that can overcome the obstacles presented by topography. The incorporation of technology must show respect for the past of these places, in which

agricultural practises are more than simply economic activity; rather, they are deeply embedded cultural traditions. The difficulty of maintaining widespread connection highlights how important it is to ensure that the advancement of technology is beneficial to all people, irrespective of their physical location. A voyage where technology and tradition mingle; a place where development reverberates with the echoes of legacy; that is the journey that "Hillside Harvest" tells. It is a narrative of balance. This is an investigation into the unrealized potential of these hillside settings, as well as a call to develop them into centres of innovation and economic growth. The book "Hillside Harvest" is not just a storey about the expansion of agriculture; rather, it is a testimony to the harmonious relationship that exists between human ingenuity and the land that provides for all of us. This relationship is depicted in each chapter of the storey, beginning with the planting of the first crop and ending with the harvest of the last crop.

A voyage of change is taking place in the embrace of rural India's hillside landscapes. This journey mixes the knowledge of centuries with the promise of technological advancement. This article, "Hillside Harvest: Cultivating Agri-Tech Supply Chain Opportunities in Rural India," captures the essence of this narrative, which resonates with the echoes of tradition while venturing into the uncharted territories of agri-tech innovation. Hillside Harvest: Cultivating Agri-Tech Supply Chain Opportunities in Rural India. These hills, whose terraced farms reflect stories of toil and care for the earth, lie today at a crossroads where change is inevitable. The canvas of possibilities that agri-tech supply chains provide is vividly painted with a variety of options. The combination of technology and agriculture ushers in a new era of precision farming, one in which data-driven insights and digital technologies are used to better align agricultural operations with the natural topography of the land. The emergence of digital platforms paves the way for a direct link between producers and customers, overcoming geographical barriers and radically altering the functioning of markets. The age-old problem of post-harvest losses may be overcome with the creation of modern storage and distribution networks, which offers the possibility of economic stability and resilience. Despite these positive possibilities, there are still problems that must be overcome, and doing so requires a unique combination of creativity

and sensibility. The undulating terrains that give these hillside landscapes their character also offer logistical challenges and need inventive supply chain solutions that can handle the gradients. These hillside landscapes are characterised by rolling hills. It is essential that the implementation of new technology be treated with a profound respect for the customs that have played a significant role in the formation of these areas in order to guarantee that advancement is consistent with the cultural fabric. Because poor connection is such a difficulty, it is important to remember how important it is to guarantee that the advantages of agri-tech are accessible in all areas, regardless of location. The narrative of "Hillside Harvest" is being told as the sun rises, bestowing these hills with a golden glow, then sinking beyond the horizon, casting lengthy shadows over the valleys. It's a storey about how things have changed through time, with lessons learned from the past helping to shape the present and the future. In the midst of the successes and failures, "Hillside Harvest" is an ode to possibility. It is an exploration of how progress can intertwine with the essence of heritage, how innovation can sprout from the soil of tradition, and how the act of cultivating change can yield a bounty of prosperity for both land and people. A storey of change is being told as it unfolds in the peaceful embrace of rural India's hillside landscapes. This storey is one that weaves the heritage of the past with the ambitions of the future. The core of this developing tale is encapsulated in the article "Hillside Harvest: Envisioning Agri-Tech Supply Chain Opportunities in Rural India," which is an article that resonates with the hushed voices of tradition while persistently staring towards the horizon of technological advancement. These hills, which have terraced fields that carry the markings of centuries of caring to the ground, are now standing as testaments to the merging of time-honored customs and cutting-edge technology. The canvas of potential presented by the agri-tech supply chain is expansive, and it is painted with many colours that represent development and promise. The intersection of technology and agriculture provides the way for precision farming, which is characterised by the use of data-driven insights and digital technologies to nurture crops in a manner that is congruent with the organic contours of the land. The proliferation of digital platforms enables direct links to be made between producers and customers, overcoming the physical boundaries that

previously existed between them and increasing economic autonomy. In the meanwhile, the development of contemporary storage and distribution networks raises the possibility of lowering post-harvest losses, strengthening food security, and improving economic stability. Within this finely woven tapestry of promise, difficulties present themselves as individual strands. The undulating terrains that give these hillside landscapes their character face logistical challenges that need inventive solutions for the management of supply chains. These challenges are caused by the undulations in the terrain. Because the incorporation of technology requires an awareness of local customs and traditions, one can be certain that advancement will preserve the fundamental characteristics of the communities involved. The difficulty of maintaining connection serves as a useful reminder that while technology is able to overcome gaps, it must also bridge the difference between those who are connected and those who are not connected. The storey of "Hillside Harvest" is being told when the first light of morning caresses these hills with its loving embrace and the last kiss of the sun paints the valleys in shades of twilight as it sets off into the night. It is a storey of progress, both agricultural and human, in which the threads of invention weave their way through the fabric of tradition. The book "Hillside Harvest" paints a picture of a future in which technology does not replace tradition but rather enhances it, where progress is sown carefully alongside ancestral roots, and where the bounty that is reaped is not just crops but the sustainable prosperity of rural India's hillside communities.

Traveling Uncharted Territory: Agri-Tech Ventures in Rural Hill Regions of India

A new chapter of agricultural innovation is beginning to unfold in the rural hill areas of India; this chapter foresees the merging of technology with traditional farming techniques and is ushering in a new era of agricultural progress. In the middle of the stunning landscapes and terraced fields, there is an evident opportunity for agri-tech businesses to alter the way agriculture is conducted. However, beyond the surface of promise lurks a complicated landscape of difficulties, which are closely entwined with the distinctive

qualities of these hills. This investigation, which delves into the complexities of these challenges and is titled "Navigating Uncharted Terrain: Challenges Faced by Agri-Tech Ventures in Rural Hill Regions of India," highlights the importance of having a holistic understanding as we move forward along the path of innovation. These hills, which are a place where the majesty of nature and the resiliency of humans meet, provide a canvas of possibilities for agricultural technology entrepreneurs. The incorporation of technology, which may range from precision farming to digital market connections, has the potential to raise levels of production and revenue while also promoting environmental sustainability. However, entering the field of agri-technology in these areas is not without its challenges. The undulating terrains that give these landscapes their attractiveness also offer logistical challenges that need inventive solutions. These challenges are a direct result of the charm that these landscapes possess. It is imperative that the incorporation of new technologies be done so in a manner that is sensitive to the local environment and respectful of the deeply ingrained customs that are an integral part of the social fabric of these communities. The digital gap, which is characterised by inadequate internet connection, draws attention to the need of developing novel solutions that enable equal access to the advantages of agritech.

This chapter will evolve as an investigation of these issues, not as insurmountable hurdles, but rather as signposts indicating the way ahead. It necessitates taking a sophisticated approach, one that combines inventiveness and empathy, as well as resilience and flexibility. By peeling back the layers of difficulty, we acquire an understanding of the larger terrain of rural hill areas and the distinctive dynamics that characterise them. The road that lies ahead is an intricate dance, where progress and tradition intertwine, where technology can elevate while simultaneously preserving the cultural heritage, and where the challenges themselves become stepping stones on the path to environmentally responsible and socially equitable agricultural expansion. When the sun rises over these hills, bathing the scenery in a golden light, and when the stars sprinkle the night sky over the valleys, the investigation of the difficulties that are encountered by agri-tech businesses

gets underway. It is an investigation that encourages cooperation, innovative problem-solving, and an uncompromising dedication to cultivating not just innovation but also the communities who have tended to these hills for centuries. A quiet revolution is taking hold in the rural hill areas of India, a movement that fuses the time-honored techniques of agriculture with the dynamic potential of technology. This revolution may be found growing in the middle of the country's natural splendour. The purpose of the paper titled "Unveiling Complex Realities: Challenges Facing Agri-Tech Ventures in Rural Hill Regions of India" is to unravel the multifaceted landscape in which these ventures are germinating, illuminating the obstacles that stand in tandem with the opportunities that are available.

As we set off on our journey of discovery, the hills around us are reciting omens of good things to come. The combination of cutting-edge agricultural technology with time-honored farming practises holds the promise of a future in which crops will be cultivated with pinpoint accuracy, farmers will have direct and equal access to markets, and the economy will be robust. On the other hand, this voyage is fraught with difficulties that are inextricably linked to the distinctive geology and cultural makeup of these areas. The undulating terrain, although beautiful, provide practical challenges that call for creative solutions in order to be navigated successfully. The introduction of new technology calls for a delicate balancing act, one in which innovation must take into account the cultural traditions of people with strong links to the land. The digital gap is a reality that is distinguished by insufficient connection, and it highlights how important it is to make sure that development is inclusive and reaches even the most remote areas. The purpose of this inquiry is to consciously acknowledge that the road that lies ahead is not a straight one. Instead, it is a journey that is characterised by unexpected turns and twists, the complexities of people's connections with the land, and the fine line that must be maintained between advancement and preservation. By gaining a knowledge of the problems that are prevalent throughout this storey, we equip ourselves to plot a route that seeks not only progress but also sustainability and empowerment in addition to that growth. The development of

agricultural technology in rural hill areas is like painting on a canvas where the difficulties encountered are the brushstrokes. This creates a storey that is as much about overcoming hurdles as it is about seizing chances. The difficulties that lie ahead for agritech businesses become more apparent as the sun rises over these hills, spreading a soft light over the countryside, and when the stillness of the night is ornamented with stars that glitter above the valleys. It is a trip that calls for resiliency, inventiveness, and empathy; a journey in which technology pioneers development while respecting the rhythms of legacy; and a journey in which the complexities are not deterrents, but rather catalysts for a brighter and more sustainable future.

Forging Precision: Assessing Hill Region Precision Agriculture Feasibility

A search for innovation is now underway in hill areas, a journey that tries to match the artistry of agriculture with the precision of technology. This quest unfolds among the lovely landscapes of hill regions. The title of this investigation, "Forging the Path to Precision: Evaluating Feasibility of Precision Agriculture Techniques in Hill Regions," captures the essence of this investigation. This investigation was motivated by the desire to improve resource management and increase crop productivity by meticulously integrating advanced techniques. These hills, on which people for many generations have farmed the land with respect and care, are now on the cusp of a new age. The scene that is painted on the canvas that we have in front of us is one that is brimming with potential. The convergence of precision agricultural methods, led by data, sensors, and digital technologies, is the key to changing cultivation practises and holds the key to the future of agriculture. It paints a picture of a future in which every seed that is planted, every choice that is made about irrigation, and every nutrient that is administered is carried out with the scientific accuracy necessary to maximise the use of resources while reducing waste. As this vision comes into focus, the possibility of higher agricultural yield and enhanced economic results calls with an irresistible sense of enticement. This path towards precision agriculture is not going to be without its share of obstacles. The undulating geography of these places, although

lending a stunning natural beauty to the area, creates practical challenges that call for original approaches to be taken. It is imperative that the incorporation of technology be seamless and done so with a reverence for the rich cultural history that informs the daily lives of these people. Due to the difficulty of maintaining constant connection, there is an increased need for flexible solutions that can provide equal access to the many advantages of precision agriculture.

As we set out on this journey of discovery, we will be following a course where the opportunities and the difficulties will be intertwined. The process of determining whether or not approaches for precision agriculture are feasible is one of discovery and adaption. This requires innovation to be balanced with sensitivity to the specifics of each location. We want to construct a future where technology elevates tradition, where the art of agriculture is strengthened by the science of precision, and where the landscapes of these hills bloom with sustainable prosperity by first comprehending and then tackling the many layers of issues. The process of determining whether or not precision agricultural methods are feasible gets underway with each sunrise that bathes these hills in golden light at dawn and each twilight that spreads its calm shadows over the valleys at nightfall. Both of these occurrences mark the beginning of the day. It is a journey that is led by a vision that extends beyond the horizon, and it is one in which innovation is propelled by the unwavering resolve to not just increase agricultural output but also to promote a harmonious connection between land, people, and development. An investigation into the future of agriculture is now underway in the intriguing hill areas of the world. This voyage tries to bridge the gap between the traditional agricultural practises of the past and the technological advances of the present. This exploration was driven by the desire to unlock improved resource management and elevate crop productivity through the strategic integration of advanced techniques. The title "Pioneering Precision: Charting the Feasibility of Precision Agriculture Techniques in Hill Regions" captures the essence of this exploration.

A narrative that is in the process of being transformed is taking form on these hills, where the history of farming goes back many centuries. The blank canvas in front of us depicts a setting rich with possibility and originality. The integration of precision agricultural practises, which are driven by data insights, sensors, and digital technologies, has the potential to redraw the boundaries of what constitutes farming. This vision motivates us toward a future in which every planting choice, every irrigation cycle, and every fertiliser application is rigorously guided by scientific accuracy, with the goal of maximising the allocation of resources and eliminating waste. In this vision of the future, the possibility of increased agricultural yield and improved economic results is beginning to take hold. As this expedition into precision agriculture continues, it will need to overcome a variety of obstacles along the way. The undulating topography, which is what gives these areas their beautiful attractiveness, also creates logistical challenges that need creative solutions. A careful balance must be maintained in order to protect the cultural fabric that distinguishes these communities as a result of the combination of technology and indigenous behaviours. The difficulty of limited connectivity serves as a constant reminder of the requirement for flexible strategies that ensure every stakeholder can participate in the benefits of precision agriculture. These strategies must ensure that every stakeholder can partake in the benefits of precision agriculture. As we get started on this groundbreaking inquiry, we are heading down a road that is fraught with both opportunities and difficulties. The investigation into the practicability of methods for precision agriculture is an undertaking that is characterised by inquisitiveness and flexibility. In this environment, innovation is fostered with a profound regard for tradition. We hope that by successfully negotiating the many layers of problems, we will be able to mould a future in which technology enhances history, the accuracy of science harmonises with the art of farming, and these hills become a symbol of sustainable progress. The journey to determine whether or not precision agriculture techniques are feasible is like an odyssey that unfolds with each sunrise that bathes these hills in a warm glow at dawn and each twilight that casts its serenity over the valleys at dusk. Both of these occurrences mark new stages in the journey. It is an adventure that is driven by a vision that reaches beyond the horizon; it is an ambition that innovation can

enable, tradition can thrive, and progress can be made while simultaneously embracing the essential nature of these ageless landscapes.

Innovation Unlocked: Overcoming Remote Hill Area Agri-Tech Adoption Barriers

A tale of perseverance and a deep connection to the land is woven into the fabric of India's isolated hill districts, and it can be found engraved into every slope and terrace. In the middle of this storey, a new chapter begins to take shape; it is one that weaves together the potential of agricultural technological innovation with the difficulties presented by isolated locations. This journey is an exploration into the obstacles that cast shadows on the path of progress and the strategies that can illuminate the way forward. The title of this journey, "Unlocking Innovation: Overcoming Adoption Barriers of Agri-Tech Solutions in Remote Hill Areas," encapsulates the essence of this journey. The promise of agri-tech solutions offers the potential to completely revolutionise the agricultural practises that have been carried out in these hills for many centuries. The integration of technology into agricultural practises has the potential to boost economic growth via better resource management, increased productivity, and other gains. Nevertheless, when we journey into this region of promise, we are met with a series of obstacles that highlight the one-of-a-kind setting of these distant locations. The undulating terrains, despite their scenic appearance, provide logistical issues that call for inventive solutions in order to maintain communication and access. The incorporation of technology must be done so in a way that is in tune with local customs and shows respect for the cultural tapestry that links communities to their own lands. The digital gap, which is defined by insufficient internet access, magnifies the difficulties that are associated with adopting new technologies. This investigation looks further into these boundaries, not as insurmountable challenges, but rather as possibilities to construct tactics that empower both innovation and tradition. It is an acknowledgment that the road to harness the promise of agri-tech demands a diverse strategy — one that blends technological advancement with human understanding and cooperation. By dissecting the complexities of these problems, we can create the groundwork for a road

plan that will lead us past obstacles and toward agricultural expansion that is both sustainable and profitable. At the same time when the light starts to colour the sky with shades of potential at dawn and the hills begin to throw their shadows over the valleys at night, the journey to overcome adoption hurdles of agri-tech solutions gets underway. It's a trip that encourages teamwork, originality, and compassion; it's a trip in which innovation is powered by the respect for heritage, where development doesn't eclipse tradition but rather enriches it, and in which the obstacles themselves become sparks for a greater future. A storey of tradition and development is being told in India's isolated hill districts, a storey that speaks of the perseverance of agricultural communities and the possibilities of technological innovation. This storey is being told among the untamed beauty of these hill places. The essence of this investigation is encapsulated in the title, "Breaking Boundaries: Navigating Agri-Tech Adoption Challenges in Remote Hill Areas." This investigation is an effort to investigate the obstacles that impede the incorporation of agri-tech solutions and to propose strategies that can dismantle these barriers.

The potential of agricultural technology solutions hangs big in these hills, which have been home to successful farming techniques for many years. The use of technology in agricultural settings is essential for maximising the use of available resources, boosting overall output, and achieving financial success. However, this voyage is not without its share of difficulties, many of which are a direct result of the secluded nature of the surrounding terrain. While the undulating topography provides stunning views, it also creates logistical challenges that call for creative solutions to ensure connection and accessibility. The incorporation of technology must be woven together with a knowledge of local practises in order to protect the cultural history that is the backbone of these communities. The digital gap, which is exacerbated by low levels of connection, makes the process of adopting new technology more difficult. This investigation pushes beyond these obstacles, seeing them not as impediments but rather as stepping stones on the path to a more equitable and wealthy future. It indicates a knowledge that disentangling the complexities of these roadblocks is a necessary step in the process of formulating solutions

that make effective use of the possibilities offered by both technology and tradition. We start on a journey that will turn problems into growth-inducing catalysts when we embrace a strategy that considers the big picture and combines creative problem-solving with reverence for the past. At morning, the sun creates a golden glow over the landscape, and at sunset, the twilight casts a calm shade over the valleys; simultaneously, the journey to negotiate the hurdles of agri-tech adoption starts. It is a journey that is propelled by teamwork, creativity, and compassion. It is a journey in which technology is not only a tool, but rather a way to bridge gaps, improve livelihoods, and cultivate the connection between the land and those who care for it.

Powering Harvest: Agri-Effect Tech's on Hill Area Farmers' Post-Harvest Losses and Market Links

There is a change taking place in the hilly regions of India that is connecting with the hopes and dreams of the country's farmers as well as the potential for innovation. This change goes beyond the limitations of both tradition and technology and encompasses the whole landscape. The essence of this exploration is encapsulated in a paper titled "Empowering Harvest: Assessing Agri-Impact Tech's on Post-Harvest Losses and Market Linkages for Hill Area Farmers." This exploration is an expedition that peers into the realm where agri-tech interventions intersect with the challenges of post-harvest losses and market connectivity, and investigates the transformative potential of these interventions. The potential that agri-tech interventions have for the soil in these hills, which has been cultivated for many years, shines a light on the way that lies ahead. The incorporation of technology into agricultural practises not only raises the possibility of lowering post-harvest losses, which has been a concern for a very long time, but also of establishing direct market linkages, which would help bridge the gap that exists between farmers and their customers. As we continue our exploration of this area, we will gradually become privy to its complicated web of possibilities and challenges. The undulating landscape, while

weaving its natural attractiveness, offers logistical complexities that call for inventive solutions for effective storage and transportation. These solutions are required in order to meet the demands of the terrain. In order to ensure that development is made in a manner that is respectful of the cultural identity that is entwined with these hills, the incorporation of technology must be done with a knowledge of the local environment. The digital gap, which may be seen via restricted connection, highlights the need of finding inclusive solutions that can democratise the advantages of agri-tech. This investigation is a journey into the very centre of change; it is an awareness that technology may strengthen the resiliency of agricultural communities and open new paths for economic expansion. It acknowledges that evaluating the effect of agri-tech solutions involves not just a quantitative lens, but also a holistic view that takes into account the social, economic, and environmental elements of the issue. When we peel back the layers of this narrative, we uncover a realm in which innovation can be a catalyst for sustainable development, where technology can empower farmers to navigate the challenges of post-harvest losses, and where market linkages can transform people's livelihoods. These are all things that we find when we look deeper into this narrative. The journey to evaluate the effect of agritechnology on post-harvest losses and market linkages starts with each sunrise, which casts a golden hue over the hills at dawn, and each sunset, which casts its gentle embrace over the valleys at dusk. Both of these occurrences take place in the western hemisphere. An empowered harvest at a time, the agricultural environment of these hills is undergoing a transformation as a result of this voyage, which is an adventure that goes on a multifaceted inquiry. There is a storey of change hidden away in the placidity of India's hill regions; it is a storey that brings together the core of agricultural traditions and the potential of technological innovation. This journey is an expedition that navigates the intersection of agri-tech interventions with the challenges of minimising post-harvest losses and establishing robust market connections. The title of this journey, "Cultivating Progress: Unraveling Agri-Influence Tech's on Post-Harvest Losses and Market Linkages for Hill Area Farmers," captures the essence of this journey.

An chance to rewrite the history of agricultural lives offers itself in these hills, where the soil retains the memories of generations past. The infusion of agri-tech solutions provides this potential. Not only does technology have the ability to reduce post-harvest losses, which is a perennial challenge, but it also has the potential to establish direct paths between farmers and markets, which would eliminate middlemen and provide fair rewards. As we proceed with our investigation, we find that the landscape ahead of us is fraught with both opportunities and challenges. Even while the undulating landscapes are beautiful to look at, they need the development of novel solutions for effective storage and transportation. The incorporation of technology has a responsibility to respect the customs that have contributed to the formation of these communities. Only then can development be made in a way that enhances the cultural tapestry. The digital gap, which is shown via restricted connection, highlights the necessity of finding solutions that are inclusive and that democratise the benefits of agritech. This voyage is an embodiment of the desire for a holistic knowledge — an awareness that the influence of agri-tech goes beyond the area of numbers and delves into the realms of livelihoods, resilience, and community empowerment. It recognises that determining the impact of agri-tech interventions requires not just analysing figures but also taking into account the larger social and economic aspects as well as the implications of those factors. By removing the obstacles one by one, we are able to reveal a world in which modernity and history are intertwined, in which technology is a vehicle for advancement that acknowledges the importance of history, and in which the products that are harvested from these hills become agents of empowerment. An expedition is being undertaken to discover the impact that agritechnology has had on post-harvest losses and market connections. This journey progresses with each dawn that casts a golden light over the hills and each nightfall that envelops the valleys in darkness. This is an adventure that is driven by a sense of curiosity and empathy, as well as the conviction that technology can be put to use to benefit both the land and the people who tend to it. As we make our way through the complexities of this storey, we shed light on the pathways that lead to a future where innovation is cultivated in harmony with tradition,

where every crop that is preserved and every connection that is forged contributes to a robust and prosperous future for the farmers of the hill area.

Nurturing Nature: Agri-Tech Ventures' Role in Hill Region Sustainable Farming and Natural Resource Preservation

A tale of cohabitation is being told amongst the undulating landscapes of hill areas. This is a tale where the rhythms of agricultural traditions meet the pressing demand for sustainable practises and the protection of irreplaceable natural resources. The essence of this exploration is encapsulated in the title, "Nurturing Nature: Exploring the Role of Agri-Tech Ventures in Cultivating Sustainable Farming and Preserving Natural Resources in Hill Regions." This exploration is an expedition that journeys into the heart of agri-potential tech's to not only revolutionise farming practises but also to safeguard the delicate balance of these landscapes. Agri-tech startups are innovative guiding lights, and they may be found on these hills, which have been cultivated by previous generations. The combination of technology and agriculture has the potential to not only result in higher levels of production, but also in the development of environmentally friendly farming practises that will benefit the land for many generations to come. This voyage reveals a landscape in which agri-tech solutions play a crucial role in preserving natural resources, maximising the use of water, halting the deterioration of soil, and reducing the amount of chemical inputs required. As we dive more into this area, we are becoming aware of the many layers that include a variety of opportunities as well as challenges. The undulating terrains that characterise these areas, while delivering the picturesque attractiveness that they are known for, highlight the need for finding solutions that are in harmony with the contours of the land. It is essential that the incorporation of technology be in keeping with the guiding principles of the local people in order to protect the cultural identity that is based in the mountains. The difficulty of restricted connection, which is characteristic of distant places,

highlights the need of easily accessible and broadly applicable solutions that give every farmer more agency.

This investigation is not only an evaluation of the role that agri-tech plays; rather, it is a contemplation on the possibility of human growth coexisting with environmental care in a way that is harmonious. It recognises that the path toward environmentally responsible agricultural practises is a tapestry that is woven with multidisciplinary threads. At the intersection of these threads are innovation and tradition. We unearth a domain where agri-tech businesses function as catalysts for change by peeling back the layers of problems that exist. This realm is one in which technology fosters not just economic development but also the preservation of natural systems. Beginning as the sun warms the hills with its golden embrace at dawn and as the twilight paints the valleys with colours of sunset, the journey to discover the role that agri-tech businesses play in encouraging sustainable agricultural methods and protecting natural resources gets under way. It is an adventure that is characterised by a strong sense of curiosity, dedication, and profound respect for the interdependence of all forms of life. As we proceed through this storey, we find new avenues along which tradition may be revitalised by innovation, humanity's connection to the natural world can be strengthened through technological advancement, and the heritage of these hills can be preserved for future generations. A storey may be found nestled in the folds of India's hill regions, and this storey tells of a delicate dance. This dance is one that takes place between the time-honored rhythms of agricultural methods and the unavoidable need of living in harmony with nature. This journey is an exploration into the profound role that agri-tech ventures play in reshaping farming practises to nurture both the land and the communities that call these hills home. The essence of this journey is captured in the article "Cultivating Harmony: Examining the Contribution of Agri-Tech Ventures to Sustainable Farming and Natural Resource Conservation in Hill Regions," which is a title that captures the essence of this journey. In these hills, where agriculture has a long history and strong roots, agri-tech companies are emerging as the trailblazers of a new chapter. The integration of new technologies into agricultural practises offers the potential not only

to boost crop yields but also to facilitate the development of practises that prolong the useful life of the land. This journey reveals a world in which agri-tech solutions act as stewards of natural resources by maximising water use, preventing soil deterioration, and reducing an operation's overall ecological imprint. As we continue on this journey of discovery, we will run across the complex web of possibilities and obstacles that have been knitted together. The undulating terrains, while contributing to the overall appeal of the area, highlight the need for finding solutions that smoothly integrate with the natural features of the land. It is imperative that the incorporation of technology respect the customs that are intricately entwined with these hills in order to cultivate a mutually beneficial connection between technological advancement and the preservation of cultural traditions. The difficulty of poor connection, which is typical in rural regions, highlights the need of finding solutions that are both accessible and inclusive so that they may be used by all farmers.

This voyage is an awareness that the synergistic interaction that exists between the development of technology and the management of the environment is a symphony that reverberates throughout history. It acknowledges the fact that the pursuit of environmentally responsible agricultural techniques is not simply an undertaking for the now but also a legacy for the future. We unearth a domain where agri-tech businesses take on the role of caretakers, where progress fosters tradition, and where the cultivation of the land is connected with the development of a brighter, greener future by removing the layers of obstacles one by one. The investigation into the role that agritech businesses play in environmentally responsible farming and the preservation of natural resources is an ongoing odyssey that is unfolding with each dawn that casts a gentle light over the mountains at the start of the day and each twilight that covers the valleys in darkness at dusk. It is an adventure that is driven by inquisitiveness, ingenuity, and the realisation that development does not have to come at the expense of nature but can instead be seen as a partnership that lives on harmony. As we go through this storey, we discover new avenues via which agritech businesses not only produce crops, but also develop a legacy of

stewardship – a heritage that stretches beyond plains and mountains to a world that thrives in harmony.

CHAPTER II:

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

2.1 Theoretical Framework

In the context of agri-tech supply chain business opportunities and challenges in rural hill areas of India, several theoretical frameworks can be applied to understand the dynamics and formulate strategies effectively. One such framework is the Value Chain Analysis, which helps in identifying key players, processes, and value-added activities within the agri-tech supply chain. In rural hill areas, where agriculture is often subsistence-based and fragmented, value chain analysis can help stakeholders identify opportunities for aggregation, standardization, and efficiency improvement. Additionally, the Institutional Analysis and Development (IAD) framework can be useful for assessing the role of various institutions, including government agencies, cooperatives, and private sector actors, in shaping the agri-tech supply chain. Understanding how these institutions interact and influence the supply chain can guide policymakers and businesses in fostering a conducive environment for growth. the Resource-Based View (RBV) theory can be applied to explore the competitive advantage of agri-tech businesses operating in rural hill areas. It emphasizes the importance of valuable, rare, and non-substitutable resources and capabilities that firms can leverage to gain a competitive edge. In this context, access to innovative technologies, local market knowledge, and strong relationships with farmers can be considered valuable resources for agri-tech companies., the Diffusion of Innovations theory can help in understanding the adoption and acceptance of agri-tech solutions in rural hill areas. It categorizes potential adopters into innovators, early adopters, early majority, late majority, and laggards, highlighting the need for tailored marketing and outreach strategies. Given the unique challenges and limited infrastructure in hilly terrains, agri-tech businesses may need to adopt a phased approach to technology introduction.the Sustainable

Supply Chain Management (SSCM) framework is relevant in addressing the environmental and social dimensions of agri-tech supply chains. In hill areas, preserving the fragile ecosystem and ensuring equitable benefits for local communities are paramount. SSCM principles can guide businesses in making sustainable choices, such as reducing carbon emissions, minimizing waste, and promoting fair trade practices.these theoretical frameworks offer valuable insights into the opportunities and challenges of agri-tech supply chain businesses in rural hill areas of India. By applying these frameworks, stakeholders can develop holistic strategies that consider economic, institutional, resource-based, adoption, and sustainability factors, ultimately contributing to the development of resilient and inclusive agri-tech supply chains in these challenging terrains.

2.2 Review of literature

(Sunding and Zilberman 1999) studied "the Agricultural Innovation Process: Research and Technology Adoption in a Changing Agricultural Sector" Over the past century, agriculture has been significantly influenced by technological development [Schultz (1964); Cochrane (1993)]. The impact of institutional shifts on agriculture has also been substantial. Technical and institutional shifts are made up of innovations, such as novel ways to carry out tasks, novel products, and novel procedures. In order to better comprehend innovations, a large and ever-growing body of economic literature has been produced to serve the needs of policymakers, agricultural professionals, and the general public. Because there is such a wide variety of innovations, it is useful to classify them using a number of different factors.

(Neupane, Sharma, and Thapa 2002) studied "Adoption of agroforestry in the hills of Nepal: a logistic regression analysis" Widespread deforestation and increasingly intense use of land to maintain a growing population are having a negative impact on soil erosion, soil fertility, and agricultural production in the highlands of Nepal. The hill farming

system's future is now under question. In order to solve these problems, more and more people are turning to agroforestry. However, agroforestry's viability as a viable alternative for farmers has become a major challenge in many ecological and socioeconomic contexts. With the help of the Nepal Agroforestry Foundation's agroforestry programme, this paper sets out to answer the question, "What factors influence the adoption of agroforestry by hillside subsistence farmers?" (NAF). This study used information gathered from a 1998 survey of 223 dwellings (82 project and 141 non-project) in the towns of Kumpur, Nalang, and Salang located in the Dhading district. A number of factors were found to have a negative impact on agroforestry adoption among project households, including the number of children under the age of five, the number of males aged 10-59, the level of male education, the number of females who are members of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and the age of respondents. Households headed by men were less likely to pursue agroforestry than those headed by women or those with more livestock or male membership in local NGOs.

(Deng et al. 2006) studied “Improving Agricultural Water Use Efficiency in Arid and Semiarid Areas of China There is a severe water deficit in China, especially in the country's northern and northwest regions. Despite making up half of China's landmass, the region only has access to 20% of the country's total water supply. Even though there is a serious water constraint in the area, the average agricultural water use efficiency is only about 0.46 kg m-3, and irrigation water use efficiency is only about 40%. Downstream Yellow River water users have felt the effects of over irrigation in Ningxia and Inner Mongolia. Increasing the efficiency with which water is used in agriculture is seen as crucial in the fight against water scarcity and for the protection of the environment. This study provides an overview of water-saving agricultural systems and methods that have been used to increase the efficiency with which agricultural water is used in China's dry

and semiarid regions. Low pressure irrigation, furrow irrigation, plastic mulches, drip irrigation under plastic, rainfall harvesting, and terracing are just some of the water-saving irrigation technologies and biological mechanisms that will be discussed in this study. Finally, the research emphasises the importance of breeding new kinds with high water use efficiency, as well as the compensatory effect of limiting irrigation and fertiliser supplementation on water use efficiency". Effective moisture conservation and efficient use of the limited water are crucial to realising the region's considerable potential for further improvement in agricultural water use efficiency.

(Doss 2006) studied "Analyzing technology adoption using microstudies: limitations, challenges, and opportunities for improvement" Policymakers and interest groups have voiced numerous reservations regarding the spread of innovative agricultural practises to the world's poorest nations. This includes things like the impact of new technologies on productivity and quality of life. Most research on adoption have only looked at the micro level, which means they can't address these important policy concerns. This study uses the results of a literature review on the issue of agricultural technology adoption to suggest fresh approaches to the design of studies on the subject that will be of most use to policymakers. It discusses some of the difficulties faced by researchers, as well as the broader constraints of such research, when attempting to conduct cross-sectional adoption studies in a small number of locations. Some suggestions for improving the quality of such studies include checking the assumptions that usually underpin them, utilising sample procedures that allow data from microstudies to be extrapolated to larger levels of aggregation, and using standardised, easily understood terminology.

(Marchant 2006) studied "This document is discoverable and free to researchers across the globe due to the work of AgEcon Search Many elements, including economics and society, farming's physical and technical characteristics, and farmers' willingness to

take risks, all have a role in the rate at which agricultural production methods in developing nations are adopted. In order to create effective technologies and plan fruitful development initiatives, it is crucial to comprehend the function of these variables. This research looks at how these elements influence the use of post-drought recovery projects in Ethiopia's Tegulet-Bulga district, specifically the use of single-ox, fertiliser, and pesticide technologies. The likelihood of adopting each technology is modelled, and then estimated, using a logit maximum likelihood technique. The results show that farm size is the most significant factor in determining the likelihood of adopting any of the three technologies; this factor has a negative effect on the usage of single-ox technology but a positive effect on the use of fertiliser and pesticides. Adoption of single-ox and pesticide technologies is statistically influenced by a variety of socioeconomic characteristics, including income, wealth, debt, family size, access to knowledge, education, experience, and so on. Access to outside information and non-farm activities (as in Ankober) has a larger impact on fertiliser and pesticide technology adoption than does living in a more'self-contained' location (Seladengay). For single-ox technology, the effect of farmers' risk aversion is found to be considerable and negative in both contexts, but for fertiliser and pesticide technologies, it is present only in one". Predicted probability of technology adoption by a typical farmer rise sharply with the farmer's level of education and exposure to the wider world.

(Marchant 2006) studied "This document is discoverable and free to researchers across the globe due to the work of AgEcon Search" Should aid programmes that aim to boost agricultural output prioritise empowering women? After controlling for factors like input costs, plot size, and farmer education, the vast majority of studies that compare male and female agricultural productivity find no significant differences between the sexes. The paper also emphasises the multiple challenges that must be surmounted to separate personal

productivity. Despite the fact that the majority of farm households have both men and women working on the land, most studies compare the productivity of farms controlled by men with those run by women. The existing empirical data does not clearly reveal where project returns may be strongest in terms of who to target. Programs that fail to account for the unequal distribution of power between men and women among smallholder farmers are unlikely to increase production or benefit either gender.

(Knowler and Bradshaw 2007) studied “Farmers’ adoption of conservation agriculture: A review and synthesis of recent research” Rising concerns over the implications of many conventional agricultural practises, especially the deep tilling of soils, have led to the promotion of a suite of soil conserving practises under the banner of "conservation agriculture" by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and others. The related tactics have recently been given a new name, but farmers have been using them for some time. Their acceptance or rejection has been the topic of social scientific study for quite some time. This report analyses and synthesises the existing literature to identify the independent variables that consistently explain adoption, laying the groundwork for future policy recommendations to broaden the phenomenon's global reach. The main conclusion of the synthesis is that there are not many consistent factors that can be used to explain why farmers have turned to conservation agriculture. However, a disaggregated look at a selection of commonly used variables does reveal some underlying patterns of effect. Since further study is unlikely to reveal such determinants, we conclude that efforts to promote conservation agriculture will have to be adapted to reflect the unique characteristics of different locations.

(Stoop, Adam, and Kassam 2009) studied “Comparing rice production systems: A challenge for agronomic research and for the dissemination of knowledge-intensive farming practices This article serves as a commentary on a number of studies examining

the potential of aerobic rice production systems, which seek to lessen the reliance on irrigation water, a resource that is becoming increasingly scarce in some of the world's most important rice-producing regions. The scope of the studies considered is limited because only three or four rice varieties are tested across a range of soil moisture treatments obtained through controlled irrigation, while all other agronomic factors of production are held constant. These studies were conducted primarily under the auspices of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI). Consequently, the research cannot evaluate the interplay between agronomic parameters that is crucial to the success of any production system. If you change the amount of water used in production, you'll also have to adjust the amounts of the other variables to get the best results. Not accounting for the interactions between experimental and non-experimental elements in the comparisons between different production systems is a fundamental flaw in the studies analysed in this article. This includes both the statistical analysis of the outcomes and the experimental field design employed in the studies. Such interactions are a major complication that stands in the way of drawing useful comparisons between various crop production systems. As a result, the findings and conclusions of such studies tend to favour the promotion of standardised solutions, which may then be introduced to farmers via a linear technology transfer process. When it comes to disseminating knowledge-intensive production strategies, however, the unpredictability and diversity of the actual farming environment calls for more adaptable solutions and approaches, such as those used by farmer field schools, which emphasise experiential learning. Based on knowledge from the'system of rice intensification' (SRI), this article shows that there are alternative, agronomically sound ways to decrease irrigation water needs without resorting to the often-cited practise of introducing new cultivars, which can save money and help preserve the natural environment. Not only are these agronomic solutions feasible for a wide variety of rice growers, including resource-

poor smallholders, but they also give immediate benefits in the form of reduced water requirements and greater net returns.

(Washburn and Sindhu 2009) studied Helping CIOs Understand Smart City Initiatives Cities are becoming smarter, as governments, businesses, and communities increasingly rely on technology to overcome the challenges from rapid urbanization. What makes a smart city To better connect seven critical city infrastructure components and services, including city administration, education, healthcare, public safety, real estate, transportation, and utilities, smart is the combined use of software systems, server infrastructure, network infrastructure, and client devices, which Forrester calls Smart Computing technologies. CIOs in federal, state, and local governments, as well as their respective technological teams, are feeling additional pressure from the smart city concept to conduct thorough assessments of new technologies and network with influential decision-makers. To realise the smart city's potential, CIOs need to have a firm grasp on the concept's definition, drivers, and function.

(Studies 2010) studied Technology Adoption in Small-Scale Agriculture: The Case of Cameroon and Ghana This research investigates a key issue for reducing poverty in sub-Saharan Africa: why agricultural innovations have not caught on in this region. Data from in-depth interviews with 42 small-scale farmers in Ghana and Cameroon are used to create a causal loop diagram that conceptually analyses the drivers and causes of agricultural technology adoption in the region. Factors that farmers evaluate before implementing a new technology might be weighted with the help of interviews. Using these parameters, a system dynamics model is run with a hypothetical population of 10,000 farmers over a 25-year time span to examine the impact of various drivers of technology adoption on the adoption rate and the number of adopters. According to the findings, most farmers employ a bet-hedging technique in an effort to lessen the likelihood of catastrophic output

breakdowns. Many factors impact decisions to embrace new technologies, including scale of production, long-term concerns, the success history of previous technologies, and the support of technologies by thought leaders. This makes it difficult to implement a single solution to the problem of slow agricultural technology adoption throughout the region. Therefore, a more comprehensive strategy is required to solve this issue.

(Krishnan and Patnam 2011) studied NEIGHBOURS AND EXTENSION AGENTS IN ETHOPIA: WHO MATTERS MORE FOR TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION The key to increasing land productivity in Ethiopian agriculture is the widespread use of fertiliser and improved seed varieties. However, these technologies' uptake and spread have been sluggish. We use Ethiopian data collected between 1999 and 2009 to compare the effectiveness of receiving information about better seed varieties from extension agents versus from neighbours. We use panel data and the structure of farmers' spatial networks to identify these factors and find that while the impact of extension agents was substantial at first, it gradually diminished with time.

(Keirstead, Jennings, and Sivakumar 2012) studied A review of urban energy system models: Approaches, challenges and opportunities Recent years have seen a rise in investigation into urban energy consumption. However, due to the breadth of the subject matter, numerous divergent perspectives on the issue domain and the modelling techniques used to explore it have emerged. By first presenting a theoretical definition of an urban energy system model and then assessing the existing status of practise, this research hopes to bring these threads together. A survey of 219 publications yielded the following five areas of practise, each with its own unique and partial understanding of the problem domain: technology design; building design; urban climate; systems design; and policy evaluation. We also call attention to a sixth area, land use and transportation modelling, which is directly related to urban energy use but has been under-researched thus far. Model

complexity, data quality and uncertainty, model integration, and policy relevance are four areas where these different approaches to modelling urban energy systems overlap. Then, we take a look at the ways in which sensitivity analysis, cloud computing, data collecting and integration approaches, and the usage of activity-based modelling could be used to advance the state of the art in urban energy systems modelling. The findings point to the need for urban energy systems models to progress from narrow disciplinary perspectives to more holistic integrated ones, better able to represent the theoretical complexity of such systems.

(Tey and Brindal 2012) studied Factors influencing the adoption of precision agricultural technologies: a review for policy implications More efficient use of farm resources has come to the fore as a solution to the problems of food insecurity, environmental degradation, and economic instability. Precision agricultural technologies offer a potential solution to some of the issues that arise from this (PATs). Since the 1980s, affluent nations have actively encouraged their spread. Similar initiatives have been launched in poorer countries in recent years, despite slow adoption elsewhere. This highlights the importance of delving into the underlying reasons that drive PAT uptake. The moment has come to reflect on these elements and the policy lessons that can be learned from doing so. This review extrapolates the findings of research that have looked into the low uptake of PATs in 'experienced' countries in order to understand why farmers have or have not used such technologies. At the same time, this study compiles the most important learnings for better targeting 'new' followers, such as who is more likely to embrace PATs. The review also highlights the shortcomings of previous studies, recommending instead the use of a rigorous economic model or multidisciplinary approach for future research.

(Kabir, Yegbemey, and Bauer 2013) studied Factors determinant of biogas adoption in Bangladesh The primary goal of this article is to investigate the barriers to expanding the use of biogas technology in Bangladesh's rural communities. Respondents were surveyed as part of the research. We chose 150 people who use biogas and another 150 people who don't based on a combination of random and purposeful sampling. Individual interviews utilising a structured questionnaire were used to compile the data. The primary factors affecting the uptake of biogas were investigated using a qualitative response model (Logistic regression model). As a result, people's attitudes and actions regarding biogas adoption are heavily influenced by their socio-economic status and related circumstances. Empirical findings confirmed that factors such as income, number of cattle in the household, and the presence of a woman as the primary breadwinner all have a role in determining whether or not to establish a biogas plant. Therefore, initiatives likely to boost the adoption rate of biogas plants include raising the level of education, empowering women, increasing annual income, and increasing the number of cattle. Respondents engaged in the adoption of biogas plants because of the positive effects on the environment, the economy, society, and technology. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) also encourage homeowners to set up biogas plants (NGOs). Small amounts of inspiration can be found in national and local governments and the media. Therefore, the expansion of biogas technology in Bangladesh could be facilitated by increasing public awareness of the advantages of installing biogas plants through existing channels of communication campaigns, the provision of financial incentive, the participation of print media, and the active attendances of Government institutions.

(Dey et al. 2013) studied A qualitative enquiry into the appropriation of mobile telephony at the bottom of the pyramid The purpose of this work is to critically identify an appropriate research technique for investigating the use and appropriation of mobile

telephony by bottom of the pyramid (BoP) customers (such as Bangladeshi farmers). Approach/Design: In-depth ethnographic immersion in rural Bangladeshi communities was combined with methodological and investigator triangulation over the course of four months of fieldwork to provide more reliable results. Given the challenge of maintaining responders' interest over time, intensive immersion was necessary to obtain comparatively swifter engagement. Results - Farmers' usage of mobile telephone expanded beyond early adopters, as they adapted to the technology through social and institutional support, creative ways, and personal sacrifice. The study claims that technology appropriation allows users to attain desired outcomes that may not always be the ones envisioned by the original designers because it is the result of the mutual shaping of technology, human skills and capacities, and macro-environmental factors. The paper identifies technology appropriation as an important and emerging concept in international marketing research and proposes a focused form of ethnographic engagement for studying technology appropriation in a developing country context, but it also has limitations and implications for future research. Implications for practise: For businesses to successfully service clients at the Base of the Pyramid (BoP), they need a thorough comprehension of the complex relationships among user knowledge, social setting, and technology artifacts/applications. This paper's originality/value lies in its presentation of a dynamic model of technology appropriation based on results gathered through a pragmatic methodology that combines intensive ethnographic immersion with methodological and investigator triangulation. Bangladesh, technology appropriation, technology adoption, ethnography, and mobile telephony are all terms that come up in this article.

(Lund et al. 2014) studied 4th Generation District Heating (4GDH) Integrating smart thermal grids into future sustainable energy systems" The term "4th Generation District Heating" (or "4GDH") is defined in this document, along with its connections to

"District Cooling," "smart energy," and "smart thermal grids." One goal of implementing sustainable energy systems as a whole is to pinpoint the obstacles standing in the way of a future renewable non-fossil heat supply. It is assumed that district heating and cooling will play a significant role in the design of future sustainable energy systems, such as those that rely entirely on renewable energy sources, but that the current generation of district heating and cooling technologies will need to be refined into a new generation before it can do so. Unlike the preceding three generations, 4GDH must address the need for more energy-efficient buildings while also functioning as an integral part of smart energy systems, such as smart electricity, gas, and thermal grids.

(Uddin, Bokelmann, and Entsminger 2014) studied “Factors Affecting Farmers’ Adaptation Strategies to Environmental Degradation and Climate Change Effects: A Farm Level Study in Bangladesh” This research looks at how farmers in coastal Bangladesh have adjusted to the deteriorating environmental conditions that are very likely to be caused or exacerbated by global climate change. It delves into four main areas: Farmers' perceptions of the importance of potential coping strategies to agricultural enterprises; farmers' perceptions of the socio-economic factors associated with adoption of coping strategies; the rate at which farmers report adopting adaptive mechanisms (coping strategies) in response to climate change; and farmers' perceptions of the importance of potential constraints to adoption of coping strategies. This document also includes preliminary information on the farmers' perspectives on their experiences with climatic change. The study area consists of three villages in the coastline region (Sathkhira district), an area identified as particularly vulnerable to rapid degradation due to climate change. A total of one hundred (100) farmers took part in the project's survey, and the results were used for things like ranking with weighted indices and doing logistic regression. Here we give the ranks, model outcomes, and descriptive data. The majority of farmers reported feeling they

had used adaptive strategies. Irrigation is the most popular adaptive strategy taken by farms, out of a total of fourteen, while crop insurance is the least popular. Logit analysis revealed that age, education, family size, farm size, family income, and cooperative membership were among the eight parameters that strongly correlated with self-reported adaptability. Respondents cited a lack of water, a lack of cultivable land, and unpredictable weather as their greatest challenges in adapting to the effects of environmental degradation and change, despite the availability of a variety of assistance and technical interventions. Because of these findings, policymakers and providers of development services will be better able to target interventions that promote or facilitate the adoption of coping mechanisms with the potential to build resiliency to the climate change and environmental impacts that are occurring as a result.

(Rai and Robinson 2015) studied "Agent-Based Modeling of Energy Technology Adoption: Empirical Integration of Social, Behavioral, Economic, and Environmental Factors" Using agent-based modelling (ABM) to examine human-technical systems requires overcoming two significant challenges. The ad hoc rules guiding agent behaviour are one reason why evaluating the theoretical repercussions of these models can be challenging. Second, the lack of relevant empirical data prevents many models from being launched and validated in an appropriate manner, reducing the usefulness of such models for examining emergent features or assessing policy. This paper proposes an empirically driven, theoretically grounded agent-based model of technology adoption, with an application to residential solar photovoltaics, to solve these issues (PV). With household-level resolution for demographic, attitudinal, social network, and environmental variables from 2004 to 2013, we apply the integrated ABM framework we develop to real-world data for a home solar PV scheme at the city scale. The method is then used in two settings, both of which involve developing rebate programmes.

(Ghimire, Huang, and Shrestha 2015) studied “Factors Affecting Adoption of Improved Rice Varieties among Rural Farm Households in Central Nepal” Adopting high-yield crop varieties is essential for reducing hunger and food insecurity in developing countries. In order to determine the possibility that smallholder farmers in Central Nepal's two primary agro-ecological areas (the hills and the tropical plain terai regions) will adopt NIRVs during the 2013 crop season, we employed a probit model (plot-level analysis). Education, extension services, and seed availability were found to be critical in shaping adoption decisions. Factors like farm size, the availability of favourable soil types (such lowlands), and animal power all have a role in how likely NIRVs are to be adopted (such as oxen). Since technology-specific characteristics (such as yield potential and acceptability) are essential for understanding adoption behaviour, the results imply that farmers' preferences regarding varietal attributes should be considered in the design of a research and development programme. Given the significant role that extension and access related variables play in determining the adoption rate of novel rice varieties, it is necessary to increase the focus on information distribution, field demonstration, and farmers' engagement in research and training programmes. Educational opportunities for farm families and programmes giving farmers access to varied pools of rice germplasm are therefore obvious policy priorities. To boost adoption, production, and food security, programmes like this help farmers become more profit-oriented in their practises.

(Ghimire and Huang 2015) studied “Household wealth and adoption of improved maize varieties in Nepal: a double-hurdle approach” In light of recent debates over how to increase agricultural production and food security for rural farmers in developing countries, this paper examines the connection between household wealth and the adoption and use intensity of improved maize varieties (IMVs) in two agro-ecological regions of central Nepal. We estimated Cragg's double-hurdle model for the adoption and usage intensity of

IMVs in low- and high-wealth households independently using cross-sectional data from farms including 416 households. The study found that low-income and high-income households differ in the characteristics determining adoption and the intensity of adoption, both of which are necessary to increase adoption of IMVs and their subsequent advantages on food security. The data also suggested that the availability of seed at local retail outlets would benefit the least well-off farmers, as distance to market had a negative influence on adoption and intensity of adoption of IMVs. Therefore, the government should establish a comprehensive seed distribution network in rural areas, preferably through a public-private partnership, to achieve the required adoption rate and intensity (PPP). Connecting farmers with buyers can increase their profits by helping them share costs and increase efficiency.

(Davarzani and Norrman 2015) studied "Toward a relevant agenda for warehousing research: literature review and practitioners' input The primary goal of this study is to lay out a path forward for academic growth and practical demands in the field of warehousing. First, a thorough literature assessment was conducted to identify study areas covered in the literature; this was done so that we could then propose a practically relevant future research agenda. In order to give empirical input to the creation of possible future research themes, 15 warehouse managers and senior consultants were interviewed. Both methodological and subject-related limitations are revealed by the literature review. There is a noticeable discrepancy in the approaches taken. Some of the highlighted managerial concerns have been investigated at length in the literature, although the most frequently underlined managerial concerns do not fall into the most researched categories. Even though most warehouse managers are worried about administrative issues, many of the analysed research focus on operational difficulties. The suggested future study agenda emphasises the utilisation of real data in analysis and empirical research techniques, as well as the significance of ancillary parts of the warehousing company. A more fluctuating demand, a

greater desire for tailored services, and the continued spread of e-commerce are only some of the projected trends of the business environment highlighted by the observations of practitioners.

(Ürge-Vorsatz et al. 2016) studied Measuring multiple impacts of low- carbon energy options in a green economy context The first step in the process of creating policy portfolios to promote the green energy economy is the economic evaluation of low-carbon energy sources. Although indirect costs and benefits are typically overlooked in current assessments, they are crucial in determining the overall cost-benefit balance of such options. This is frequently attributable to insufficient research methods. This work aims to provide a thorough explanation of the primary methodological obstacles associated with assessing the numerous consequences of energy options, as well as an initial menu of potential solutions to these obstacles. The study begins by demonstrating why it's crucial to consider energy actions' multiplicity of consequences while weighing low-carbon alternatives. This research addresses a few main difficulties in assessing low-carbon alternatives' co-impacts and shows that doing so is more difficult than assessing alternatives' direct effects. Multiple levels of additionality, extreme reliance on context, and taking distributional effects into account are all examples of such difficulties. The report proceeds by outlining the primary obstacles associated with the aggregation of numerous affects, such as the potential for overcounting and the complexity of calculating co-impacts. In order to address them and provide a framework for a systematic evaluation of the multiple implications, the paper provides an analytical methodology.

(Mukrimaa et al. 2016) studied Financial Inclusion in India: An Analysis Using a New and Comprehensive Financial Inclusion Index Using a comprehensive index that takes into account both commercial and cooperative banks while also differentiating between rural and urban areas, this article analyses the current situation of financial

inclusion (FI) in India. Several states saw a growth in the rural-urban financial inclusion divide, while economically stronger states like Himachal Pradesh, Goa, and Karnataka performed better in FI. After the Jan Dhan Yojana initiative, there was a huge rise in availability, but there hasn't been a corresponding uptick in actual use. To further investigate whether self-employed people's ability to get the financing their firms regularly require has increased, a panel data regression model is estimated. The fabricated indices serve as the dependent variable, and we supplement them with explanatory variables on self-employment derived from the National Survey of Small Businesses. According to the estimates, self-employed families' access to credit has not improved throughout the drive period compared to the years before the drive.

(Webb and Buratini 2016) studied Global Challenges for the 21st Century: the Role and Strategy of the Agri-Food Sector The effects of human activities on the world's environment, geology, and ecosystems are increasing. The world's population is expected to grow from its current 7.2 billion to between 9.6 and 12.3 billion by 2100, with a high likelihood that it will exceed 10 billion as soon as 2056. Food production has increased more rapidly than world population. Real food costs have been going down, proving this point, but this trend has recently slowed due to supply restrictions and persistently rising demand. Despite the fact that many people throughout the world go hungry every day, the percentage of overweight or obese people continues to rise, and now exceeds 2 billion. By 2050, it is predicted that the world would need to reduce its food deficit significantly, largely as a result of rising populations and shifting dietary habits. Global food yields are expected to decline if temperatures rise by more than two degrees Celsius. In the United States, roughly 50% of all greenhouse gas emissions come from cattle production, whereas 30% comes from agri-food production (including manufacturing, food preparation, and cooking). These global shifts, such as a larger global population, the rapid expansion of

emerging nations with western lifestyle ambitions, rising geopolitical instability around shortages of land, water, and energy, and 'one health' difficulties, will have an increasing impact on the agricultural sector. Nutrition, genetics, informatics, satellite imaging, remote sensing, meteorology, precision farming, and low-impact agriculture are just few of the fields where technical advances are being made. Hopefully, these shifts will encourage the world to keep investing heavily in agricultural technologies. Recognizing the opportunities and difficulties and providing the necessary framework support, investment, and infrastructure is crucial for governments all around the world. Animal scientists and veterinarians all across the world need to convey this message to governments and funding organisations in order to increase high quality livestock research, which is crucial for helping to address impending food and environmental concerns. Competing demands will force further shifts in farming methods around the world. In order to effectively address these global issues, it is crucial that the livestock industry receive the full benefits of both the development and use of future reproductive technologies.

(Negi and Anand 2016) studied Factors Leading to Losses and Wastage in the Supply Chain of Fruits and Vegetables Sector in India Losses and wastes that occur after harvest plague the whole supply chain for perishable food items. There is an annual loss of Rs. 2 Lakh crore due to the waste of 30-40% of total production at various points in the supply chain. The farmers lose money, but more importantly, the supply chain experiences inflation, which drives the final customers to pay more out of their own pockets. The current study conducts a comprehensive literature review of both historical and up-to-date sources in an effort to explain the current state of post-harvest losses and wastage problems in the supply chain for agricultural products, with a focus on fruits and vegetables. It also identifies the most significant contributors to these issues, categorising them under the headings Infrastructure, Human Factors, and Technology.

(Abay et al. 2016) studied Understanding Farmers' Technology Adoption Decisions: Input Complementarity and Heterogeneity" The continent of Africa is known for its slow technological advancement in agriculture. New evidence suggests, however, that learning towards the use of an optimal mix of inputs is hampered by substantial adoption heterogeneities across farm families and a lack of a sufficient variety of inputs for farmers to take advantage of input complementarities. We use a large longitudinal dataset from Ethiopia to analyse the relative importance of input complementarities, unobserved heterogeneities, and the dynamic learning behaviour of farmers presented with diverse agricultural methods. We introduce a random coefficient multivariate probit model to evaluate the synergy between agricultural inputs while taking into account other forms of unobserved heterogeneity effects. Conditional on different types of unobserved heterogeneity effects in technology adoption, the empirical analysis demonstrates a high degree of complementarity (around 70%) between chemical fertilisers and improved seeds, and a lower degree of complementarity (between 6% and 23%) between these two inputs and extension services. Since certain extension services (advice on land preparation) are found to have stronger complementarities with improved seed and chemical fertilisers than simple visits by extension agents, more benefits can be gained if the extension system is supported by "knowledge" inputs rather than just focus on "nudging" of farmers to use these inputs. A closer look reveals that high unobserved heterogeneity effects lead to differential influences in the effect of the explanatory components, even among farmers with similar visible traits. We also show that if these behavioural components aren't taken into account, it might be difficult to effectively gauge the impact of different policy acts designed to facilitate technology adoption. For instance, when these considerations are ignored, the success of extension services in fostering the adoption of technology is

significantly exaggerated. We capture robust learning behaviour, which encompasses both direct experience and learned knowledge gained through interaction with other agents.

(Alison 2016) studied “URBAN MICRO-CONSOLIDATION AND LAST MILE GOODS DELIVERY BY FREIGHT-TRICYCLE IN MANHATTAN: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES” New York City (NYC) faces substantial challenges in urban distribution due to traffic congestion and a shortage of loading space, calling for creative approaches to these problems. Taking advantage of the city's rapidly developing bicycle infrastructure, freight distribution from an urban micro-consolidation centre (UMC) via human-powered or electrically-aided freight-tricycle has the potential to benefit the city, carriers, and shippers. Opportunity and challenge in implementing UMCs in Manhattan are identified through a comparative review of economic, infrastructure, and regulatory situations in the three cities. UMCs have been used in Paris and London with great success.

(Trimikliniotis, Parsanoglou, and Tsianos 2016) studied “Mobile Commons and/in Precarious Spaces: Mapping Migrant Struggles and Social Resistance” This essay compares and contrasts the marginalised migrant populations in Athens, Istanbul, and Nicosia. This paper is based on research done in three cities in the far southeast of the Mediterranean basin, on the so-called "border triangle" between Europe, Asia, and Africa. In the context of social movements, the process is largely characterised by the intertwining of precarious spaces with the will, agency, and practise of subaltern migrants. Their basic existence, well-being, and ability to make ends meet are all under jeopardy. Social processes and battles that create, preserve, evolve, and even erode mobile commons are driven by subaltern and precarious individuals, including migrants and non-migrants. In this essay, we look at how sovereign governance and surveillance technologies in Europe and abroad are being challenged by new types of commons that are characterised by mobility, resistance, and digital materialities. According to the research, both insider and

outsider perspectives on Europe's boundaries are crucial to understanding the continent's recent events and offering a glimpse into its potential future.

(Liu, Bruins, and Heberling 2018) studied “Factors Influencing Farmers’ Adoption of Best Management Practices: A Review and Synthesis Tingting The best management practises (BMPs) for cutting down on pollution from farms are easily accessible. Despite this progress, agriculture continues to be a major global contributor to water quality problems since farmers frequently fail to implement BMPs. Improving water quality requires knowledge of the variables that motivate farmers to implement best management practises (BMPs). We summarise the results of research on BMP uptake in both developed and developing nations that were published after (or were left out of) two large-scale literature reviews conducted in 2007 and 2008. We briefly discuss the study sites, study sizes, and BMPs examined; the analyses performed; the factors considered; and the direction of influence of each factor on BMP adoption. Then, we provide a conceptual framework for BMP adoption decisions that places premiums on scale, targeted information and incentives, and projected farm profits. We propose that future studies incorporate social norms and uncertainty into decision-making and that researchers measure and model adoption as an ongoing process. There needs to be more study into the ways in which social media and market recognition strategies (including certification programmes and product labelling) affect the uptake of BMPs.

(Pivoto et al. 2019) studied “Factors influencing the adoption of smart farming by Brazilian grain farmers Smart farming (SF) is an emerging practise that emphasises the integration of ICT into agricultural management for the purpose of increasing output while minimising waste and maximising profit without depleting natural resources. Despite these advantages, certain countries' adoption of some SF technologies has lagged behind others'. The purpose of this article was to investigate the factors that prevent and encourage grain

farmers to use SF technologies. Descriptive analysis, Logit, and Poisson models were used to examine a sample of 119 farmers from southern Brazil. The findings revealed no consistent profile of farmers, notably in terms of socioeconomic criteria, that may account for the bundled uptake of SF technology. Some technologies require more scale, while others require more time spent learning how the system works. In general, SF necessitates that farmers be sensitive to this way of thinking about farming.

(Bollini, Caccamo, and Martino 2019) studied interfaces of the Agriculture 4.0" Even in a conservative industry like agriculture, the adoption of IT in environmental studies is having an impact and bringing about change. Nonetheless, data-driven decisions and the Agriculture 4.0 paradigm should fulfil stakeholder objectives. Both the strategic function of design as it relates to Agri-tech, and the problem of User Interface and Interaction as enabling instruments, are addressed in this study. In particular, the paper proposes shifting away from HCD and toward a Human-Decentered Design approach, emphasising the importance of the role of calm technologies as a means of positioning the farmer not as a final target and passive spectator, but rather as an active participant in the process of mitigating, appropriating, and transitioning from a conventional cultivation method to a 4.0 one.

(Lyon 2019) studied "Investigating the proposed agricultural policies and their impact on the environment" After Brexit, the United Kingdom will need to develop a new plan for agriculture. This change has been praised for its potential to benefit both the environment and the economy by stimulating a technology revolution. These claims were investigated by conducting in-depth interviews with key stakeholders in the new policy and soliciting comments from farmers through a survey. The policy's basic principle, "compensation for public goods," places environmental well-being at the forefront rather than the background, which is why the majority of farmers and stakeholders support this

course. Less support was shown for the new policy's other fundamental premise, Agri-Tech, among stakeholders and farmers. Precautions must be taken to avoid the issues described in this study and other challenges that Brexit is bound to entail.

(Klerkx & Rose, 2020) looked at a paper titled "Dealing with the game-changing technologies of Agriculture 4.0: How do we manage diversity and responsibility in food system transition pathways?" Agriculture 4.0 includes the use of robotics, nanotechnology, synthetic protein, cellular agriculture, gene editing technologies, artificial intelligence, blockchain, and machine learning. These and similar technologies may have far-reaching consequences for the future of farming and food production. These tools are essential to the success of vertical farming and food systems, digital agriculture, the bioeconomy, closed-loop agriculture, and aquaponics. In this opinion piece, we argue that there needs to be more research into the social inclusion and exclusion outcomes of Agriculture 4.0 technologies, as well as their links to the many potential pathways to more sustainable food and farming systems, which are the result of mission-oriented innovation. Responsible innovation, anticipating the possible implications of Agriculture 4.0 through inclusive procedures, reflecting on and responding to emerging effects, and adapting transition paths as needed will all be required to reach this goal.

(Balafoutis, Evert, and Fountas 2020) studied "Smart Farming Technology Trends: Economic and Environmental Effects, Labor Impact, and Adoption Readiness There are problems in farming that have a multiplicative negative effect on farms' bottom lines, workforces, and ecosystems. It is hoped that SFTs (Smart Farming Technologies) may help reverse this trend. In total, 1064 SFTs were compiled from various sources, including academic works, government reports, and commercial items. The economic, environmental, and labour impacts, as well as the adoption readiness from end-users, were evaluated, and they were then categorised by technology readiness level (TRL), kind, and

field operation. It was found that the TRL of the SFTs discussed in scientific journals was lower than those in research initiatives. Recording technologies were the primary topic of scholarly articles, while farm management information systems and robotic/automation systems were the primary focus of research projects. While scouting technology predominated in academic works, variable rate application technologies were more commonly found in consumer goods. While the economic, environmental, and labour consequences of the investigated SFTs were addressed extensively in the latter research projects, they were only briefly touched on in the former scholarly studies. The economic impact was also prioritised in commercial SFTs, with less attention paid to labour and environmental concerns. There was a marked improvement in adoption readiness scores across the board from SFTs in academic publications to fully working commercial SFTs, suggesting that SFTs only make it to market once most of these concerns are resolved to the farmers' satisfaction. Researchers can use this SFT analysis to adjust their studies, and policymakers and farmers can adjust their approach to adopting digital agriculture in light of the existing situation and predicted future trends revealed by this analysis.

(K, K, and Rajeshwari 2020) studied Literature Review of Applications of ICT on Solar Cold Chain The Cold Chain (CC) refers to a set of procedures designed to protect the quality and viability of perishable goods during transport. These procedures include using specialised packaging to move perishables along a supply chain at a constant temperature, as well as careful advance preparation. There are several different modes of transportation used to transport CC, including refrigerated trucks and trains, cargo ships, reefers, and aeroplanes. For a long time, gas or kerosene-powered freezers were seen as the best alternative for places without consistent access to electricity for the 'Cold' component of the system. However, many issues with these instruments have made it difficult and expensive to keep temperatures where they ought to be. Solar refrigerators that run on

batteries were created in the 1980s as a way to address these issues. However, the batteries they used had a short lifespan (three to five years), needed regular maintenance, and were expensive and sometimes difficult to replace. In recent years, a new alternative has emerged: the design of a solar refrigerator, which does away with the necessity for expensive and unstable energy storage batteries. To keep the fridge cold at night and on overcast days, this technique leverages the energy stored in a bank of frozen cold storage material frozen by the sun. The new ICT technology allows for better monitoring and management of the entire solar-powered CC network. The Internet of Things (IoT) is a subset of information and communication technology that uses real-time data to facilitate speedier, more appropriate responses and far more well-informed judgments. This literature study is based on an extensive revision of previously published works in scholarly publications and online databases. The study's overarching objective is to shed light on the role of ICT applications in the CC System and identify unexplored areas of inquiry.

(Devkota et al. 2020) studied Responsible Agricultural Mechanization Innovation for the Sustainable Development of Nepal’s Hillside Farming System There are at least two competing innovation trajectories for agricultural mechanisation in developing countries: the incumbent trajectory, which favours industrial agriculture, and the alternative pathway, which favours small-scale mechanisation for the long-term viability of hillside farming. The sustainability consequences of these automation approaches in the local ecological, socio-economic, cultural, and historical settings of hillside farms have not been adequately assessed in the existing research. To fill this gap in the literature, this research applies a conceptual framework of what will be called responsible innovation to an analysis of Nepal's first Agricultural Mechanization Promotion Policy (AMPP), which was implemented in 2014. This evaluation takes place against the backdrop of the country's current trajectory of mechanisation, which has been ongoing since the late 1960s and has

been biassed toward mechanising only flat areas and ignoring smallholder farms located in the hills and mountains. This study's findings suggest that the AMPP addressed problems with smallholder production, such as gender inequality, exclusion of smallholder farmers, and biophysical challenges associated with hillside farming systems. However, it is unclear whether and how the policy promotes small-scale agricultural mechanisation for sustainable development of agriculture in Nepal's hills and mountains.

(Kaini 2020) studied The Role of Agriculture in Ensuring Food Security in Developing Countries: Considerations in the Context of the Problem of Sustainable Food Production Countries of varying levels of economic development now prioritise food security, and the agricultural sector plays a crucial part in this effort. The focus of this study is on the discovered clusters of developing countries, specifically on the features of the agricultural sector that have been found to be most closely associated with the undernourishment scale. Ward's technique was used to categorise countries into their respective types. Analysis shows that low-income nations with a large agricultural percentage of GDP, unfavourable environmental conditions that reduce agricultural output, and inadequate infrastructure face the biggest challenges in ensuring their citizens have access to safe and nutritious food. Research findings informed the development of effective, locally-tailored plans to boost food security in each cluster. Key factors for enhancing food availability and food access appear to include encouraging investments in agricultural infrastructure and extension services and implementing measures targeted at increasing the purchasing power of the households, particularly those in rural areas. This article not only helps us understand why so many people around the world are malnourished, but it also points us in the direction of solutions that will work best, given the specifics of each country. Scholars and policymakers alike may find value in the global perspective it provides for policy formulation.

(Manning et al. 2020) studied Ecopreneurial Education and Support: Developing the Innovators of Today and Tomorrow Sustainable changes in food supply chains can only be driven by entrepreneurial spirit, and ecopreneurship in particular. These fields of study should be integrated into existing pedagogical frameworks and school curricula. The valley of death describes the challenging path from ideation to commercialization, even when ideas are generated that can drive sustained change. The purpose of this conceptual study is to examine the pedagogic and programme design, as well as the mechanisms necessary to enact, inside academic curriculum and associated business incubators, a body of practise centred on entrepreneurship and, more particularly, ecopreneurship. Because of this, the academic community, government, and business all have a vested interest in reading this work. To further understand how universities may facilitate the transition from ideation to commercialization, a case study of an existing university that has both a student entrepreneurship and ecopreneurship programme and an established agri-technology business incubator and accelerator is presented. New conceptual, methodological, and theoretically backed spiral pedagogies are needed to help the next generation of students at agricultural and land-based universities learn how to identify, evaluate, and capitalise on business possibilities in the agricultural and ecopreneurial sectors. The process of productization, or taking an idea all the way through to its successful commercialization, should be a central part of any ecopreneurial curriculum.

(van Hulst et al. 2020) studied Using co-constructed mental models to understand stakeholder perspectives on agro- ecology In order to provide the economic, social, and ecological benefits that are becoming increasingly expected of agricultural systems, agro-ecology has emerged as a viable option. However, definitions of agro-ecology vary widely not only between nations but also between interested parties like ecologists and farmers. We employed a novel co-constructed mental modelling approach with a sample of eight

scientists and seven farmers in the North East of Scotland to discover areas of convergence and divergence in their understandings of agro-ecology in the Scottish setting. Based on the findings, it appears that the majority of Scots view agro-ecology as a scientific subject that applies ecological analysis to agricultural systems. Farmers' conceptual frameworks reveal a deeper interest in consumer health, markets, and renewable energy. Farmers' conceptual frameworks included precision farming extensively, while scientists' frameworks did not. The question that our conversation prompts is, to what degree do precision farming and agro-ecology complement or conflict with one another. In conclusion, we argue that despite significant differences between farmers and scientists, there are areas of shared understanding, such as the possibility of novel crops and new crop rotations, that could serve as a jumping off point for developing an agriculture that provides many benefits.

(Edo et al. 2020) studied o-benefits and synergies between urban climate change mitigation and adaptation measures: A literature review:" The majority of the world's carbon dioxide emissions come from urban areas, which have a significant role in driving climate change. As a result, there has been a surge in the creation of strategies to help cities adapt to and lessen the impact of climate change. Even though everyone acknowledges the importance of lowering our carbon footprint and raising our resilience to climate change, there is still a lack of understanding of the interplay between these two initiatives that prevents us from properly capitalising on their synergies. To begin, this study reviews the existing literature on the topic of adaptation and mitigation interactions. This is accomplished through the use of bibliographic coupling, co-citation analysis, and co-occurrence analysis. This study also draws from the current literature on the topic to analyse the two types of interactions between adaptation and mitigation measures: co-benefits and synergies. To further understand this dynamic, we examine the research on

energy, transportation, waste, water, green infrastructure, urban planning, and governance. The analysis of citations draws attention to the lack of study in the Global South. The comprehensive content analysis shows that many different kinds of interventions can have synergistic impacts. Synergies can most likely be created through the implementation of green infrastructure, buildings, energy systems, and transportation initiatives.

(Collier and Lakoff 2020) studied “The Vulnerability of Vital Systems: How “Critical Infrastructure” Became a Security Problem” In recent years, the term "critical infrastructure protection" has emerged as a useful framework for assessing security threats and designing countermeasures. To kick off public discussion on critical infrastructure protection in the United States, President Clinton appointed a Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection in 1996. The Commission's 1997 report, Critical Foundations, established the idea that the economic success, military might, and political vitality of the United States depend on the reliability of the country's critical infrastructures, and thus laid the groundwork for the rationale behind infrastructure protection efforts. "reliable and secure infrastructures are... the cornerstone for expanding the wealth of our nation and the quality of life for our people," the report stated. The United States President's Commission on Important Infrastructure Protection (1997) states, "certain of our infrastructures nfrastructures are so critical that their impairment or destruction would have a disastrous impact on our defence and economic security." These exchanges shed light on an innovative approach to detecting, assessing, and mitigating security threats. There are three main characteristics of this strategy: (1) an emphasis on the critical systems that modern society, economy, and polity are thought to depend upon; (2) the identification of the vulnerabilities of these systems and the threats that might exploit them as matters of national security; and (3) the development of techniques to mitigate system vulnerabilities. This chapter explores where the Western perspective on security risks came from. Why has

there been such a dramatic shift that our nation's "essential infrastructure" is now a potential security risk? We argue that the recent problematization of security is best understood as a challenge that the protection of vital infrastructure can meet. "something has happened to induce doubt, a loss of familiarity; that loss, that uncertainty is the product of difficulties in our prior manner of understanding, doing, connecting," Foucault writes, "and this is when a new problematization begins" (Foucault 1994: 598). We'll show how major breakthroughs in technology and politics at key points in the 20th century rendered conventional security frameworks outmoded and compelled the development of new methods for identifying and responding to security issues. In particular, a framework for considering security risks in light of weaknesses in existing systems began to take form. The preservation of national security now extends to ensuring the reliability of numerous essential infrastructures.

(Søraa and Vik 2021) studied “Boundaryless boundary-objects: Digital fencing of the CyborGoat in rural Norway Case studies of the use of digital fencing and virtual herding for goats in Norway are presented in this article. Goats now have more freedom to travel in the real world because physical barriers have been removed, but they are still subject to online restrictions. Farmers establish a digital barrier, or virtual fence, which communicates with a collar worn by the goats. If the goats violate a barrier, the collar will first make a noise and then deliver a little electric shock, prompting them to form new categories and hierarchies. This article explores the ways in which the disruption of traditional goat farming has resulted in new meanings and behaviours for goats as well as new rules regarding (smart) farming. We use the theoretical concept of a border object to this situation in order to observe how the agency and autonomy that goats already possess are altered by modern smart-farming methods. The actors are able to work together and cooperate despite their divergent objectives. Various parties negotiate to create a hybrid

goat that combines aspects of nature, culture, and technology. We've been referring to this idea as CyborGoat". This border object allows for novel agricultural settings in everyday life, with novel benefits and challenges for the various stakeholder actors.

(Deshmukh et al. 2021) studied "STRUCTURAL EQUATION MODELLING OF STUDENT'S INTENTION TOWARDS ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN AGRIBUSINESS" The agricultural industry is often misunderstood to be dominated by small family firms that care more about continuity than progress. Globalization, economic liberalisation, and reduced protection of agricultural markets have all contributed to dramatic transformations in this setting during the past few decades. As a result of altering consumer tastes, regulatory constraints, product standards, supply chain management practises, environmental concerns, food safety issues, and more, agricultural enterprises around the world have been compelled to adapt their operations in recent years. New opportunities are emerging as a result of recent developments in the agro-business industry. Government officials, legislators, agricultural professionals, and scientists have all known for some time that farmers require agricultural entrepreneurship in addition to traditional agricultural business. The purpose of this study is to investigate the reasons why some management majors are drawn to agricultural entrepreneurship. This study will investigate whether or not farmers and agricultural workers in various settings are inspired by different things. The views of university students on current types of rural entrepreneurship and the barriers to their development are the focus of this study. One of the main purposes of the research is to learn students' opinions on the topic of whether or not agricultural entrepreneurship may help boost rural economies. The specific benefits and difficulties encountered by rural business owners are the focus of this study.

(Shashi et al. 2021) studied "Food cold chain management: what we know and what we deserve" This paper gives a quantitative assessment of the development of food cold

chain (FCC) research, including its historical trajectory, theoretical underpinnings, and thematic specialisations, with the goal of identifying interesting paths for future study. Using bibliometric and network analysis, the research strategy, methods, and techniques evaluate 1,189 FCC articles from the last 25 years. The science mapping and descriptive statistics relied on results from a co-citation study performed in VOSviewer. The findings paint a whole picture of recent advances in FCC research, from top countries and authors to influential research institutions and publications. A co-citation analysis and content analysis of the most-cited publications revealed the following: the employment of RFID technology, production and operation planning models, postharvest waste, the root causes of postharvest wastage, perishable inventory ordering rules and models, and key challenges in FCC. By discussing and delving into current research streams, clusters, and their sub-themes, important areas for future study in FCC were identified. Such studies may sway experts in the field, academics, and politicians to better use FCC's strategic and tactical benefits. Finally, the study's findings offer a blueprint for future research that can yield novel theoretical and practical insights that further develop the field.

(de Janvry and Sadoulet 2021) studied “Agriculture Development” The editors welcome submissions of articles that advance the Association's mission. Letters to the editor on topics already addressed in the journal, larger works, and shorter communications on recent events and other important concerns are all welcome. Our gatherings will also feature the dissemination of papers or summaries of presentations given there. The English language is required for all entries. They can't be under consideration at or accepted by another publication. If more than one person worked on the project, consensus among them is required before submission. Authors require the endorsement of their contemporaries before they can submit a piece of writing as a personal communication. A typical research paper has a word count of 3,000 words and is formatted with 12-point Times New Roman

font, single-spaced, justified lines, and numbered pages. Each article submitted to the Journal should be no longer than four pages, although additional space may be required for tables, graphs, and photographs. The Journal's visual appeal is considerably enhanced by high-quality photos, so please submit your best work. We like to use digital photographs with a high resolution.

(Anon 2021) studied “Agricultural Technologies After The Green Revolution” Crop... advances in CGIAR [research] centres, which were subsequently transferred to national agricultural programmes for adaptation and dissemination, drove the positive effects on poverty reduction and decreased food costs experienced during the first Green Revolution. In order to reestablish agricultural innovation and production systems that can handle today's complex problems, must make use of the finest of scientific knowledge and technology achievements.

(Carr and Farm 2021) studied “Researching the role of the ‘Institutional Animateur’ at the Royal 2Agricultural University, Cirencester: The case of Farm491.” The role of the 'Animateur' in making entrepreneurial ideas a reality has recently been the subject of much discussion in the literature on entrepreneurship. The Animateur or Animator has long been viewed as analogous to the Entrepreneur, a solitary person who leads a team to success through collaboration. In order to help folks who, have an idea or vision but lack the experience, abilities, or self-assurance to go it alone, animateurs offer them encouragement and advise based on their own personal experiences. The developing model of Animateurial action is distinct from other types of business support in that animateurs do not provide the actual solutions in a report for a set fee, but instead guide the aspiring entrepreneurs towards making the important decisions themselves on the path from ideation to commercialization. This case study builds on previous research to investigate the function of the institutional animateur in fostering an environment conducive to

innovation. This scoping study extends the theoretical concept of animateurs to consider their role in agri-technology adoption within the land-based sector, using narratives and examples from Farm491, the AgriTech incubator, accelerator, and innovation space based at the Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester, UK.

(Rivero et al. 2021) studied “Factors Affecting Site Use Preference of Grazing Cattle Studied from 2000 to 2020 through GPS Tracking: A Review” The potential productivity of grazing systems can be increased and the negative impact on the environment can be decreased by better understanding the behaviour of grazing animals at pasture and implementing management measures that take advantage of this knowledge. The purpose of this review was to assist in the development of more sustainable grazing livestock systems by summarising and analysing the scientific literature that has addressed the site use preference of grazing cattle using global positioning systems (GPS) collars in the past 21 years (2000-2020). The identified 84 investigations were conducted in a wide range of geographical locations, production systems, climates, and animal species. This study organises its data by the most important conclusions discussed, which include both human and nonhuman causes of animal migration. Cattle behaviour was found to be significantly affected by factors like stocking rate, proximity to water and shade, weather, and pasture (topography and vegetation) features. Grazing ruminants can have other sorts of bio-loggers installed to better understand the connection between the animals' metabolism and the environment. If these results are used to alter management practises, grasslands could be put to better use in support of sustainable and productive livestock systems.

(Sheth and Parvatiyar 2021) studied “Sustainable Marketing: Market-Driving, Not Market-Driven In the last 50 years, sustainability has been an increasingly important factor in macromarketing strategies. Since its inception in the 1960s, sustainability thinking has

grown to incorporate societal concerns as well as ecological and environmental factors into economic and governing activities. To combat global warming, pollution, environmental degradation, resource depletion, and the socioeconomic imbalances that contribute to widespread hunger and poverty, governments and businesses must work together. Crucial to meeting this challenge is ending or reversing market-driven businesses' pursuit of production and consumption patterns that are unsustainable. It's possible that marketing, with its market-driven, consumption-oriented methods, has pushed these unsustainable production-consumption patterns, either consciously or unknowingly. As a result, it must shift its focus from merely meeting the demands of consumers and businesses to instead creating markets for environmentally friendly goods and services and fostering the growth of more sustainable communities. In this study, we examine the progress made in incorporating sustainable marketing principles into firm strategy and operations. We do this by outlining a plan for encouraging sustainable consumption that can be implemented by businesses and governments alike. We discuss four corporate marketing approaches and four forms of government intervention for long-term marketing success.

(Mahroof et al. 2021) studied Drone as a Service (DaaS) in promoting Cleaner Agricultural Production and Circular Economy for Ethical Sustainable Supply Chain Development Understanding how creative ideas may be introduced into agricultural supply chains, especially within production, for environmentally, economically, ethically, and socially viable food production is essential if the world is to grow the food it needs. While there are many creative approaches to agricultural supply problems, many persist, and most studies to date have examined these problems in isolation rather than looking at the connections between them. Therefore, with the help of literature and expert opinion from the fields of Circular Economy, Agriculture, and Industry 4.0, we model and analyse the difficulties encountered by the agricultural supply chain using ISM methodology and find

12 obstacles. According to the data, two major sources of agricultural problems are unproductive workers and pesticide hazards. The ISM Hierarchical Model clarifies research hypotheses and provides a minimal model for further study.

(Metta et al. 2022) studied An integrated socio-cyber-physical system framework to assess responsible digitalisation in agriculture: A first application with Living Labs in Europe The topic of how to responsibly implement digitalization in agriculture and how much of an impact it will have on the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations remains open. Although the concept of a socio-cyber-physical system (SCPS) could be useful in this study, nothing is known about how to put it into practise and how to incorporate it into the Responsible Research and Innovation framework. OBJECTIVE: This study aims to do two things to fill this void: To better understand the effects of digitalization on SCPS entities, relationships, and activities, we will: a) apply the designed framework in 21 multi-stakeholder platforms (Living Labs) established to explore needs and expectations in specific subjects relevant for European ag; and b) operationalize the SCPS concept within an integrated assessment framework adaptable to multiple levels of analysis, contexts, and purposes (for example, ex-ante, ongoing, ex post evaluation).

(Nadolny et al. 2022) studied Fully electrified land transport in 100% renewable electricity networks dominated by variable generation Decarbonizing the power system and switching to electric land transportation could significantly reduce GHG emissions. Adding more electric load to a system that already has a lot of intermittent and non-dispatchable renewable energy sources would be difficult. The use of pumped hydro for cheap energy balance is another area that has not been thoroughly investigated. In this study, we look into the feasibility of powering land vehicles with renewable energy sources like solar panels and wind turbines. Only large-scale, globally-available technologies such as photovoltaics, wind, battery electric vehicles, high-voltage transmission, and pumped

hydro are considered. We use the Australian National Electricity Market as a case study, conducting an hourly energy balance analysis assuming full adoption of electric vehicles and a shift to renewable energy sources for all land transportation needs. Occasional periods (days-weeks) of low renewable generation influence the cost of the system, making the charge regime only a minor factor. The levelized cost of electricity would need to rise by between 4% and 8% to accommodate the 40% increase in demand brought on by electric land transportation. However, the average price increases by around 18 percent if the majority of passenger car charging occurs during the nighttime peak hour.

(Dhanaraju et al. 2022) studied Smart Farming: Internet of Things (IoT)-Based Sustainable Agriculture Smart farming is a recent innovation that places a premium on ICT in farm machinery, tools, and sensors through the utilisation of sophisticated cycles of network-based, high-tech agricultural surveillance. It is expected that the widespread use of robots and AI in farming will be sparked by the advent of cutting-edge technologies like the Internet of Things (IoT) and cloud computing. Such radical departures are disturbing conventional agricultural practises and posing a number of difficulties. This article delves into the hardware and software that make wireless sensor applications in IoT agriculture possible, as well as the difficulties that are likely to arise from combining these technologies with traditional agricultural methods. Additionally, this technical information is useful to producers all through the sowing, growing, harvesting, packing, and transport stages.

(Ganeshkumar, David, and Jebasingh 2022) studied DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) BASED PRODUCT BENEFITS AND PROBLEMS OF AGRITECH INDUSTRY The purpose of this investigation is to analyse the pros and cons of AI-based products in the agritech sector. The research variables were derived from a literature assessment of issues and benefits

related to artificial intelligence, and primary data was collected from 90 managers in the agritech business through a survey utilising a well-structured research questionnaire. Descriptive and inferential statistical methods were used to examine the data, and the statistical software package IBM-SPSS 21 was used to do so. The highest valued advantage of AI was found to be improved knowledge for quicker decision making. This suggests that agritech unit executives are worried about the quality of the judgments their teams are making, and that resistance to change inside the organisation and its culture is the biggest issue when it comes to artificial intelligence.

(Sunkemo 2022) studied Exploring factors that affect adoption of storage-based rainwater harvesting technologies: The case of Silte Zone, Southern Ethiopia The Central Rift Valley drylands of Ethiopia are prone to reoccurring droughts due to intra-seasonal rainfall unpredictability in terms of amount and distribution, and rising temperatures. The damaging impacts of droughts might be lessened by employing water collecting and storage methods. The researchers set out to examine the effects of rainwater collecting methods that rely on storage to see how effective they would be against agro-meteorological droughts. A total of 120 agricultural households in three Kebeles in the Dalocha district were surveyed for the study, providing both secondary and primary data. Sampled respondents were characterised by several desirable characteristics using descriptive statistics including percentage, mean, and standard deviation. The parameters that influence the adoption of rainwater harvesting technologies with storage were analysed using a binary logit model. That means severe droughts for livestock occurred 13 times in the last 32 years, or 34% of the time. Droughts affecting cattle were neither mild nor severe for only 32% of the last 32 years. Droughts in maize production were severe 34% of the time and moderate 31% of the time due to late start times of the rainy season and extended dry periods. Mixed crop and livestock farming lessen farmers' vulnerability to drought

because drought years for one farming may be favourable years for another. Only 6% of years (2 out of 32) had severe drought for both livestock and maize farming. Logistic regression analyses showed that factors such as the sex of the household head, the size of the landholding, the availability of extension services and training, the number of tropical livestock units, the farmers' perceptions, and their non-farm income all played a role in the households' decisions to adopt SBRWH technologies in the study area. Since the Boretta can hold between 1,000 and 30,000 m3 of water, it is the most widely adopted SBRWH technology despite being relatively new. This water supply can last for four to five months throughout the dry season. Most respondents believed that SBRWH technologies can help to lessen the impact of droughts, while there were notable disparities in opinion between those who had adopted the technology and those who had not. Storage-based rainwater harvesting technologies, as this study found, could have the potential to improve water availability for dry spell and drought proofing if they were effectively implemented in large-scale structures like Boretta.

(Sharma, Kumar, and Kumar 2022) studied Himalayan Horticulture Produce Supply Chain Disruptions and Sustainable Business Solution—A Case Study on Kiwi Fruit in Uttarakhand Uttarakhand is a state in northern India that is traversed by the Himalayas. The state has extensive expertise with horticulture production on a national and/or international scale, and it grows a wide variety of horticultural crops. Its range, output, and yield vary from harvest to harvest and from province to province because of the great diversity in meteorological conditions and growing patterns. Horticultural farming is a major moneymaker in the mountainous regions of Uttarakhand. It's an alternative to the local economy that helps farmers make ends meet. There is a lack of research in the literature analysing the expansion of horticulture production in the mountainous regions of Uttarakhand, specifically with regards to the management of the fruit supply chain.

Therefore, this paper's primary focus is on the supply chain management of kiwi fruit, a prominent growing fruit in the Bageshwar region of Uttarakhand. This article will also present a business strategy for small-scale farmers to increase employment, economic growth, and benefits. This research adds to the ongoing conversation about issues plaguing the Himalayan kiwi fruit supply chain and how a sustainable business model like horti-tourism can help farmers bring in more money and fix the supply chain concerns.

(Bommaiah 2022) studied PERSONALISED DIGITAL EXTENSION SERVICES TO LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT FOR RESOURCE POOR FARMERS The agricultural system in India has reached a pivotal point in its evolution. In India, 86% of all settlements are smaller than 2 hectares, while the average land tenure for farmers there is 1.08 hectares. Inadequate access to knowledge, technology, and financial services further traps small and scale farmers in a loop of poor production and subsistence farming. Therefore, how to help resource-constrained farmers with information and market access problems is a crucial policy topic. Publicly funded agricultural extension programmes have historically been an important mechanism for many developing countries to disseminate information and foster innovation. As part of this initiative, extension agents either provide direct training to resource-poor farmers on best practises or work closely with a small group of model farmers who test out and disseminate innovative agricultural techniques to their peers. It is proposed that private digital extension services be used to supplement public sector initiatives to disseminate knowledge about agriculture to rural areas. These digital extension services can be useful, but only if the requisite infrastructure is in place. This includes things like roads, electricity, a telephone network, and an internet connection.

(Lin et al. 2022) studied The Evolution of Green Port Research: A Knowledge Mapping Analysis The study of green ports incorporates in-depth scientific evaluations of a wide range of key theoretical and empirical investigations conducted over many years.

Scholars and practitioners can gain a better understanding of green ports and conduct more accurate evaluations by learning about the global development of research on green ports. The sample data for this research is drawn from 1051 papers in the Web of Science core collection published between 1992 and 2021. In order to map the state of knowledge in the subject of green ports and investigate recent research developments, networks of cooperation between countries (regions), institutions, authors, and the evolution and mutation of keywords, a CiteSpace analysis is performed on the database. According to the findings, there has been an increase in the number of environmentally responsible port papers over time. China and the United States are the top two countries in terms of both the number of papers published and their overall impact. In addition, there is room for improvement in the development of cooperation networks between writers, institutions, and nations. Research has already been done on the subject of green ports, including their environmental effects, evaluation, and development. Emissions reduction, operating optimization, policy evaluation, and the identification of post-pandemic health hazards related with green ports have all been more prominent areas of study in recent years. By evaluating the current state of the most influential studies published in green port research, this study adds to the body of knowledge and provides insights into the area that can guide the long-term growth of these facilities.

(Salazar-Gomez et al. 2022) studied Beyond mAP: Towards practical object detection for weed spraying in precision agriculture For the first time in history, strong deep learning-based machine vision algorithms can be applied in real time to practical use cases thanks to the advent of smaller and more powerful GPUs over the previous two decades. One exciting area of use for such technology is in precision agriculture, where the combination of on-board machine vision and data-driven actuation enables farmers to tend to and harvest crops on an individual plant basis rather than across an entire field. The

environmental and financial benefits of this are clear. Using two independent datasets, two different types of GPU, and various state-of-the-art object detection algorithms, this research evaluates the feasibility of precision spraying weeds in terms of accuracy and speed. Using a simplified model of precision spraying, we test whether the weed detection accuracy attained may lead to a high enough weed hit rate and a large reduction in herbicide usage to make the practise worthwhile. This research presents two measures for measuring these features of precision weeding's actual deployment and illustrates their value using experimental findings.

(Kingdom 2022) studied This document is discoverable and free to researchers across the globe due to the work of AgEcon Search The smallholder subsector on communal land, as well as the leasehold and freehold estate subsectors, all contribute to Malawi's agricultural economy. Modern inputs are used more commonly by large farms and estates than by smallholder farmers. According to Jayne (2016), when farm size increases, the proportion of farmland to overall land holding size decreases. The possible use of robots in agriculture mechanisation in Malawi is discussed in this research. We offer an overarching perspective on the predicament in Africa and in Malawi specifically. We also emphasise robotics and their possible impact. Typical progressions of farm mechanisation include first employing mechanised power for power-intensive, low-control tasks, then expanding the use of mechanised power, and lastly automating production. In the past, state-led mechanisation in Africa typically failed because of a lack of awareness of private-sector functions and a lack of comprehension of the nature of demand for mechanisation technology among farmers. Malawi has a definite commitment to mechanisation all the way along the value chain, as evidenced by the existence of mechanisation committees and ministries. The private sector is expected to take the lead in this intervention area, even though the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Water

Development (MoAIWD) is in charge of managing government-owned facilities that offer tractor and draught animal for rent. Malawi is falling behind schedule in area 3.1 of the Malabo Commitment. This pertains to the availability of farming resources and tools. However, the selection criteria place the country among a group showing rapid mechanisation rates. The average annual growth rate of machinery in Malawi is 2.7%, whereas the average annual growth rate of agricultural output is around 6%. Automated farming techniques, such as the central pivot system of irrigation, have made inroads in Malawi. There is, however, relatively little data available on its effectiveness.

(Thuy, Brown, and Giang 2022) studied Comparison research on Communities of Practice, university knowledge exchange and business model changes between the United Kingdom and Vietnamese Agri-tech Start-ups This study's overarching goal is to learn what kinds of benefits Agritech firms in the UK and Vietnam anticipate from participation in Communities of Practice and how such groups may aid such companies in meeting the obstacles posed by business-model shifts in order to accelerate their growth. We also investigate the knowledge-sharing and co-creation that might occur when academe and agritech entrepreneurs work together in communities of practise. The study adopts a case study methodology, recording the experiences, interactions, and shifts in beliefs, norms, and intentions of our eight Agritech startups (six in the UK and two in Vietnam) as they relate to their participation in Communities of Practice through meetings, interviews, and other documentary data. Many Agritech firms try to maximise the potential of their current business models while also investigating a variety of new commercial avenues that may provide the company with additional growth drivers. The results of this study show that the incorporation of temporal Communities of Practice approaches causes a dramatic shift in the business models of the companies. Quickly achieving quick-wins and medium-term activities that generate financial and non-financial business value is a hallmark of the value

creation phase, which some of them enter. Insights from these essential key actors, relations, and value exchanges within the Communities of Practice may be useful for policymakers and other practitioners, and the research findings may have ramifications for them. The value and potential of temporal COPs might be better understood by businesses in other sectors, and then applied to those fields.

(Kingdom 2022) studied Longer Term Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on European Agriculture European farmers, food processors, and retailers may have to adjust in ways that are very different from what happens in the short term as a result of the COVID-19 epidemic. Online shopping, home delivery, and eating at home are anticipated to play a larger role in consumers' shifting tastes. Changes in the food sector, such as a preference for production and processing closer to consumption, and greater flexibility in processing, are likely to be more long-lasting and significant than those on the consumer side. Because the engineering behind automating combinable crops is more manageable than that of automating fruits and vegetables, the COVID-19 epidemic will encourage increased automation throughout the food chain. Europe-wide agricultural policy will refocus on food production and food security in the wake of the COVID-19 epidemic. The countries where people's access to food was most severely and persistently disrupted will be the ones to refocus most heavily on this issue. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused havoc in Europe's food supply chain, but it may also present long-term opportunities for individuals who are flexible and open to change.

(Wolfert et al. 2023) studied Digital innovation ecosystems in agri-food: design principles and organizational framework Modern agri-food innovations are largely due to the contributions of digital technologies. Complex systems integration and business ecosystems with several role-specific stakeholders characterise the current stage of IT system evolution. To handle this new level of complexity, a new paradigm for digital

innovation is required. This study provides a methodology for the analysis and construction of sustainable digital innovation ecosystems in the agri-food sector, based on empirical data. Innovation strategy I innovation organisation (ii), innovation network (iii), innovation process (iv), innovation object (v), and innovation infrastructure (vi) make up the six main ideas that make up the conceptual framework. In addition to these six ideas, the projects' analysis yielded a total of twenty-one design principles that serve as the framework's underlying tenets. This framework is predicated on three interrelated tenets: I establishing a common technical collaboration infrastructure; (ii) identifying value streams through user engagement; and (iii) engaging the appropriate partners and stakeholders at the appropriate time, all of which are supported by strategic project planning and dynamic management. The most significant finding is that actors should not be analysed in isolation from both their technology and commercial environment if they are to achieve effective, successful, and rapid usage of appropriate IT in the agri-food sector. As a corollary, achieving a minimum viable ecosystem can take a long time, a lot of money, and a lot of creativity and might even need government intervention.

(Musa, Haji Besar, and Anshari 2023) studied COVID-19, local food system and digitalisation of the agri-food sector Using a case study approach, this research intends to assess the measures adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic to maintain agricultural activities and secure local food supply via digital networks. Case studies are used in this paper because of the systematic way in which data is collected, analysed, and reported on. This research makes use of secondary data, such as government papers and documents, to examine how COVID-19 has affected the regional food system and the digital platform for agricultural products. This research shows that small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), especially in the agri-food industry, are open to innovative business models that take use of technical developments without losing the human touch that brings in

customers. This study is a useful starting point for researchers, professionals, and policymakers in the fields of agricultural and innovation management. When it comes to fresh produce farmed by local small-scale farmers and MSMEs, the digital platform and FinTech plays a crucial role in assuring safety and uninterrupted food supply. This makes the agri-food system more robust and relieves some of the stress brought on by the current method of acquiring food and maintaining social distance.

(Singh et al. 2023) studied Importance of Agri-entrepreneurship in Indian economy: A Review India's agricultural industry is massive. Although the industry's contribution to India's GDP has decreased by half in the last 30 years, it still employs almost half of the country's workforce and is responsible for much of the country's GDP's volatility. Despite having one of the world's largest economies centred on agriculture, India did not open its doors until the early 1990s. Around half of India's workforce is employed in this industry, and it also accounts for about 18% of the country's GDP. Nearly two-thirds of India's working population relies solely on agriculture for income. India's already massive population is projected to grow into the largest in the world within the next two decades, and the country's economy is set to surpass Japan's to become the third largest in the world. The rapid expansion has given Indian agriculture a prominent place on the international stage. When it comes to the production of many different types of food and agricultural products, India is in the top three worldwide. This includes rice, wheat, pulses, groundnuts, rapeseeds, fruits, vegetables, sugarcane, tea, jute, cotton, tobacco leaves, and many other things (GOI, 2008-09). The agricultural sector drives India's economy, even though its contribution to the country's economic growth is very small. Sixty-seven percent of the population both resides in rural areas and is employed in agriculture or a closely related field. India's efforts to improve its rural communities will be bolstered by the country's rising agricultural prosperity. It is critical to have an ecosystem for agricultural

entrepreneurship if a country is to experience sustained economic growth and widespread wealth. Sustainable, community-oriented, directly-marketed agribusiness is a popular definition of agri-entrepreneurship. Sustainable agriculture is a way of farming that has a long-term perspective and recognises the importance of social, economic, and ecological factors. Agri-entrepreneurship, often known as agricultural entrepreneurship, refers to the establishment of an agribusiness in the agricultural and ancillary sectors (Bairwa et al., 2014a). This literature review aims to examine the various public and private initiatives now underway to foster the growth of the agricultural startup, venture capital, tourism, and hospitality industries for the benefit of the agricultural workforce of the future. Efforts have been made over the past few years to appoint federal and state entities to work together in providing aid and infrastructure for the expansion of agribusiness-entrepreneurship. Some examples of available aid programmes are shown below (DBT, MSME, RKVY, APEDA, etc.).

(Ingram, Wieczorek-Kosmala, and Hlaváček 2023) studied Organizational Resilience as a Response to the Energy Crisis: Systematic Literature Review Organizational resilience in the face of the energy crisis is the subject of our research, in which we review the relevant literature. Organizational resilience is defined as the capacity to absorb and recover from adversity. It's fair to say that the current energy crisis qualifies as an outside influence, what with how it's driven up energy prices and how much pressure it's putting on decision makers. Although businesses have felt the effects of the energy crisis in recent months, little is known about how they should react to this risk. As a result, we use a systematic literature review (SLR) in conjunction with text mining technologies to create a map of the subjects addressed by 124 publications in the field, therefore filling in this vacuum in the study. Our findings reveal numerous significant holes in the current literature. We also offer recommendations for future study that could expand the field of

energy crisis management in a way that is consistent with the idea of organisational resilience.

(Williamson et al. 2023) studied Data management challenges for artificial intelligence in plant and agricultural research [version 2; peer review: 2 approved There is a growing interest in using AI in plant research, although widespread and efficient application of AI is still a ways off. Validated, meaningful, and useable ways to integrate, compare, and visualise big, multi-dimensional datasets from multiple sources and scientific approaches are especially important for the advancement of breakthrough food and agricultural technologies. To further harness the potential of AI in crop and agronomic research, and especially the application of Machine Learning (AI), which has considerable promise for this domain, this study highlights and addresses eight important difficulties in data management that must be solved.

(Kaewsuwan and Kajornkasirat 2023) studied Factors affecting success in information technology utilization in business operations of agri-tech startups in Southern Thailand The purpose of this research was to investigate what influences the efficiency with which agri-tech companies in Southern Thailand use IT to run their businesses. Startup agribusiness owners in the south who are also members of a trade group promoting new technology entrepreneurs were purposefully sampled as part of a random sampling process in 2019. There were a total of 48 examples, and 5 specialists in IT management, startup business management, and startup executive participation. Information was gathered via in-depth, semi-structured interviews and a 5-point Likert scale questionnaire. R was used to do analyses such frequency distributions, percentage breakdowns, mean and standard deviation calculations, and multiple regression. The findings revealed 11 criteria connected to the efficient application of IT in new business operations. Information technology characteristics (X1), behaviour on using information technology (X3),

familiarity with basic technology in the organisation (X6), financial technology (X10), and policy and law (X11) were the main predictors of success in the use of information technology in the business operations of agri-tech startups in Southern Thailand (R2 = 0.511, P 0.05). The study's findings may be applied to the management of the startup ecosystem in Southern Thailand by providing guidelines for the improvement and expansion of information technology, the application of innovation, and the formulation of policy recommendations for conducting needs analyses and developing information technology to aid agricultural entrepreneurs and other businesses in the region.

(Katekar and Cheruku 2023) studied The Application of Drone Technology for Sustainable Agriculture in India Decreased production, climate change, and sustainability are just a few of the threats to India's agricultural sector. The use of drones in agriculture is an important factor in achieving social, economic, and ecological sustainability. The benefits of using drone technology are discussed in this article. Drones have several practical applications in agriculture, including soil analysis for field planning, plant establishment, irrigation management, crop health assessment, livestock monitoring, disaster management, geo-fencing, crop biomass and damage estimation, locust control, and transporting commodities. The article goes on to detail the steps taken by the Indian government to popularise drone technology. Drone technology and its potential pitfalls have been considered. The research concluded that using drones is beneficial since it reduces the need for human labour, water usage, and chemical costs. It also eliminates human exposure to chemicals while decreasing chemical use. The report concludes that in order to improve the lives of millions of farmers in India, the government should adopt drone technology and fully utilise its potential.

(Rose et al. 2023) studied The old, the new, or the old made new? Everyday counter-narratives of the so-called fourth agricultural revolution Most accounts of recent

agricultural innovation place us on the threshold of another worldwide agricultural revolution. These stories suggest that the advent of agriculture 4.0, also known as the fourth agricultural revolution, will rapidly alter agri-cultural practises all over the world by employing cutting-edge precision technologies. With finance, other policy instruments, and research attention centred on the design and development of new precision technologies, this narrative has a substantial effect on the trajectories of an essentially political and normative agricultural revolution. The promises of revolution are being questioned by an expanding critical social science literature. It's possible that the already powerful will reap the benefits of adopting new technology while the weak will bear the brunt of its price. We run the risk of adopting exclusionary innovation paths and failing to achieve responsible innovation if great narratives of change are not questioned. In order to encourage further work compiling the microhistories that can assist to contradict robust overarching narratives of change, this study employs a variety of approaches to analyse farmers' everyday contacts with technology. We examine farmers' current interactions with technology and demonstrate how they challenge a simplistic, linear view of innovation adoption and utilization. In doing so, we consider how the study of common experiences might help pave the way for agriculture that is more equitable and environmentally friendly.

(Beckman and Beckman 2001) studied Extension, Poverty and Vulnerability in India Country Study for the Neuchâtel Initiative The introduction of high-yielding cultivars has contributed to the rise in agricultural production in emerging countries, which, when combined with fertiliser and irrigation, has led to remarkable advances in some sectors. Furthermore, in some regions, the Green Revolution sparked agricultural growth, which in turn spawned prospects for non-farm lifestyles that could absorb surplus agricultural labour. As a part of an all-encompassing plan for rural development in the wake of market

liberalisation, public expenditures are gradually being redirected from providing direct assistance to farmers and toward fostering an environment conducive to agricultural success. Both governments and manufacturers face formidable difficulties during this process of rolling back the State. Managing the structural and organisational shifts that come with reform is a difficulty for governments, as is determining which services to continue sponsoring. Producers need to know their place in the global economy, figure out how to run a successful farming business without relying on the government, and be prepared to leave the industry if necessary.

2.3 Summary

In rural hill areas of India, agri-tech supply chain businesses present both significant opportunities and unique challenges. The opportunities lie in leveraging technology to enhance agricultural productivity, streamline supply chains, and improve the livelihoods of local farmers. These areas often have untapped agricultural potential, and agri-tech solutions can help unlock it. However, there are several challenges that businesses must address. , the rugged terrain and limited infrastructure in hill areas make transportation and logistics complex, leading to higher operational costs. Developing efficient last-mile delivery solutions becomes crucial. Secondly, the fragmented nature of agriculture in these regions necessitates efforts to aggregate produce and standardize processes, which can be challenging given the diversity of crops and farming practices. gaining the trust of farmers and ensuring their access to technology and education is vital for successful adoption of agri-tech solutions. Cultural and linguistic diversity, as well as low digital literacy, can pose hurdles. Additionally, the sustainability aspect cannot be ignored, as maintaining the fragile ecosystem of hill areas and ensuring fair and equitable benefits for local communities are ethical imperatives. agri-tech supply chain businesses in rural hill areas of India offer promising opportunities for agricultural transformation". However,

addressing challenges related to infrastructure, fragmentation, trust-building, and sustainability is essential for long-term success in these unique and challenging environments. Businesses that can navigate these complexities effectively stand to make a meaningful impact on both agriculture and livelihoods in these regions.

CHAPTER III:

METHODOLOGY

This strategy was developed based on a comprehensive plan or body of research that served as its basis. The most important step in accomplishing any objective is preparation. Every inquiry that's worth doing has to be capped off with a plan. It investigates the whole procedure, beginning with the ideation stage and ending with the outcomes analysis. More fruitful findings may be obtained through research that is meticulously planned and carried out. This makes it much easier to skip over the superficial aspects of the investigation and go right into the meat of the research. The approach that was going to be used to solve the research topic at hand had already been decided upon, given how comprehensive this investigation was. The following will serve as an overview of the processes that were carried out in order to carry out the current research. The methodology of the research is dissected in great detail in this investigation. Topics covered include the demographic, sample, design, equipment, data collecting, scoring, and statistical processes.

3.1 Researcher mythology

Rural hill regions of India provide unique opportunities and threats for the agri-tech supply chain business. Agriculture is crucial to the survival and prosperity of these areas. However, firms looking to operate in this setting need a tailored strategy due to the area's challenging geography, weather extremes, and lack of infrastructure. There are tremendous chances to seize among these difficulties. First, agri-tech solutions have the potential to increase agricultural output by helping farmers increase their yields via more precise

weather predictions, more sophisticated farming methods, and better control of soil health. By filling in the gaps in the supply chain, farmers may get access to new markets on a regional and national scale, which can boost their earnings potential. Furthermore, adopting sustainable agriculture techniques may be very useful in hill regions, as they help to preserve natural resources and protect the environment. It is in line with government objectives aimed at digitization, rural development, and agricultural improvement for agri-tech startups to set up shop in certain areas of the country. Finding your way around the agri-tech landscape in the hills of the countryside might be difficult. The harsh topography makes it difficult to carry goods and communicate with other areas. The broad implementation of digital agri-tech solutions is hampered by insufficient internet and transportation infrastructure. Adaptive technology and practices are required because of the region's susceptibility to climate variability and harsh weather. The prevalence of tiny, dispersed plots of land further complicates efforts to apply widespread agritech solutions. Farmers need to be educated and trained on the latest agri-tech equipment and procedures, since many of them are unaware of their existence. The agri-tech supply chain industry in rural hill regions of India is both an exciting and difficult field because of the difficulty in gaining financial backing due to the lack of traditional credit and finance mechanisms. Success requires adapting techniques to meet the unique obstacles presented by the region's topography and socioeconomic characteristics. Companies may significantly contribute to the economic development of rural regions and the promotion of environmentally sound agricultural practices by taking the appropriate steps.

The technique is crucial for a comprehensive and relevant examination of the economic potential and limitations in the agri-tech supply chain in rural hill areas of India. In this part, we detail our approach to the research, along with the information we gathered and how we analyzed it. A mixed-methods research strategy will be employed to fully

understand the issue at hand. Qualitative information will be gathered via in-depth interviews and focus groups with farmers, agri-tech entrepreneurs, government officials, and non-governmental organizations. It would be helpful to have more in-depth knowledge on farmers' problems, agri-tech interventions, and potential enhancements. To get quantitative information, we will conduct a survey among a statistically valid cross-section of hill farmers. Study topics will include farm production, market access, financial inclusion, and the use of agricultural technologies. This data will be statistically analyzed to reveal patterns, relationships, and trends. Hillside agri-tech publications, reports, and research will be analyzed. The results of this literature review will guide future studies and reveal any gaps in our understanding. Using geographic information systems (GIS) and remote sensing, we will examine the landscape suitability of various agri-tech solutions in hilly regions and the spatial distribution of agricultural practices. The research will include on-site observations and recording to better comprehend the local context, farming practices, and sustainable agri-tech solutions. Triangulating the data will ensure accuracy. The collected information will provide light on the challenges faced by businesses in the agri-tech supply chain, the opportunities presented by rural agriculture, and the most effective strategies for fostering widespread adoption in India's mountainous areas. The study employs this all-encompassing methodology to offer suggestions and advice to agri-tech businesses, policymakers, and development organizations about how to foster positive changes in rural hill agriculture, with the ultimate goal of enhancing rural residents' standard of living and fostering long-term agricultural growth in these beautiful areas.

3.2 Opportunities

- Increased Agricultural Productivity: Agri-tech solutions can enhance crop yield through improved farming techniques, weather forecasting, and soil health management, thereby boosting rural incomes.

- Market Access: Bridging the supply chain gaps can help farmers access wider markets, both locally and nationally, leading to better price realization for their produce.

- Sustainable Practices: Hill areas often have ecologically sensitive landscapes, and agri-tech can facilitate sustainable farming practices that conserve natural resources and protect the environment.
- Employment Generation: Establishing agri-tech businesses in rural regions creates job opportunities, reducing migration to urban areas.

3.3 Challenges

- Geographical Barriers: Hill areas are characterized by difficult terrain, which poses challenges in transportation, logistics, and infrastructure development.
- Limited Connectivity: Poor connectivity, both in terms of roads and internet access, can hinder the adoption of digital agri-tech solutions.
- Climate Variability: Hill regions often experience unpredictable weather patterns and extreme temperatures, requiring adaptive technologies and practices.
- Fragmented Land Holdings: Small and fragmented land holdings are common in these areas, making it challenging to implement large-scale agri-tech solutions.

3.4 Research Gaps identified in the proposed field of investigation

As we go more into the suggested area of inquiry, we find that there are important knowledge gaps that have yet to be explored and resolved. These voids represent the unexplored regions in the field of study and call for more investigation. These holes in our knowledge not only raise interesting issues, but they also encourage academics to dig deeper in search of novel solutions. By highlighting these voids, we admit the limits of our existing understanding while also acknowledging the potential for ground-breaking discoveries and contributions. Some of these interesting research gaps will be illuminated

in this beginning inquiry, providing a taste of the thrilling road ahead on our quest for understanding.

3.5 Objectives

1. To assess the feasibility of implementing precision agriculture techniques in hill regions for improved resource management and increased crop productivity.
2. To identify and analyze the key challenges hindering the adoption of agri-tech solutions by farmers in remote hill areas and propose strategies for overcoming these barriers.
3. To evaluate the impact of agri-tech interventions on reducing post-harvest losses and enhancing market linkages for hill area farmers.
4. To explore the potential of mobile-based agri-tech platforms in providing real-time market information and financial services to farmers in hilly terrains.
5. To investigate the role of agri-tech ventures in promoting sustainable farming practices and conserving natural resources in hill regions.

3.6 Hypotheses

1. There is significance in the correlation between increased agricultural technology adoption and higher crop yields, as it can lead to improved food security in rural areas.
2. There is no significance in the difference between the two groups' test scores, indicating that the teaching methods employed had no observable impact on student performance.
3. There is significance in the study's findings, which demonstrate a strong relationship between regular exercise and reduced risk of chronic diseases.
4. There is no significance in the fluctuations of stock prices during short trading periods, suggesting that day-to-day price changes are largely random.

5. There is significance in the cultural exchange program's impact on promoting cross-cultural understanding among participants, as evidenced by their increased intercultural competence scores.
6. There is no significance in the variations of temperature observed over a single day, as they are influenced by natural fluctuations in weather patterns.

3.7 Area and sample size

sample size: 500

3.8 Research Philosophy

Analysing the relationship between variables from multiple models or frameworks may be done using quantitative research methods such as regression. This study's goal is to answer a question. **"*agri-tech supply chain business oppertunities & challenges in rural (hill area) india* "**

3.9 Research Design

The methodology of data collection, measurement, and analysis might be useful in answering research questions and accomplishing the study's objectives. There is no one, agreed-upon method of doing research since every researcher is unique. Both studies are descriptive and data-driven, therefore they have certain similarities. Primary and secondary sources were used to compile the data for this research.

3.10 Nature of Research

In quantitative investigations, data was collected from the general public using a well designed survey. In order to forecast events or quantities that may be represented

numerically and whose consequences can be predicted using mathematics, quantitative researchers use sampling techniques like consumer surveys. The results of studies that depend largely on statistics are often defended by the researchers who conducted them. That's the most optimistic situation for them.

3.11 Data Collection

Data collection is the process of systematically gathering and measuring information that may be used to address research questions and assess study outcomes. When gathering information on huge populations, surveys are a common tool. When polling the public, two things stand up as necessities:

- Questions
- Responses

We will create the questions for "*agri-tech supply chain business oppertunities & challenges in rural (hill area) india*" The collected data is kept in an orderly database

3.12 Data Collection Methods

One common technique for gathering data is the systematic gathering of data, followed by measurement and evaluation, of a single variable. The goal of any method is to get accurate data. Aiming for high-quality evidence that can be used in a comprehensive data analysis to provide convincing and trustworthy responses to the research questions should be the overarching goal of any data collection endeavour.

3.13 Primary Data

Survey questions were used to collect the bulk of the information. The questionnaire's questions make sense when taken as a whole. In order to collect data about ***"agri-tech supply chain business oppertunities & challenges in rural (hill area) india"***

3.14 Secondary Data

In addition to potentially reducing the amount of time and energy spent on data collection, secondary data analysis also has the potential to provide researchers access to more comprehensive and up-to-date data sets than they would be able to get other wise.

Secondary data may be gathered from a variety of sources:

- Internet sites, journals, media, and research papers are all examples of sources of information that may be used.
- Libraries, academic results, and institutional observations, among other things.

Experts in the field of social and economic transformation place a premium on secondary data since a fresh survey is unable to effectively capture past changes and/or discoveries. Secondary resources, such as journal articles and books, may be easily accessed through the Internet.

3.15 Data Analysis

Data review is the initial step in analysis and interpretation, which leads to providing a recommendation. The diverse approaches and procedures that make up data analysis are the result of collaboration between experts from the business sector, the natural sciences, and the social sciences.

Based on the results of the study, we put each component through its paces. Data analysis is the act of turning raw data into information that can be utilised for decision making. In order to solve problems, verify theories, or gain insight, researchers collect and analyse data.

3.16 Statistical technique used

Statistics organises, analyses, and interprets numerical data mathematically. Statistics are used to make data understandable. It tested research hypotheses. This research used the following statistical methods:

Mean, standard deviation, percentile, range, and percentage were employed to assess variables.

To determine score distribution, college students' success motivation, social intelligence, emotional intelligence, and study habits scores were computed for mean, median, mode, standard deviation, skewness, and kurtosis.

Achievement motivation was correlated with social, emotional, and study habits using Product-Moment correlation.

T-tests were used to compare gender and location mean scores of achievement motivation, social intelligence, emotional intelligence, and study habits.

CHAPTER IV:

RESULTS

4.1 Data Analysis

The process of analyzing, cleansing, manipulating, and modeling data in order to identify usable information, make conclusions, and provide assistance for decision-making is referred to as data analysis. Statistical analysis, data visualization, and machine learning are just few of the techniques and methods that are used in this process, which encompasses a wide broad variety of techniques and procedures. Identification of patterns and trends, the generation of forecasts, and the generation of insights that may be used to guide choices and drive action are the primary objectives of data analysis. Utilizing data to provide answers to certain questions, identifying links and dependencies, and putting hypotheses to the test are all component of this process. To do an efficient data analysis, one must possess a mix of technical skills, subject experience, and critical thinking abilities. It entails dealing with datasets that are both huge and complicated, selecting the appropriate tools and methods for the task at hand, and successfully presenting the results.

Table 4.1.1

Gender

Gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Male	334	66.8	66.8	66.8
	Female	166	33.2	33.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.1

Gender

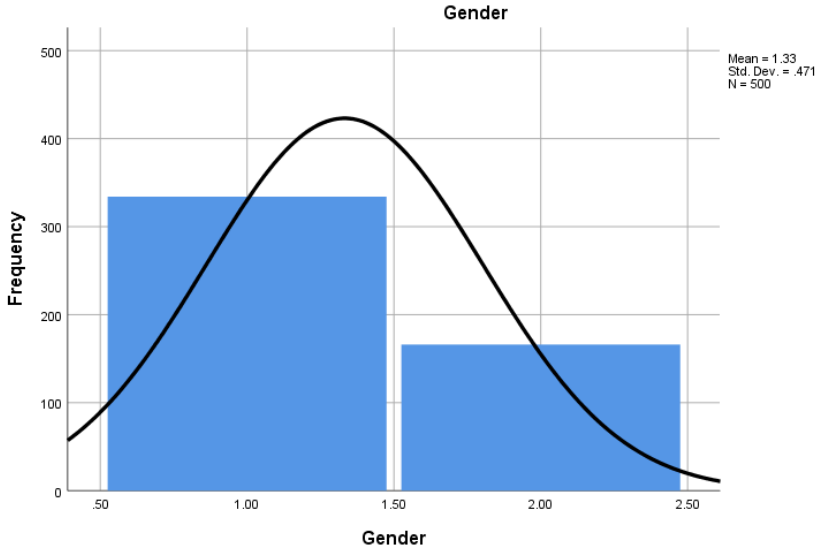

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Table 4.1.2

Age of Respondent

Age of Respondent

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	25 yrs. To 30 yrs (young)	187	37.4	37.4	37.4
	30 yrs to 35 yrs (lower middle)	207	41.4	41.4	78.8
	35 yrs. to 40 yrs. (upper middle)	106	21.2	21.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.2

Age of Respondent

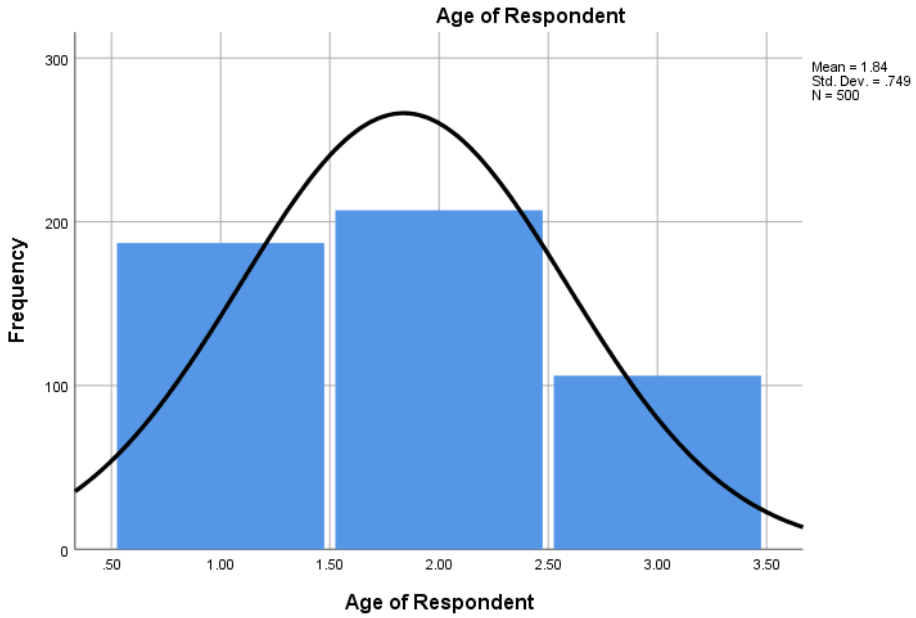

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Table 4.1.3

What is your religion?

What is your religion?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Hindu	181	36.2	36.2	36.2
	Muslim	62	12.4	12.4	48.6
	Sikh	120	24.0	24.0	72.6
	Christian	137	27.4	27.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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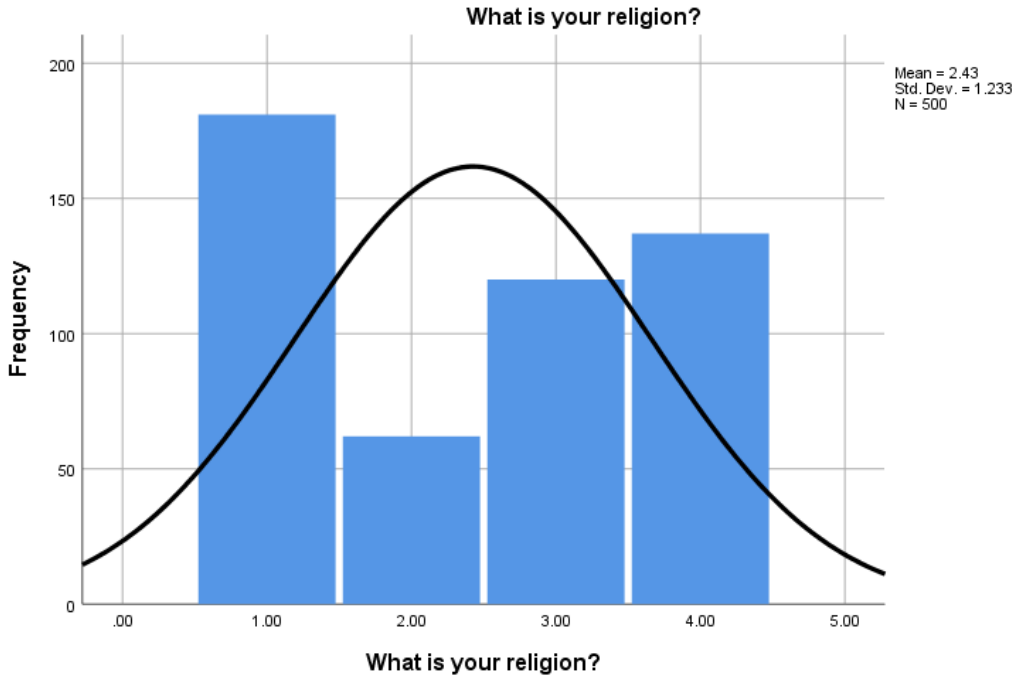

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Table 4.1.4

What is your ethinic Background?

What is your ethinic Background?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	South Indian	131	26.2	26.2	26.2
	North Indian	202	40.4	40.4	66.6
	Others	167	33.4	33.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.4

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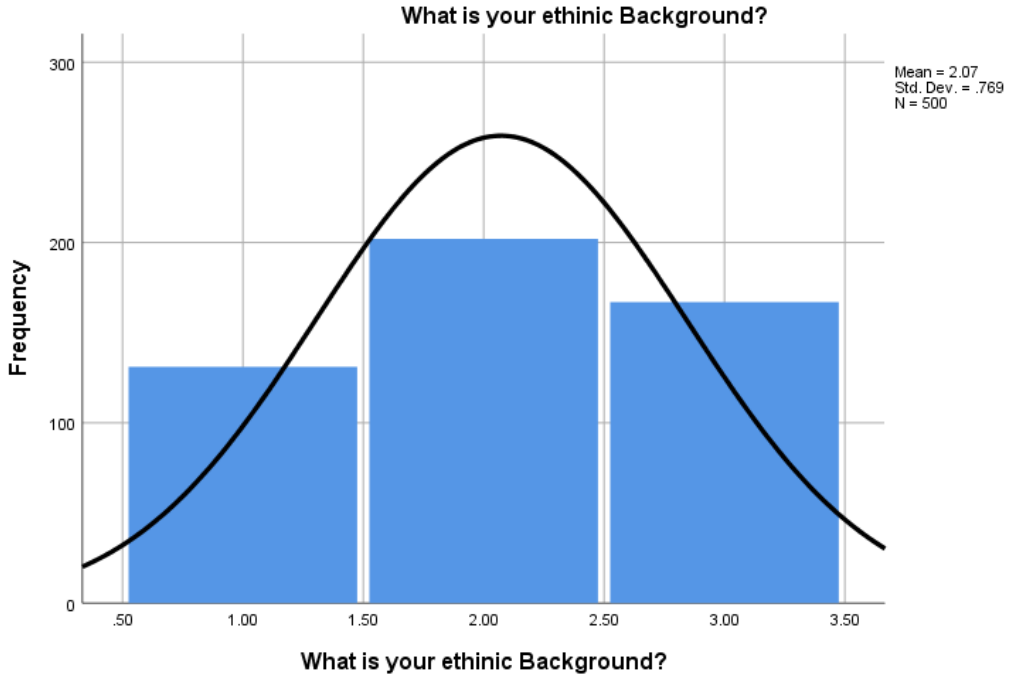

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Table 4.1.5

What is your ethinic Background?

What is profession of your family head?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Govt. Service	165	33.0	33.0	33.0
	Private Service	69	13.8	13.8	46.8
	Self-employed (Doctor/Lawyer)	132	26.4	26.4	73.2
	Business	101	20.2	20.2	93.4
	Retired	33	6.6	6.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.5

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Private Service, 132(26.4%) respondents responded Self-employed (Doctor/Lawyer) and 101(20.2%) respondents responded Business and 33(6.6%) respondents responded Retired.

Table 4.1.6

What is your family's monthly income?

What is your family's monthly income?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Below Rs. 10000	129	25.8	25.8	25.8
	Rs. 10000-Rs. 30000	79	15.8	15.8	41.6
	Rs. 30000-Rs. 60000	89	17.8	17.8	59.4
	Rs. 60000-Rs. 1 Lakh	115	23.0	23.0	82.4
	More than Rs. 1 Lakh	88	17.6	17.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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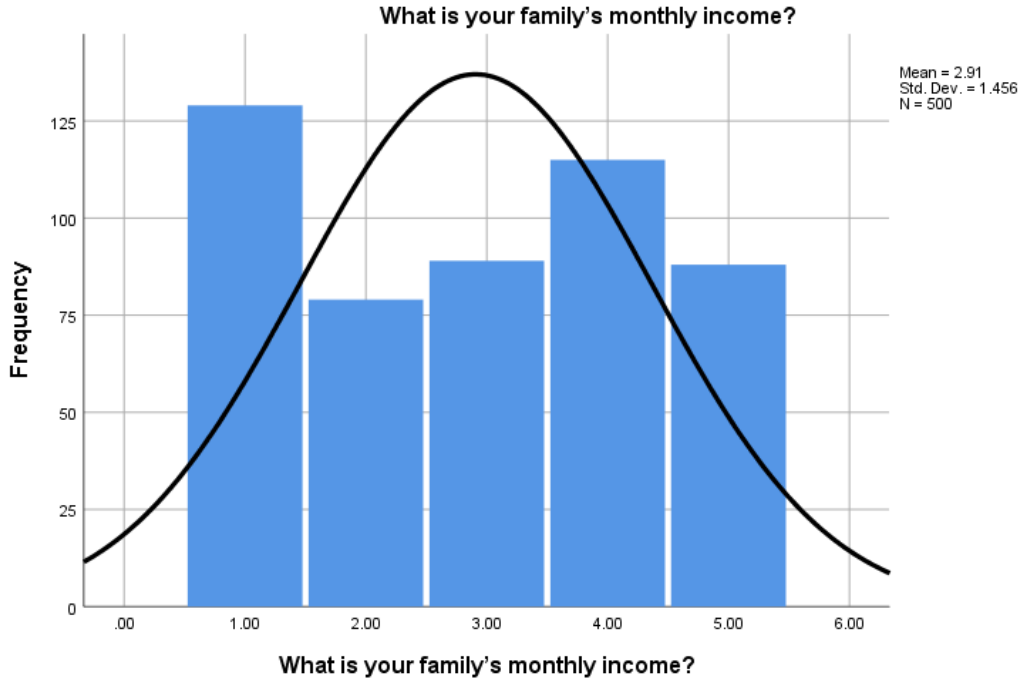

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Table 4.1.7

Agri-tech can help improve the overall Agricultural productivity?

Do you believe that Agri-tech can help improve the overall Agricultural productivity in rural hill areas of India?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	373	74.6	74.6	74.6
	NO	127	25.4	25.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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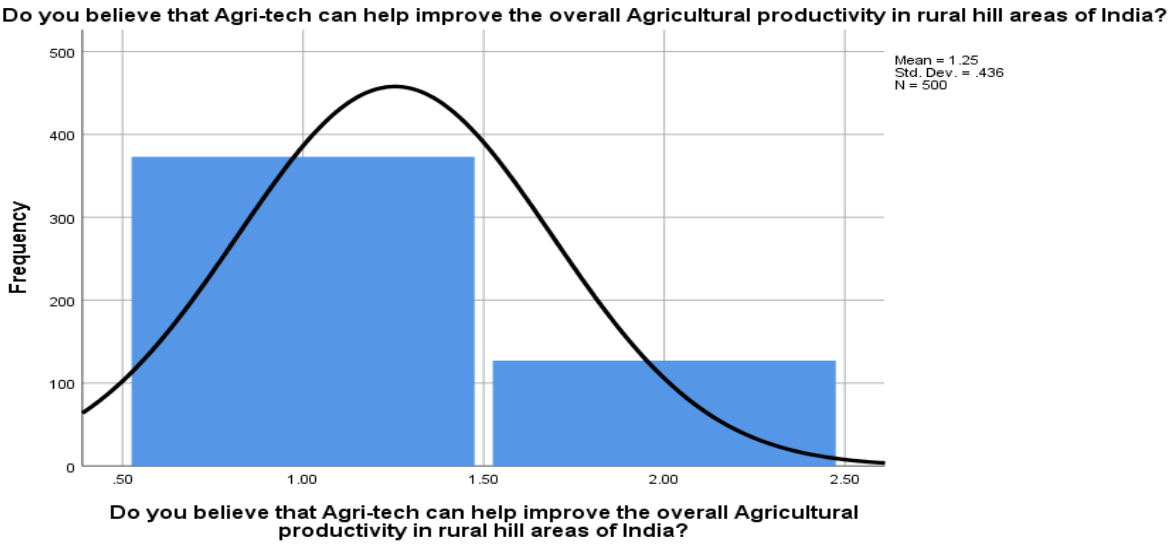

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Table 4.1.8

Is access to modern farming equipment a critical factor?

Is access to modern farming equipment a critical factor in enhancing Agricultural productivity in hill regions?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	478	95.6	95.6	95.6
	NO	22	4.4	4.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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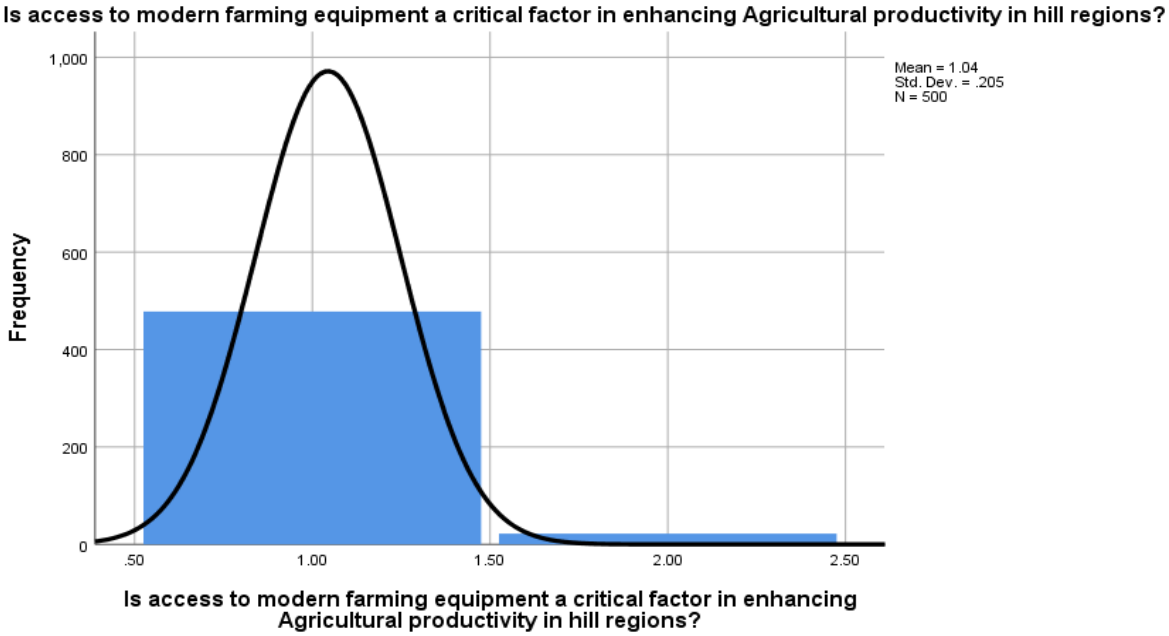

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Table 4.1.9

lack of proper infrastructure is a significance

Do you think the lack of proper infrastructure is a significant challenge for Agri-tech supply chains in rural hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	200	40.0	40.0	40.0
	NO	300	60.0	60.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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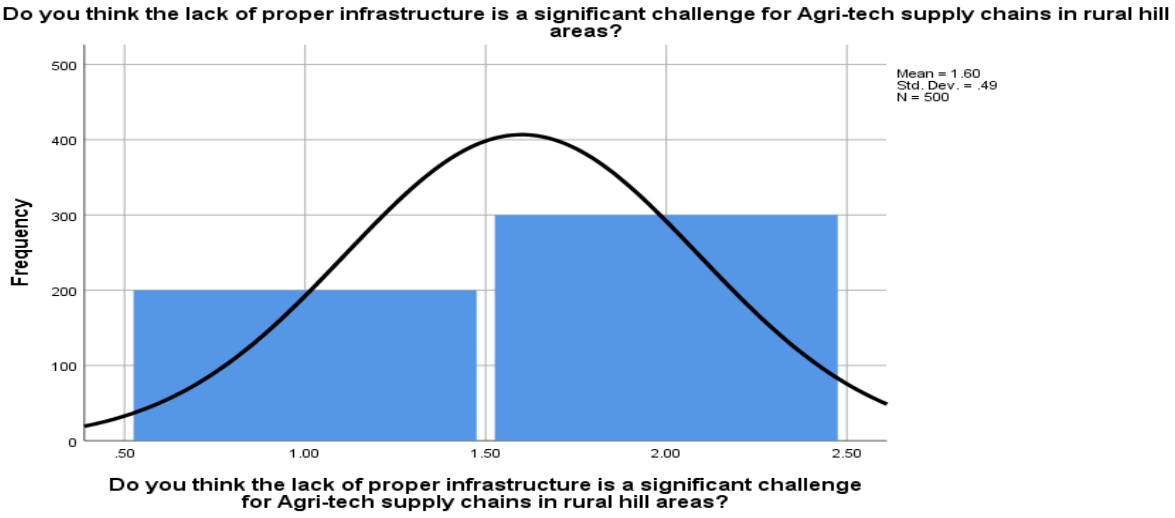

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Table 4.1.10

digital platforms can effectiveness

Are you confident that digital platforms can effectively connect farmers in hill areas to markets for their produce?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	140	28.0	28.0	28.0
	NO	360	72.0	72.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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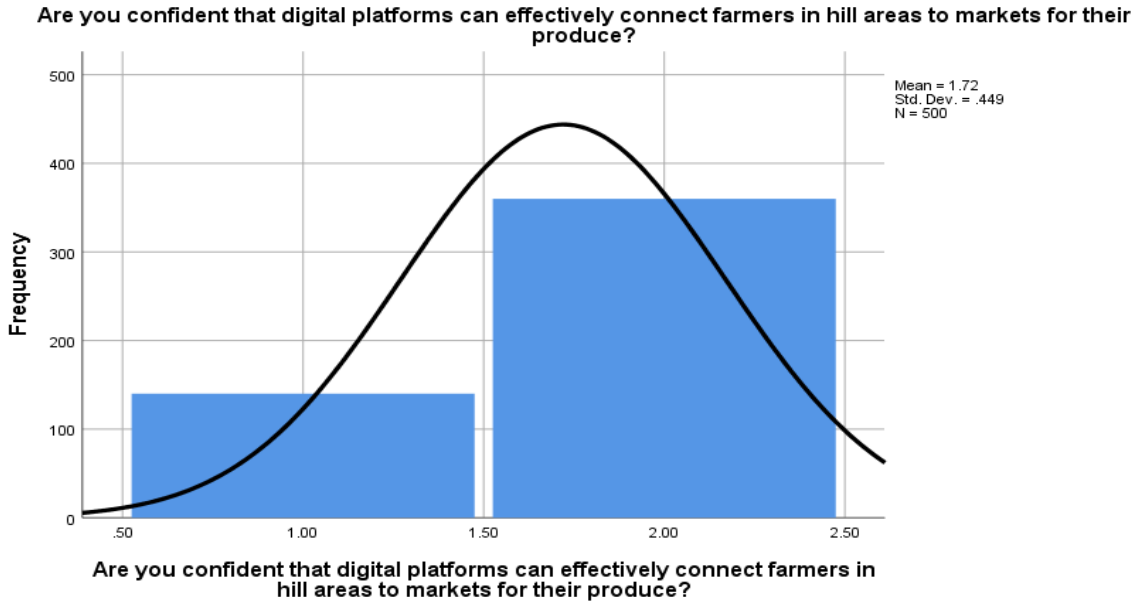

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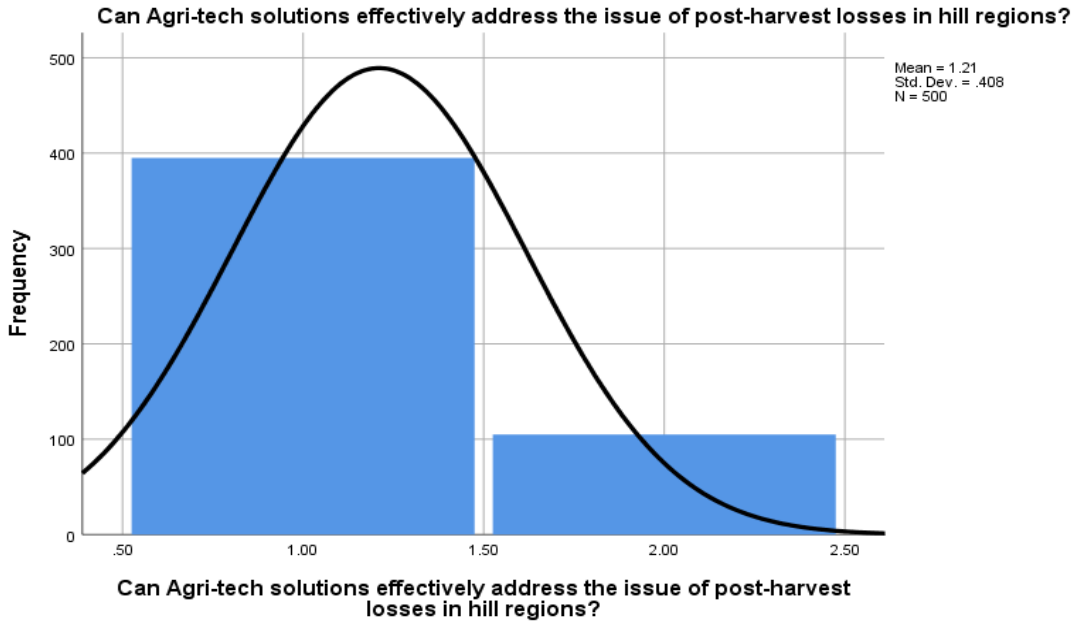
Table 4.1.11

issue of post-harvest losses

Can Agri-tech solutions effectively address the issue of post-harvest losses in hill regions?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	395	79.0	79.0	79.0
	NO	105	21.0	21.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.11

issue of post-harvest losses



From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Can Agri-tech solutions effectively address the issue of post-harvest losses in hill regions? and 395(79%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 105(21%) respondents responded as NO

Table 4.1.12

potential environmental impact

Are you concerned about the potential environmental impact of Agri-tech practices in hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	315	63.0	63.0	63.0
	NO	185	37.0	37.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.12

potential environmental impact

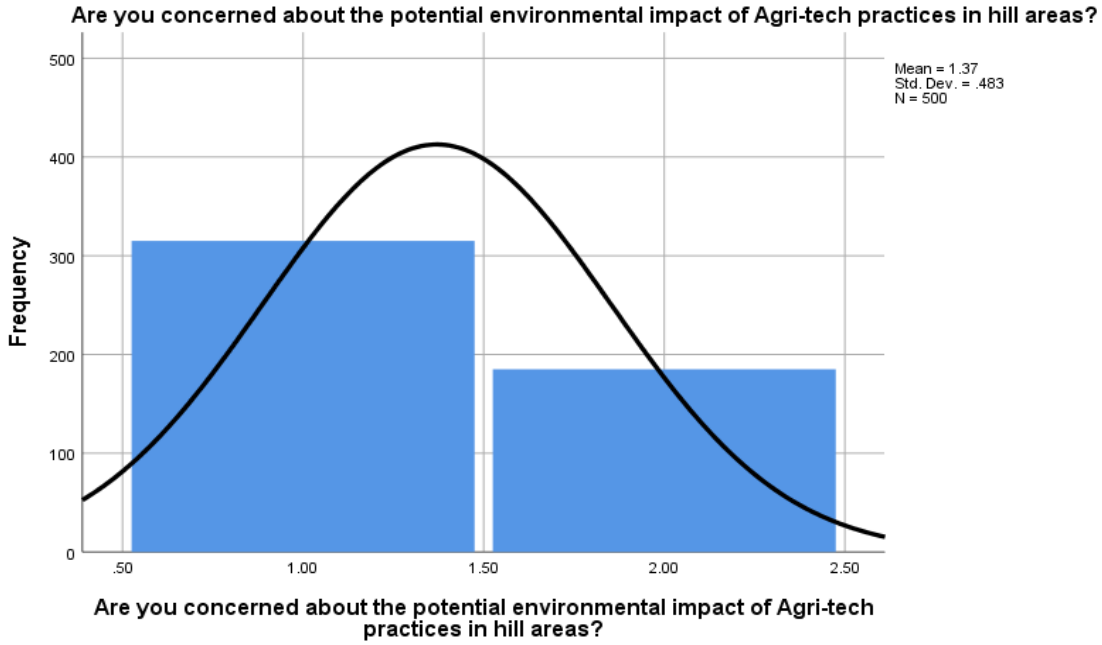


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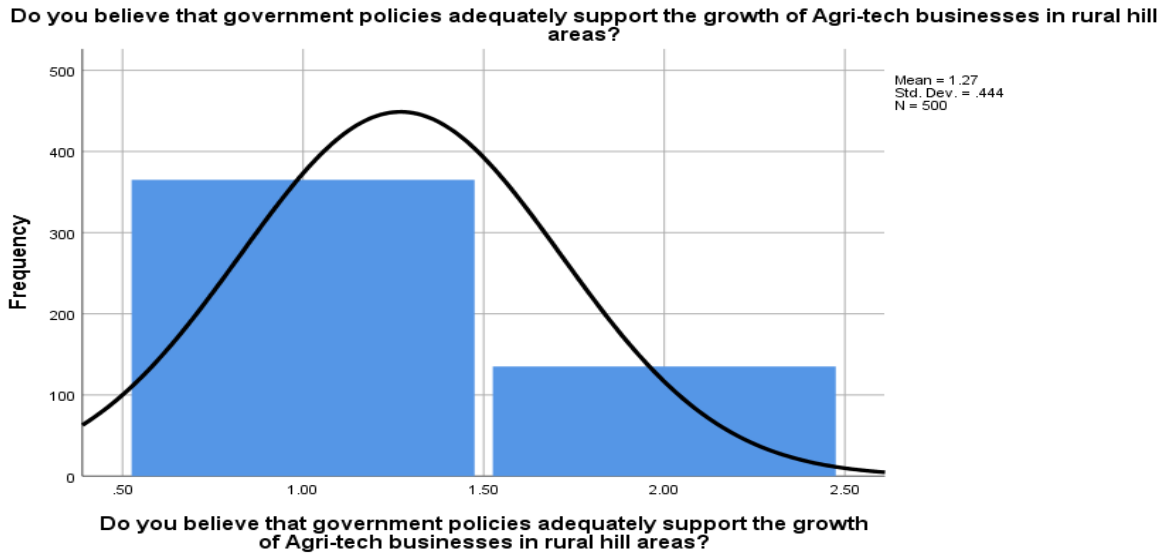
Table 4.1.13

government policies adequately support

Do you believe that government policies adequately support the growth of Agri-tech businesses in rural hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	365	73.0	73.0	73.0
	NO	135	27.0	27.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.13

government policies adequately support



From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Do you believe that government policies adequately support the growth of Agri-tech businesses in rural hill areas? and 365(73%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 135(27%) respondents responded as NO

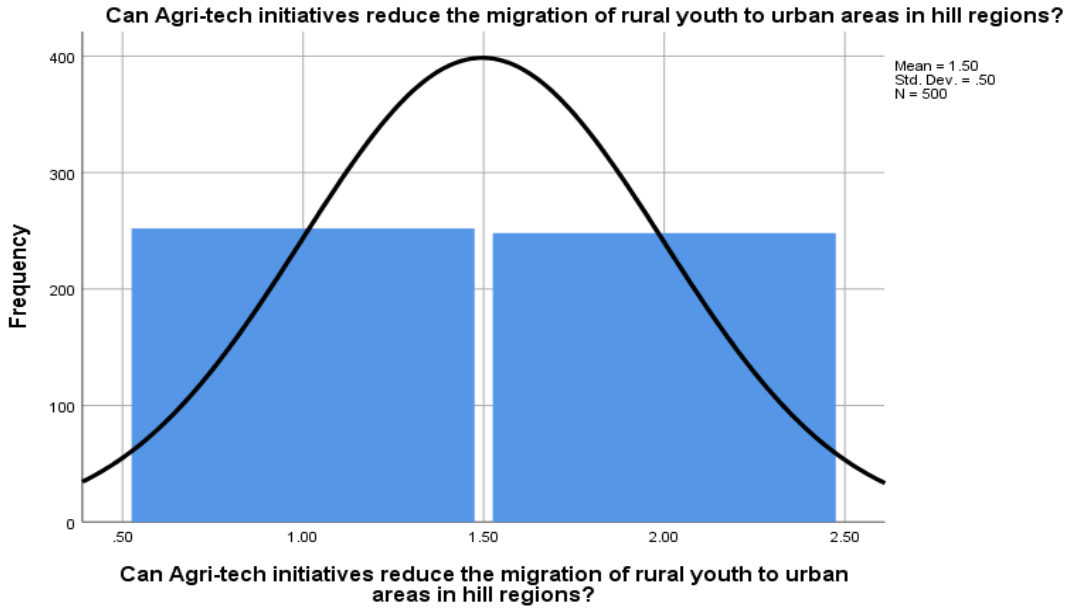
Table 4.1.14

reduce the migration of rural youth to urban

Can Agri-tech initiatives reduce the migration of rural youth to urban areas in hill regions?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	252	50.4	50.4	50.4
	NO	248	49.6	49.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.14

reduce the migration of rural youth to urban



From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Can Agri-tech initiatives reduce the migration of rural youth to urban areas in hill regions? and 252(50.4%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 248(49.6%) respondents responded as NO

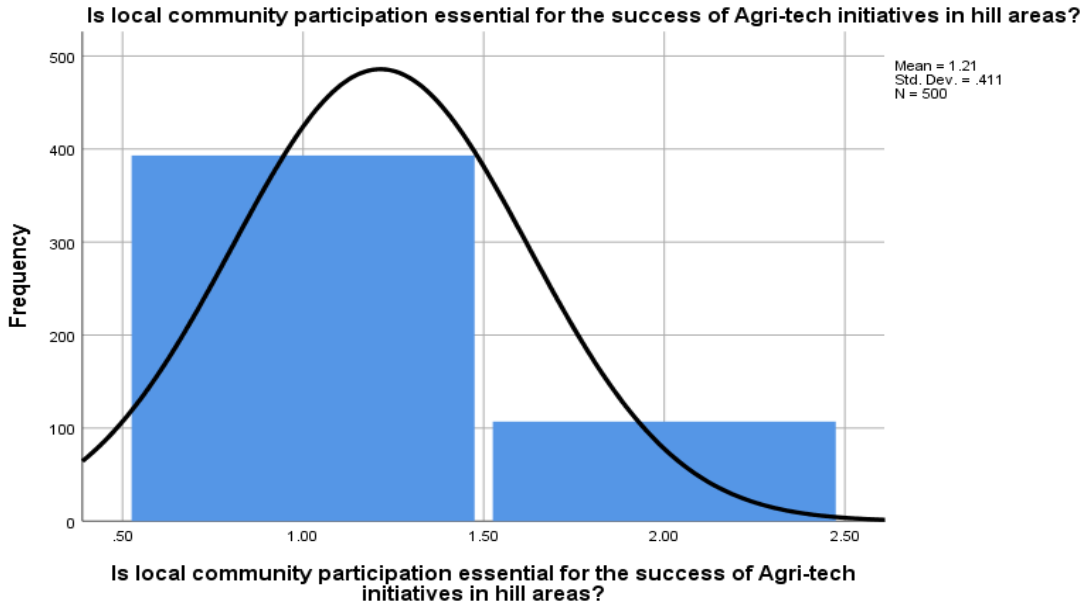
Table 4.1.15

Is local community participation essential

Is local community participation essential for the success of Agri-tech initiatives in hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	393	78.6	78.6	78.6
	NO	107	21.4	21.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.15

Is local community participation essential



From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Is local community participation essential for the success of Agri-tech initiatives in hill areas? and 393(78.6%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 107(21.4%) respondents responded as NO

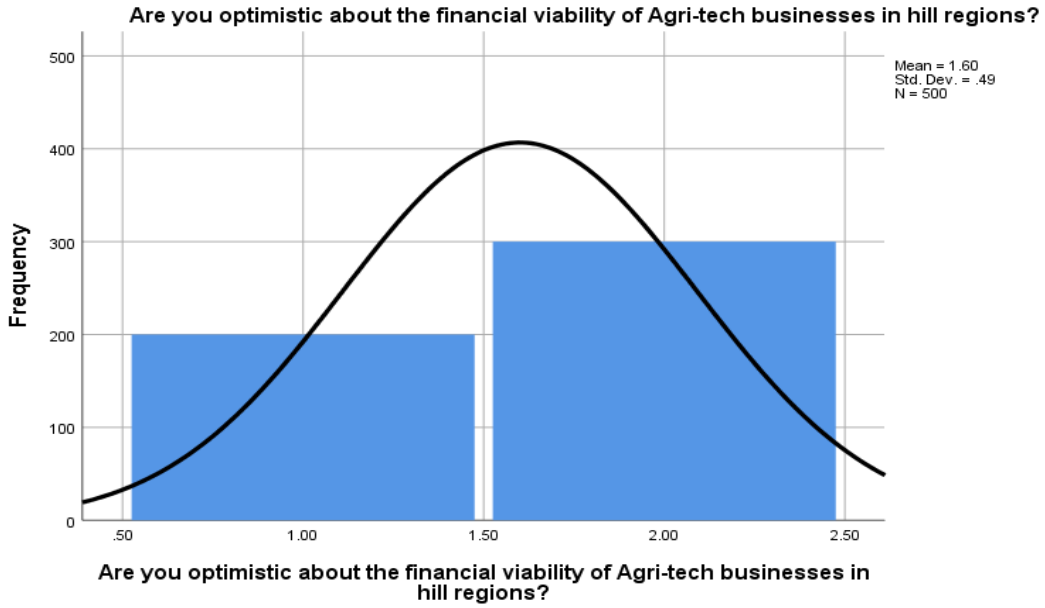
Table 4.1.16

Are you optimistic about the financial viability

Are you optimistic about the financial viability of Agri-tech businesses in hill regions?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	200	40.0	40.0	40.0
	NO	300	60.0	60.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.16

Are you optimistic about the financial viability



From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Are you optimistic about the financial viability of Agri-tech businesses in hill regions? and 200(40%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 300(60%) respondents responded as NO

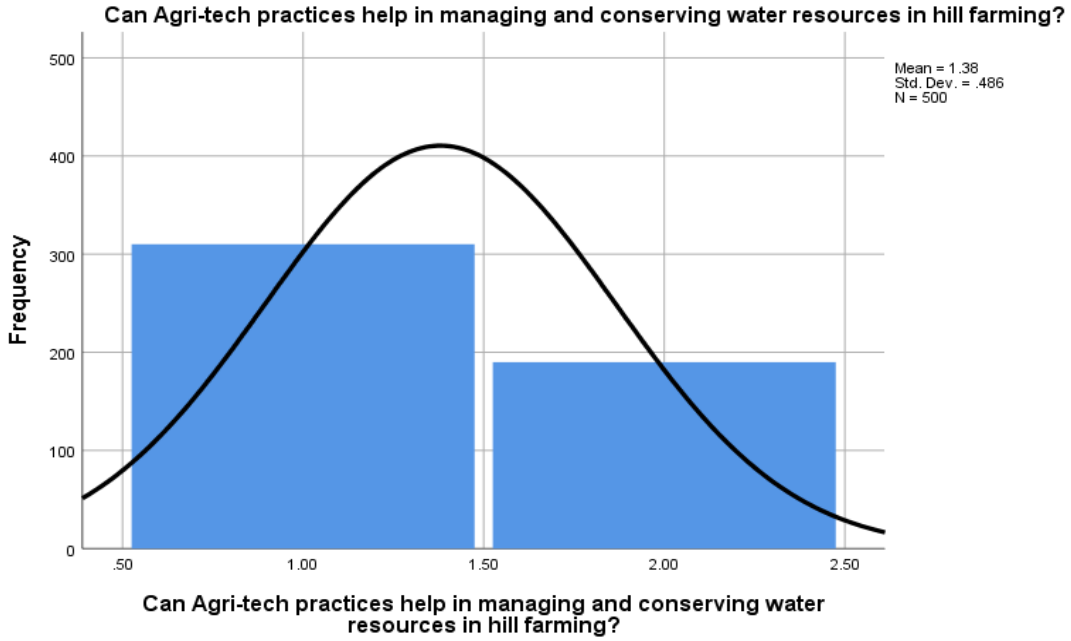
Table 4.1.17

conserving water resource Management

Can Agri-tech practices help in managing and conserving water resources in hill farming?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	310	62.0	62.0	62.0
	NO	190	38.0	38.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.17

conserving water resource Management



From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Can Agri-tech practices help in managing and conserving water resources in hill farming? and 310(62%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 190(38%) respondents responded as NO

Table 4.1.18

Are you familiar with the various Agri-tech solutions

Are you familiar with the various Agri-tech solutions available for hill farming in India?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	450	90.0	90.0	90.0
	NO	50	10.0	10.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.18

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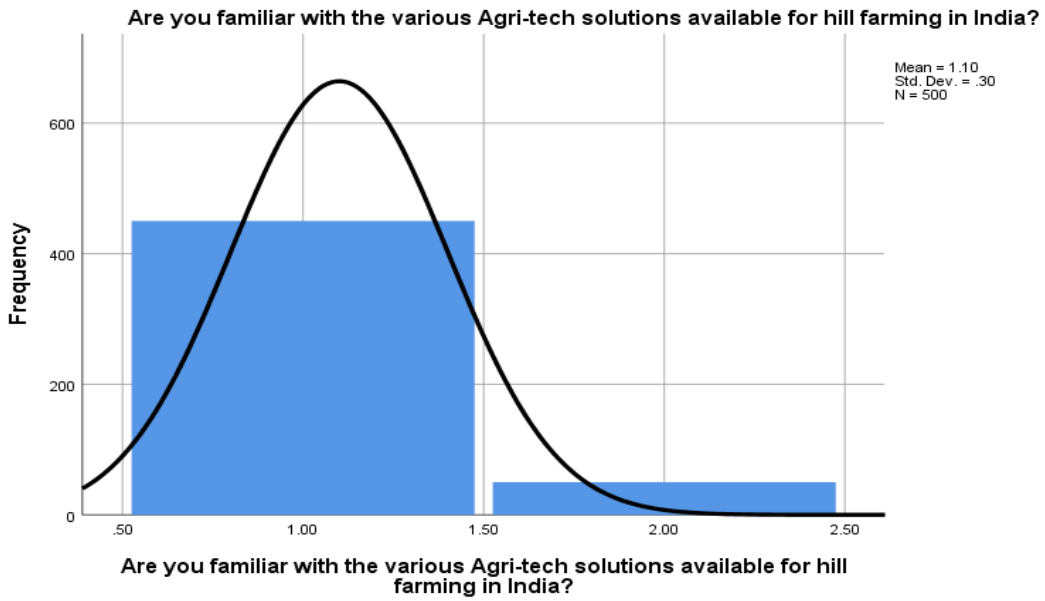


From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Are you familiar with the various Agri-tech solutions available for hill farming in India? and 450(90%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 50(10%) respondents responded as NO

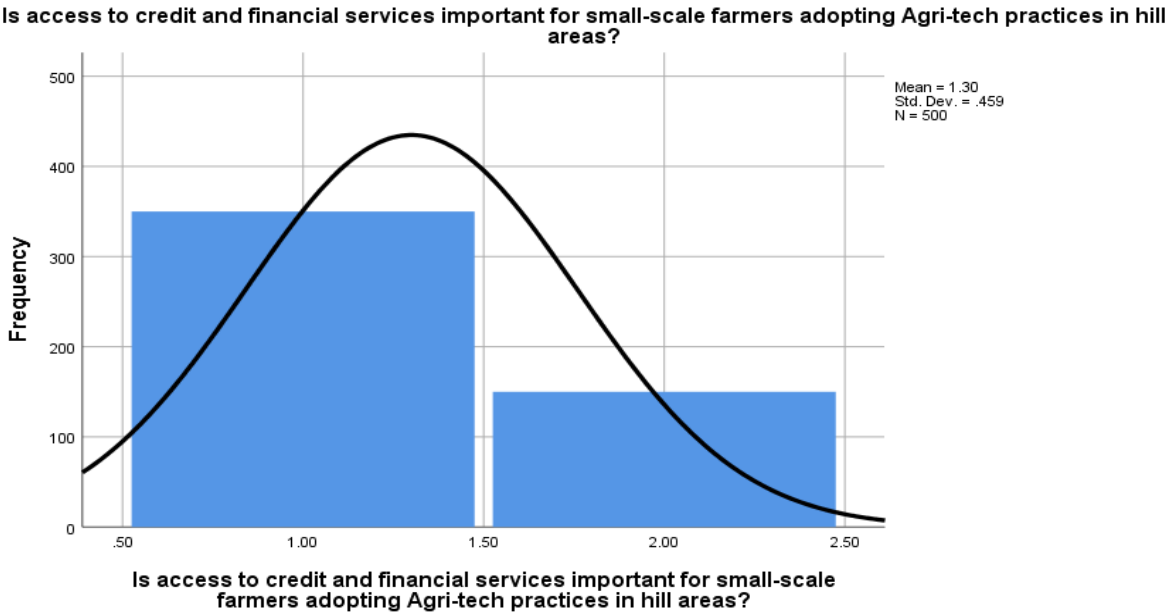
Table 4.1.19

credit and financial services importance

Is access to credit and financial services important for small-scale farmers adopting Agri-tech practices in hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	350	70.0	70.0	70.0
	NO	150	30.0	30.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.19

credit and financial services importance



From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Is access to credit and financial services important for small-scale farmers adopting Agri-tech practices in hill areas? and 350(70%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 150(30%) respondents responded as NO

Table 4.1.20

Can Agri-tech initiatives bridge the digital divide in rural hill areas?

Can Agri-tech initiatives bridge the digital divide in rural hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	378	75.6	75.6	75.6
	NO	122	24.4	24.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.20

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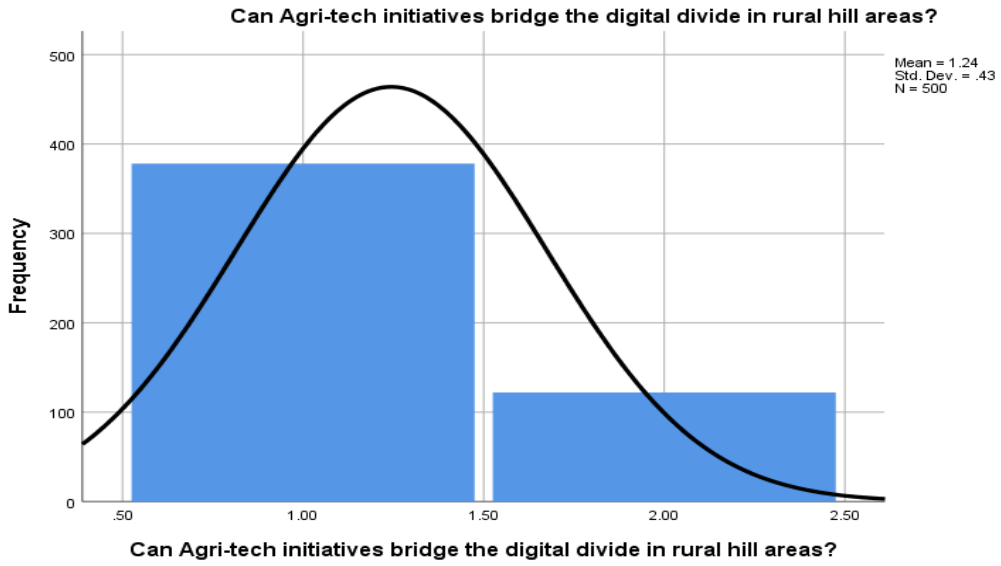

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Can Agri-tech initiatives bridge the digital divide in rural hill areas? and 378(75.6%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 122(24.4%) respondents responded as NO

Table 4.1.21

promoting sustainable farming practices

Do you believe Agri-tech can promote sustainable farming practices in hill regions?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	290	58.0	58.0	58.0
	NO	210	42.0	42.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.21

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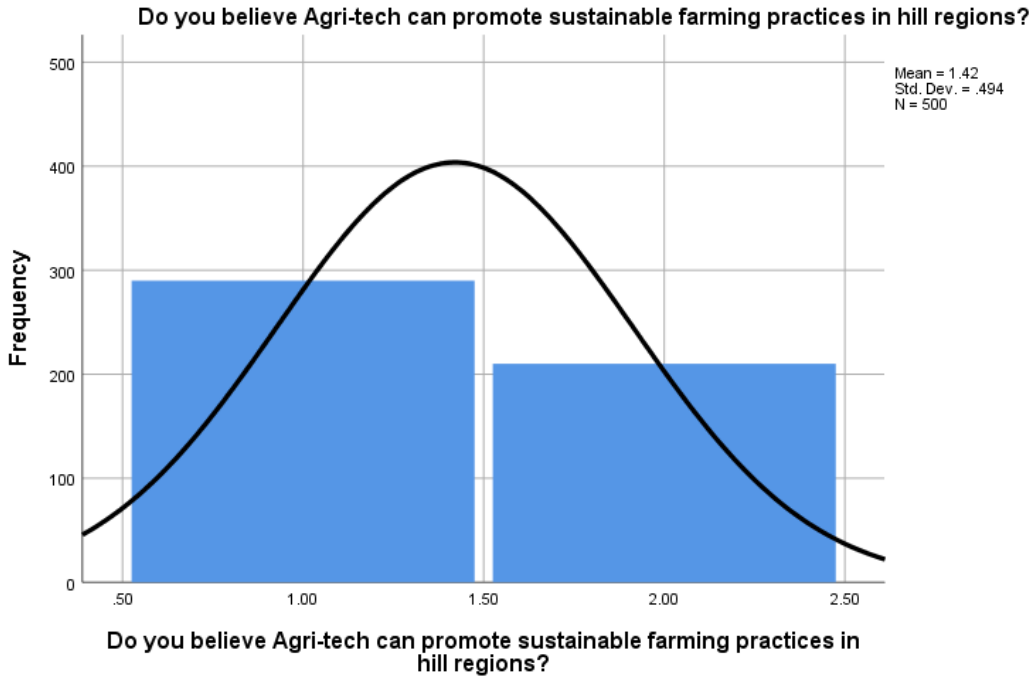

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Do you believe Agri-tech can promote sustainable farming practices in hill regions?" and 290(58%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 210(42%) respondents responded as NO

Table 4.1.22

potential displacement of traditional farming practices

Are you concerned about the potential displacement of traditional farming practices due to Agri-tech adoption in hill areas?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	224	44.8	44.8	44.8
	NO	276	55.2	55.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.22

potential displacement of traditional farming practices

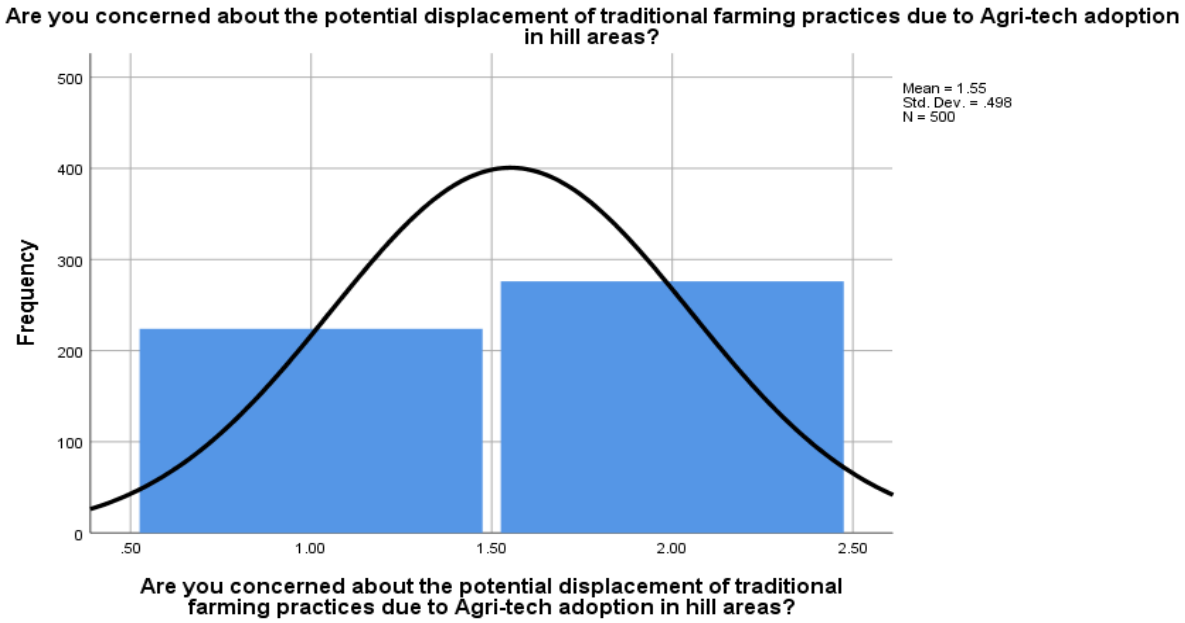

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Table 4.1.23

support and training programs availability

Are you satisfied with the existing Agri-tech support and training programs available in hill regions?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	322	64.4	64.4	64.4
	NO	178	35.6	35.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.23

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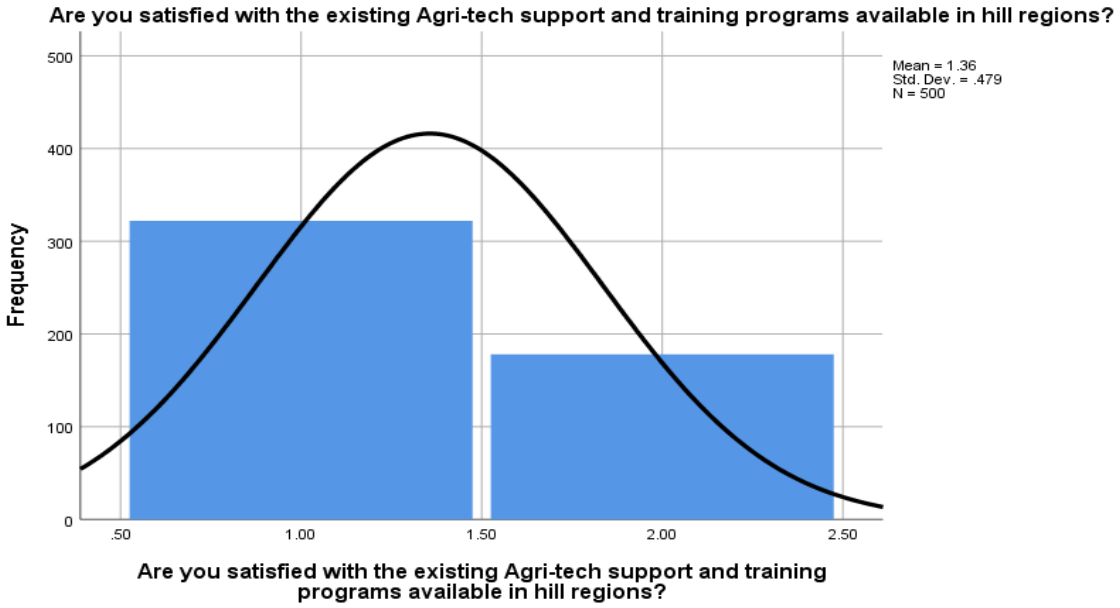

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Table 4.1.24

improve the income of smallholder farmers

Can Agri-tech effectively improve the income of smallholder farmers in hilly terrain?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	291	58.2	58.2	58.2
	NO	209	41.8	41.8	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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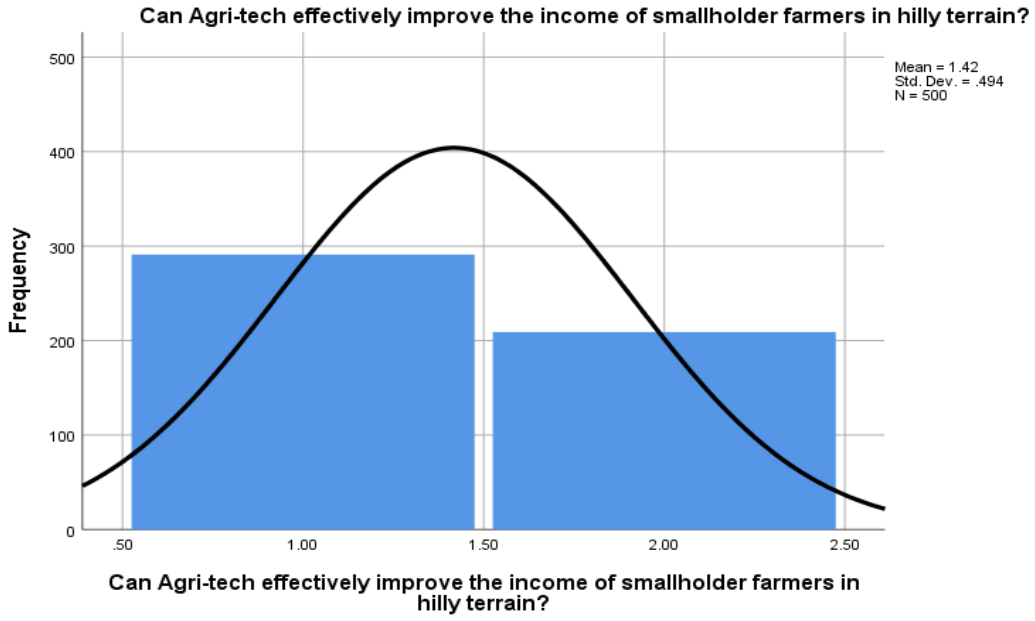

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Can Agri-tech effectively improve the income of smallholder farmers in hilly terrain? and 291(58.2%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 209(41.8%) respondents responded as NO

Table 4.1.25

Is reliable internet connectivity essential for the success

Is reliable internet connectivity essential for the success of Agri-tech initiatives in hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	373	74.6	74.6	74.6
	NO	127	25.4	25.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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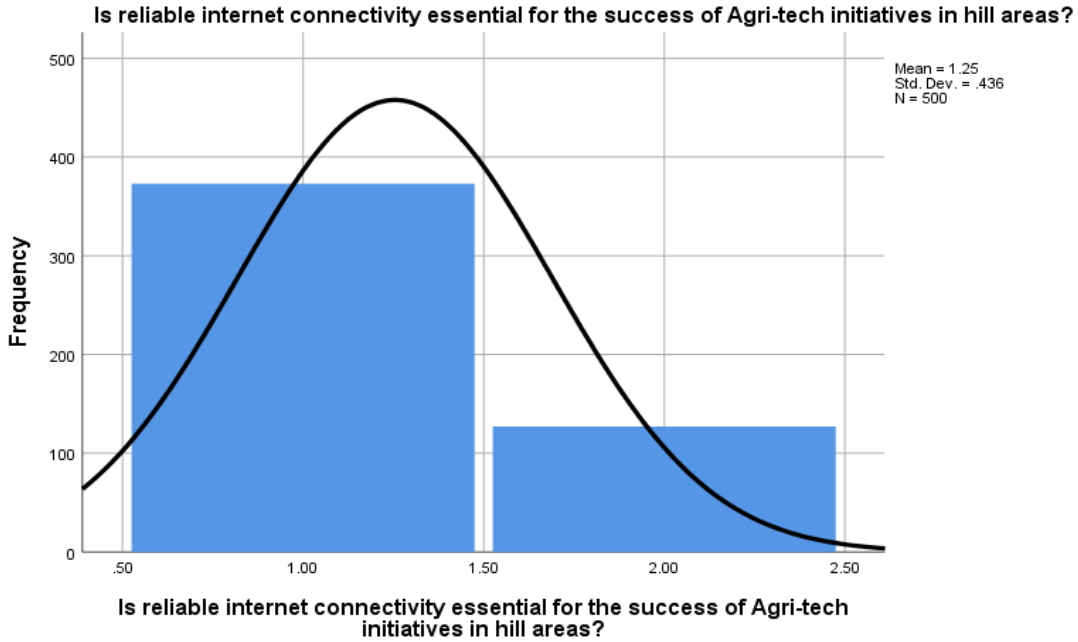

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Is reliable internet connectivity essential for the success of Agri-tech initiatives in hill areas? and 373(74.6%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 127(25.4%) respondents responded as NO

Table 4.1.26

Would you recommend Agri-tech solutions to farmers?

Would you recommend Agri-tech solutions to farmers in hill areas based on your current knowledge?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	478	95.6	95.6	95.6
	NO	22	4.4	4.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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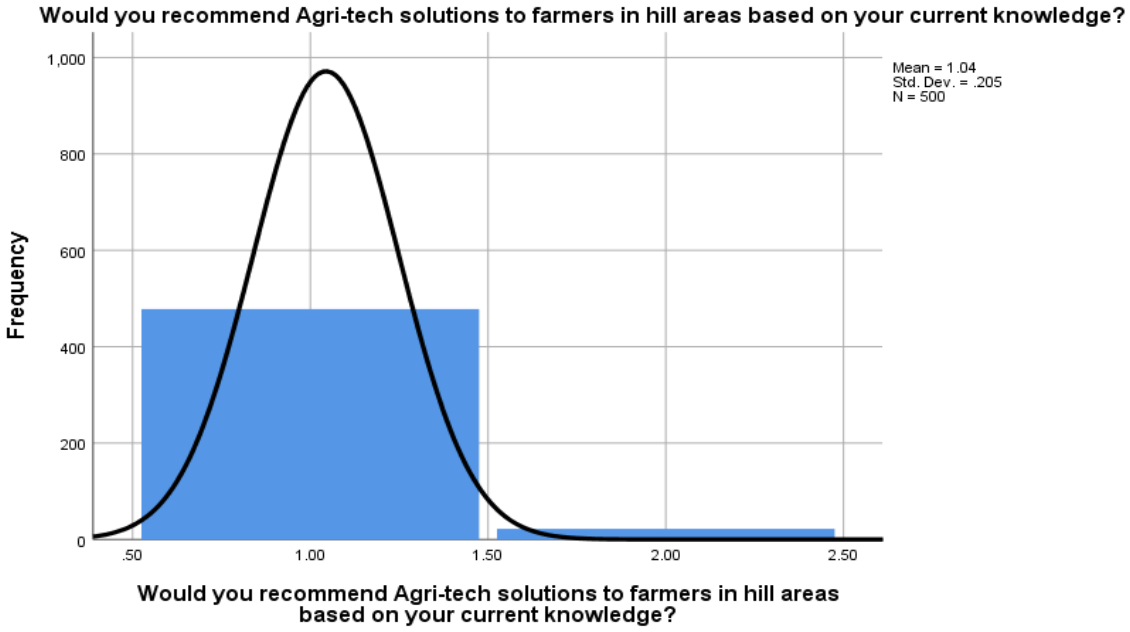

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Would you recommend Agri-tech solutions to farmers in hill areas based on your current knowledge? and 478(95.6%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 22(4.4%) respondents responded as NO

Table 4.1.27

To what extent do you believe that Agri-tech can improve crop yields?

To what extent do you believe that Agri-tech can improve crop yields in rural hill areas of India?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	187	37.4	37.4	37.4
	Agree	127	25.4	25.4	62.8
	Neutral	160	32.0	32.0	94.8
	Disagree	13	2.6	2.6	97.4
	Strongly Disagree	13	2.6	2.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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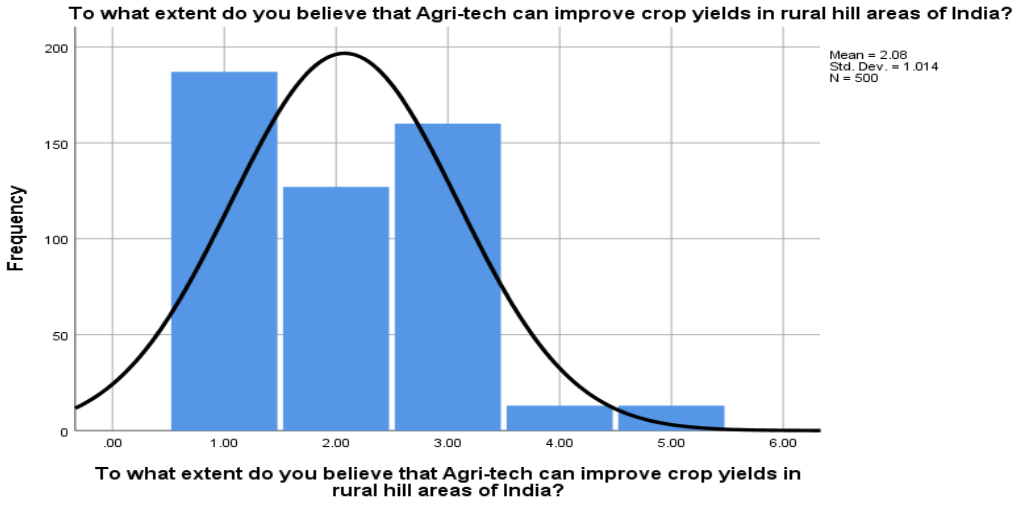

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. To what extent do you believe that Agri-tech can improve crop yields in rural hill areas of India? 187respondents responded Strongly Agree, 127(25.4%) respondents responded Agree, 160(32%) respondents responded Neutral and 13(2.6%) respondents responded Disagree and 13(2.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.28

modern farming equipments

How important is access to modern farming equipment in enhancing Agricultural productivity in hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	121	24.2	24.2	24.2
	Agree	87	17.4	17.4	41.6
	Neutral	122	24.4	24.4	66.0
	Disagree	136	27.2	27.2	93.2
	Strongly Disagree	34	6.8	6.8	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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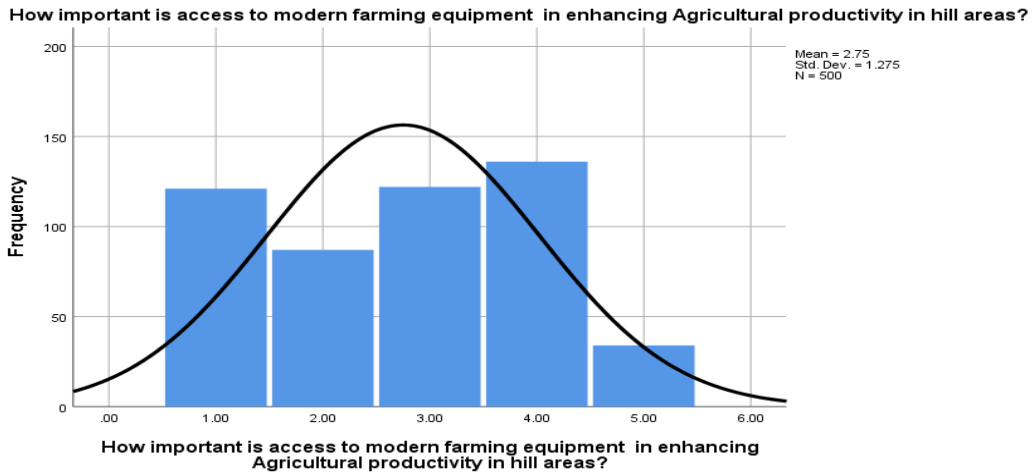

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How important is access to modern farming equipment in enhancing Agricultural productivity in hill areas? 121respondents responded Strongly Agree, 87(17.4%) respondents responded Agree, 122(24.4%) respondents responded Neutral and 136(27.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 34(6.8%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.29

lack of proper infrastructure

Do you think the lack of proper infrastructure is a significant challenge for Agri-tech supply chains in rural hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	107	21.4	21.4	21.4
	Agree	203	40.6	40.6	62.0
	Neutral	89	17.8	17.8	79.8
	Disagree	66	13.2	13.2	93.0
	Strongly Disagree	35	7.0	7.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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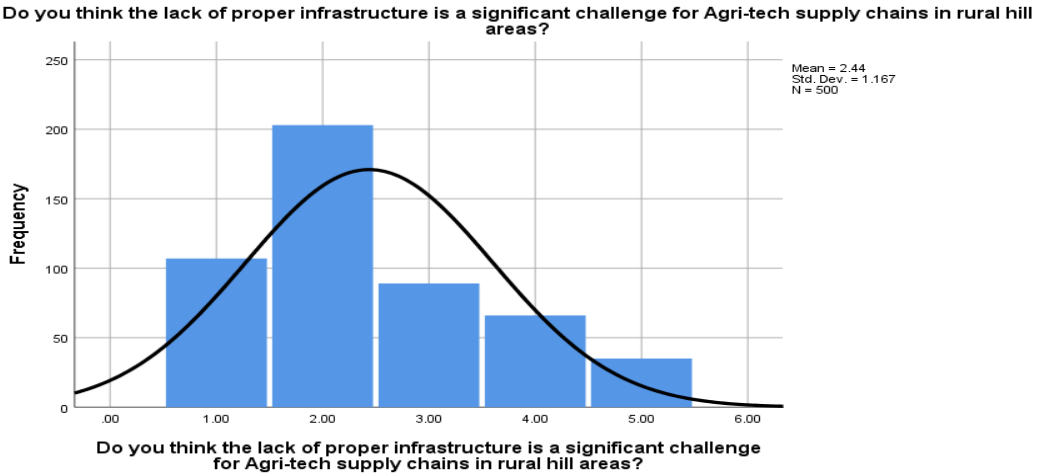

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. Do you think the lack of proper infrastructure is a significant challenge for Agri-tech supply chains in rural hill areas? 107respondents responded Strongly Agree, 203(40.6%) respondents responded Agree, 89(17.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 66(13.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 35(7%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.30

digital platforms

How confident are you that digital platforms can help farmers in hill areas access market information and sell their produce effectively?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	134	26.8	26.8	26.8
	Agree	108	21.6	21.6	48.4
	Neutral	145	29.0	29.0	77.4
	Disagree	96	19.2	19.2	96.6
	Strongly Disagree	17	3.4	3.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.30

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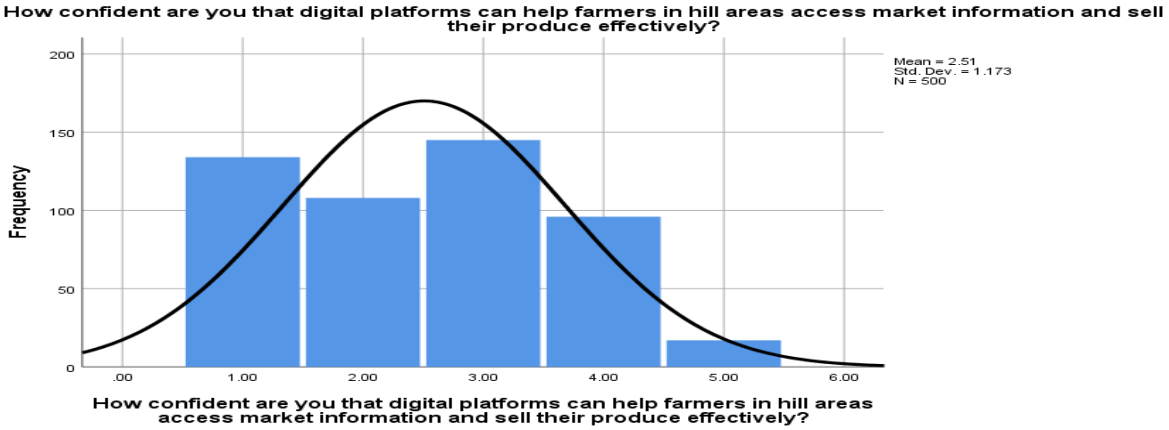

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How confident are you that digital platforms can help farmers in hill areas access market information and sell their produce effectively? 134respondents responded Strongly Agree, 108(21.6%) respondents responded Agree, 145(29%) respondents responded Neutral and 96(19.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 17(3.4%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.31

issue of post-harvest losses

To what extent do you believe that Agri-tech can address the issue of post-harvest losses in hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	131	26.2	26.2	26.2
	Agree	224	44.8	44.8	71.0
	Neutral	109	21.8	21.8	92.8
	Disagree	20	4.0	4.0	96.8
	Strongly Disagree	16	3.2	3.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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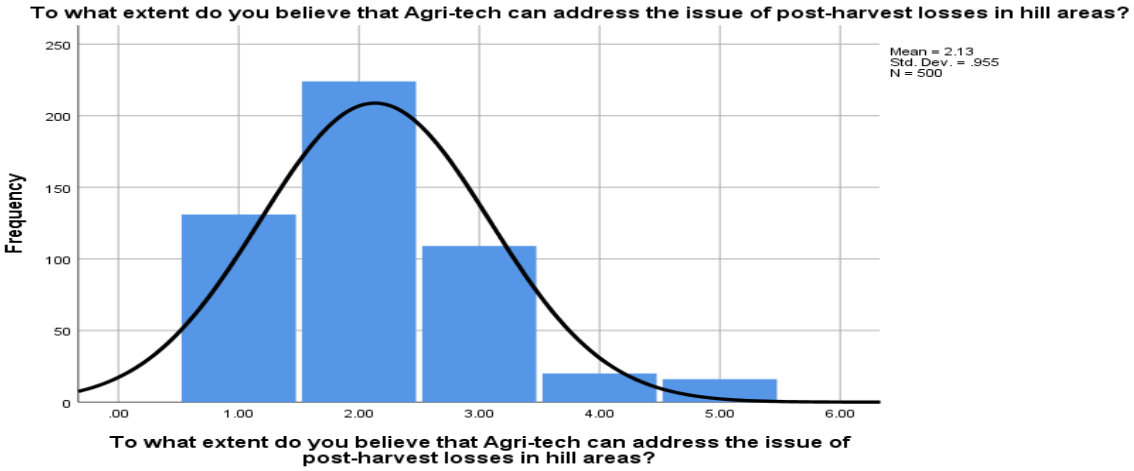

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. To what extent do you believe that Agri-tech can address the issue of post-harvest losses in hill areas? 131respondents responded Strongly Agree, 224(44.8%) respondents responded Agree, 109(21.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 20(4%) respondents responded Disagree and 16(3.2%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.32

environmental impact

How concerned are you about the environmental impact of Agri-tech practices in hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	78	15.6	15.6	15.6
	Agree	140	28.0	28.0	43.6
	Neutral	183	36.6	36.6	80.2
	Disagree	56	11.2	11.2	91.4
	Strongly Disagree	43	8.6	8.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.32

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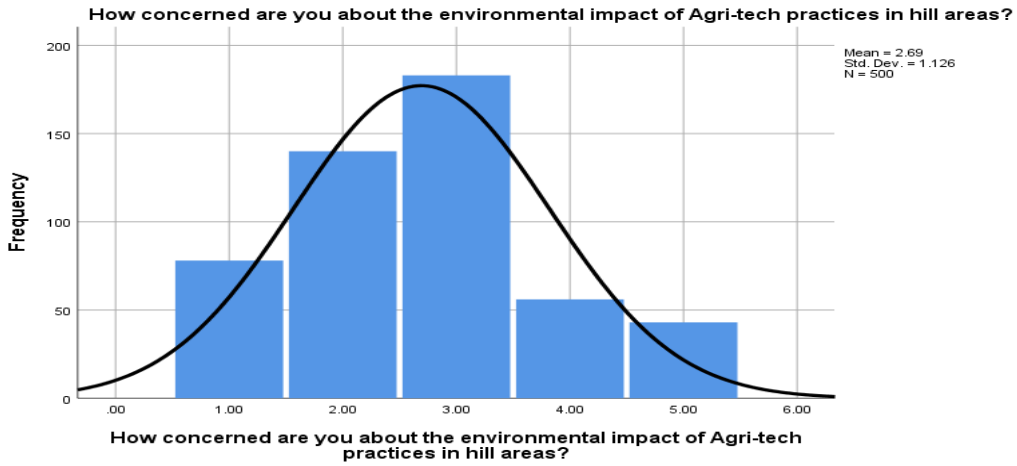

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How concerned are you about the environmental impact of Agri-tech practices in hill areas? 78respondents responded Strongly Agree, 140(28%) respondents responded Agree, 183(36.6%) respondents responded Neutral and 56(11.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 43(8.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.33

government policies support?

How well do you think government policies support the growth of Agri-tech businesses in rural hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	87	17.4	17.4	17.4
	Agree	158	31.6	31.6	49.0
	Neutral	61	12.2	12.2	61.2
	Disagree	56	11.2	11.2	72.4
	Strongly Disagree	138	27.6	27.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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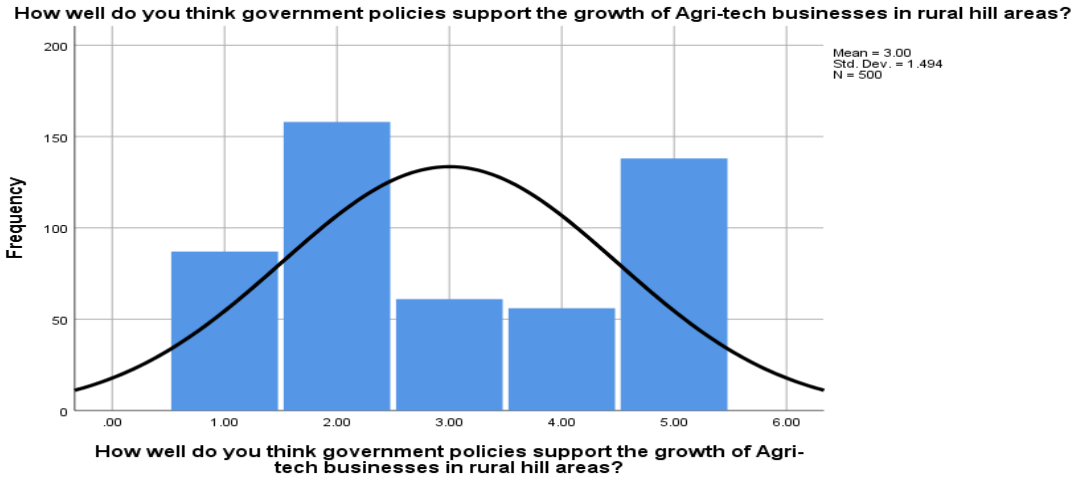


From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How well do you think government policies support the growth of Agri-tech businesses in rural hill areas? 87respondents responded Strongly Agree, 158(31.6%) respondents responded Agree, 61(12.2%) respondents responded Neutral and 56(11.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 138(27.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

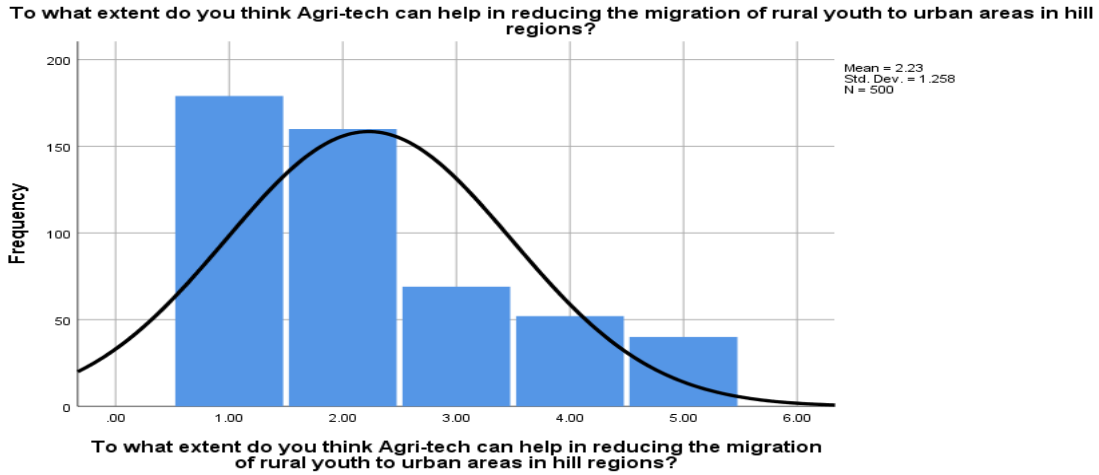
Table 4.1.34

Agri-tech can help in reducing the migration of rural youth

To what extent do you think Agri-tech can help in reducing the migration of rural youth to urban areas in hill regions?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	179	35.8	35.8	35.8
	Agree	160	32.0	32.0	67.8
	Neutral	69	13.8	13.8	81.6
	Disagree	52	10.4	10.4	92.0
	Strongly Disagree	40	8.0	8.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.34

Agri-tech can help in reducing the migration of rural youth



From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. To what extent do you think Agri-tech can help in reducing the migration of rural youth to urban areas in hill regions? 179respondents responded Strongly Agree, 160(32%) respondents responded Agree, 69(13.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 52(10.4%) respondents responded Disagree and 40(8%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.35

role of local community participation

How important is the role of local community participation in the success of Agri-tech initiatives in hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	114	22.8	22.8	22.8
	Agree	86	17.2	17.2	40.0
	Neutral	39	7.8	7.8	47.8
	Disagree	192	38.4	38.4	86.2
	Strongly Disagree	69	13.8	13.8	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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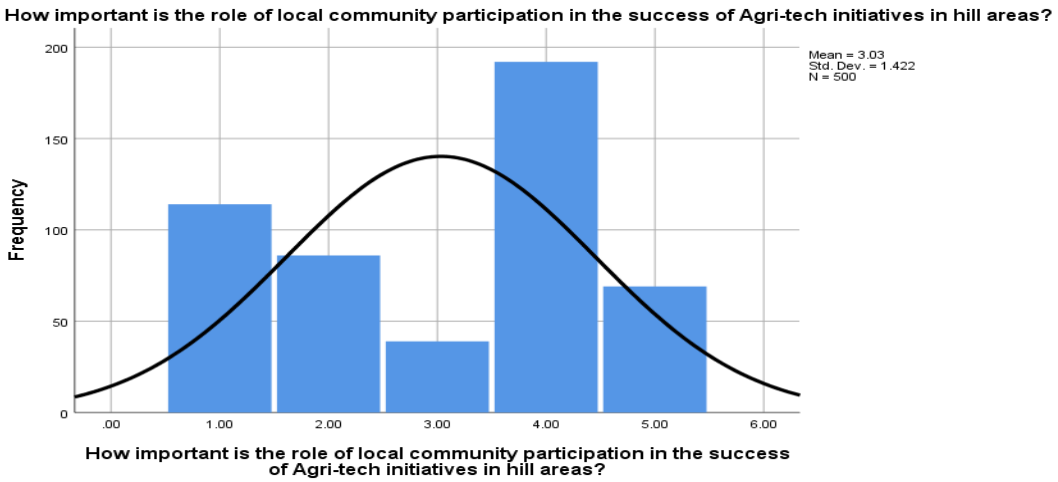


From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How important is the role of local community participation in the success of Agri-tech initiatives in hill areas? 114respondents responded Strongly Agree, 86(17.2%) respondents responded Agree, 39(7.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 192(38.4%) respondents responded Disagree and 69(13.8%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

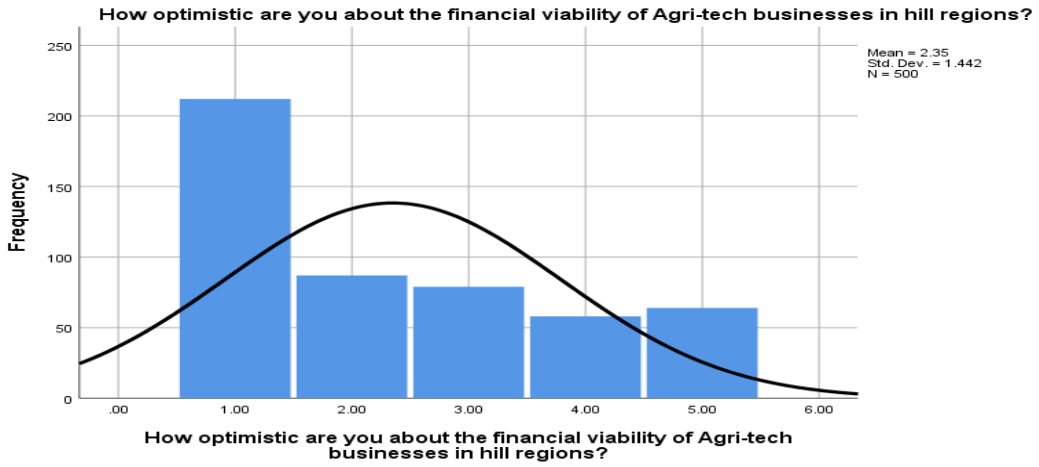
Table 4.1.36

How optimistic are you about the financial viability

How optimistic are you about the financial viability of Agri-tech businesses in hill regions?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	212	42.4	42.4	42.4
	Agree	87	17.4	17.4	59.8
	Neutral	79	15.8	15.8	75.6
	Disagree	58	11.6	11.6	87.2
	Strongly Disagree	64	12.8	12.8	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.36

government policies adequately support



From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How optimistic are you about the financial viability of Agri-tech businesses in hill regions? 212respondents responded Strongly Agree, 87(17.4%) respondents responded Agree, 79(15.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 58(11.6%) respondents responded Disagree and 64(12.8%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.37

Agri-tech can address the challenges related to water scarcity in hill farming?

To what extent do you think Agri-tech can address the challenges related to water scarcity in hill farming?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	108	21.6	21.6	21.6
	Agree	169	33.8	33.8	55.4
	Neutral	116	23.2	23.2	78.6
	Disagree	52	10.4	10.4	89.0
	Strongly Disagree	55	11.0	11.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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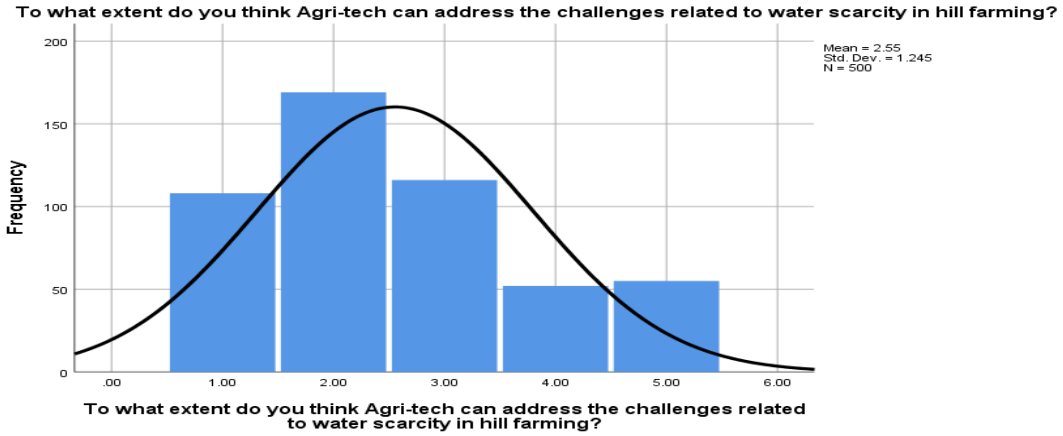
Agri-tech can address the challenges related to water scarcity in hill farming?



From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. To what extent do you think Agri-tech can address the challenges related to water scarcity in hill farming? 108respondents responded Strongly Agree, 169(33.8%) respondents responded Agree, 116(23.2%) respondents responded Neutral and 52(10.4%) respondents responded Disagree and 55(11%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.38

How familiar are you with the various Agri-tech solutions available?

How familiar are you with the various Agri-tech solutions available for hill farming in India?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	155	31.0	31.0	31.0
	Agree	117	23.4	23.4	54.4
	Neutral	37	7.4	7.4	61.8
	Disagree	154	30.8	30.8	92.6
	Strongly Disagree	37	7.4	7.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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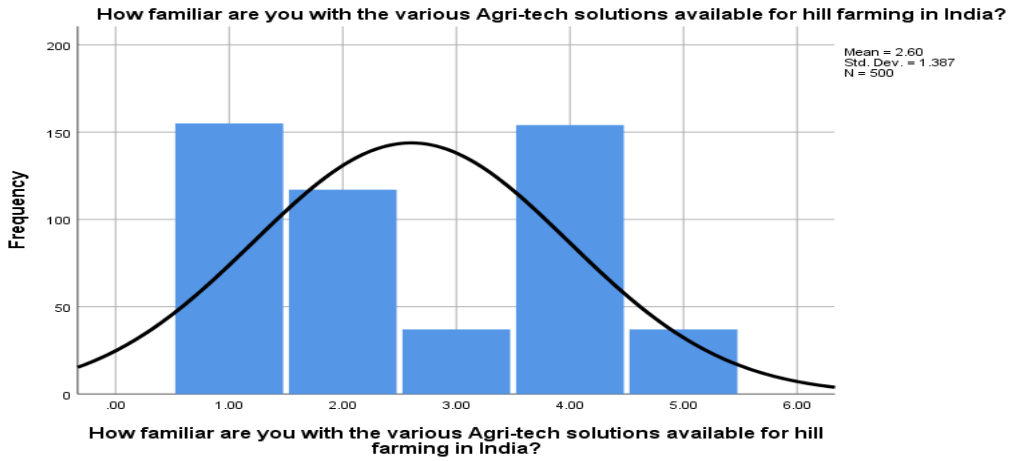

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How familiar are you with the various Agri-tech solutions available for hill farming in India? 155respondents responded Strongly Agree, 117(23.4%) respondents responded Agree, 37(7.4%) respondents responded Neutral and 154(30.8%) respondents responded Disagree and 37(7.4%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.39

How important is access to credit and financial services for small-scale farmers?

How important is access to credit and financial services for small-scale farmers in hill areas adopting Agri-tech practices?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	181	36.2	36.2	36.2
	Agree	123	24.6	24.6	60.8
	Neutral	103	20.6	20.6	81.4
	Disagree	30	6.0	6.0	87.4
	Strongly Disagree	63	12.6	12.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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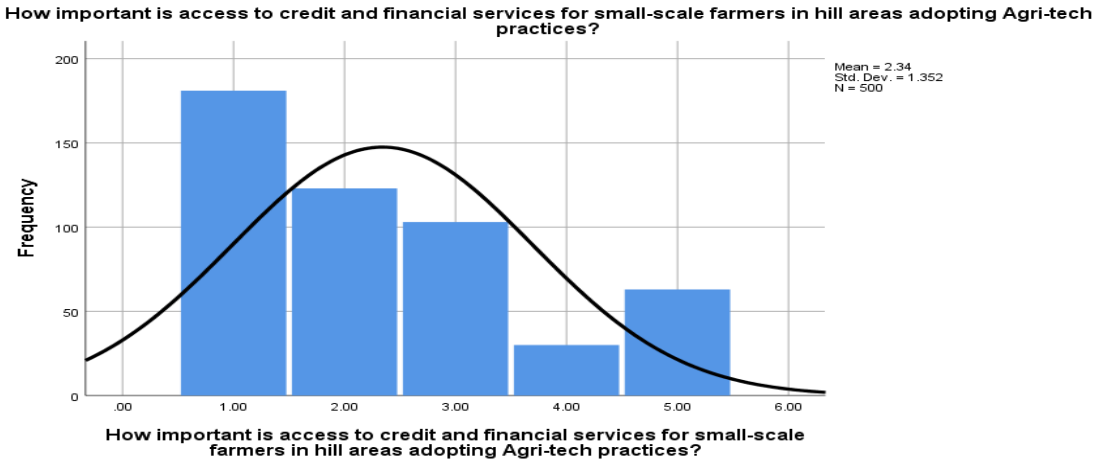

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How important is access to credit and financial services for small-scale farmers in hill areas adopting Agri-tech practices? 181respondents responded Strongly Agree, 123(24.6%) respondents responded Agree, 103(20.6%) respondents responded Neutral and 30(6%) respondents responded Disagree and 63(12.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.40

How confident are you that Agri-tech can help bridge the digital divide?

How confident are you that Agri-tech can help bridge the digital divide in rural hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	67	13.4	13.4	13.4
	Agree	194	38.8	38.8	52.2
	Neutral	61	12.2	12.2	64.4
	Disagree	140	28.0	28.0	92.4
	Strongly Disagree	38	7.6	7.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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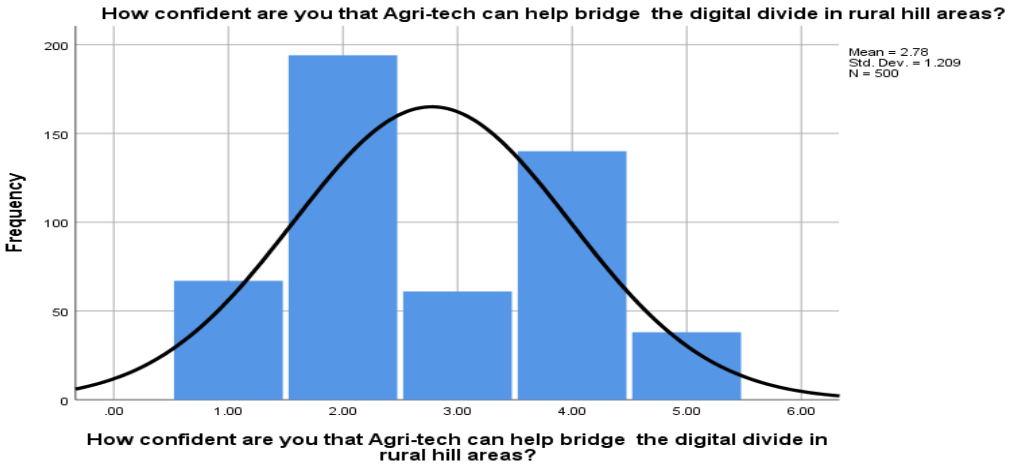

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How confident are you that Agri-tech can help bridge the digital divide in rural hill areas? 67respondents responded Strongly Agree, 194(38.8%) respondents responded Agree, 61(12.2%) respondents responded Neutral and 140(28%) respondents responded Disagree and 38(7.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.41

Agri-tech can promote sustainable farming practices?

To what extent do you believe that Agri-tech can promote sustainable farming practices in hill regions?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	137	27.4	27.4	27.4
	Agree	226	45.2	45.2	72.6
	Neutral	47	9.4	9.4	82.0
	Disagree	45	9.0	9.0	91.0
	Strongly Disagree	45	9.0	9.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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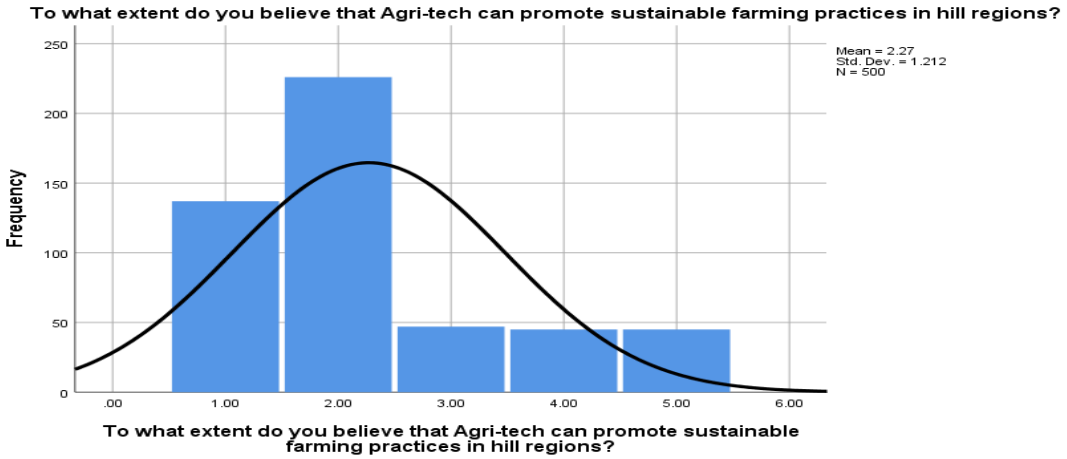

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. To what extent do you believe that Agri-tech can promote sustainable farming practices in hill regions? 137respondents responded Strongly Agree, 226(45.2%) respondents responded Agree, 47(9.4%) respondents responded Neutral and 45(9%) respondents responded Disagree and 45(9%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.42

How concerned are you about the potential displacement of traditional farming practices due to the adoption?

How concerned are you about the potential displacement of traditional farming practices due to the adoption of Agri-tech in hill areas?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	187	37.4	37.4	37.4
	Agree	127	25.4	25.4	62.8
	Neutral	160	32.0	32.0	94.8
	Disagree	13	2.6	2.6	97.4
	Strongly Disagree	13	2.6	2.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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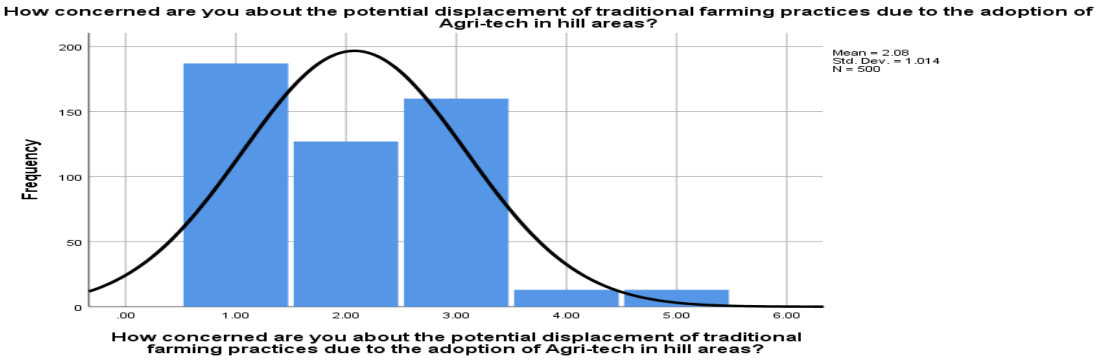

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How concerned are you about the potential displacement of traditional farming practices due to the adoption of Agri-tech in hill areas? 187respondents responded Strongly Agree, 127(25.4%) respondents responded Agree, 160(32%) respondents responded Neutral and 13(2.6%) respondents responded Disagree and 13(2.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.43

How satisfied are you with the existing Agri-tech support and training programs available?

How satisfied are you with the existing Agri-tech support and training programs available in hill regions?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	121	24.2	24.2	24.2
	Agree	87	17.4	17.4	41.6
	Neutral	122	24.4	24.4	66.0
	Disagree	136	27.2	27.2	93.2
	Strongly Disagree	34	6.8	6.8	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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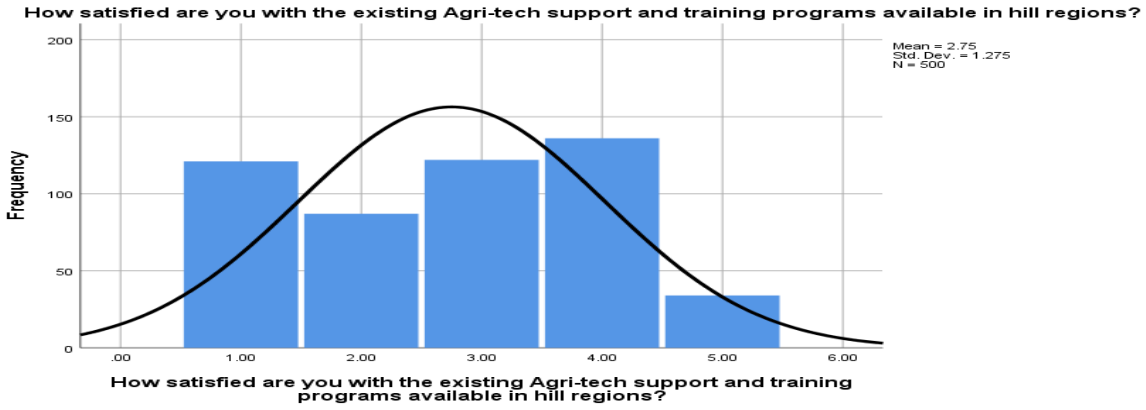

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How satisfied are you with the existing Agri-tech support and training programs available in hill regions? 121respondents responded Strongly Agree, 87(17.4%) respondents responded Agree, 122(24.4%) respondents responded Neutral and 136(27.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 34(6.8%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.44

Agri-tech can improve the income of smallholder farmers?

To what extent do you think Agri-tech can improve the income of smallholder farmers in hilly terrain?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	107	21.4	21.4	21.4
	Agree	203	40.6	40.6	62.0
	Neutral	89	17.8	17.8	79.8
	Disagree	66	13.2	13.2	93.0
	Strongly Disagree	35	7.0	7.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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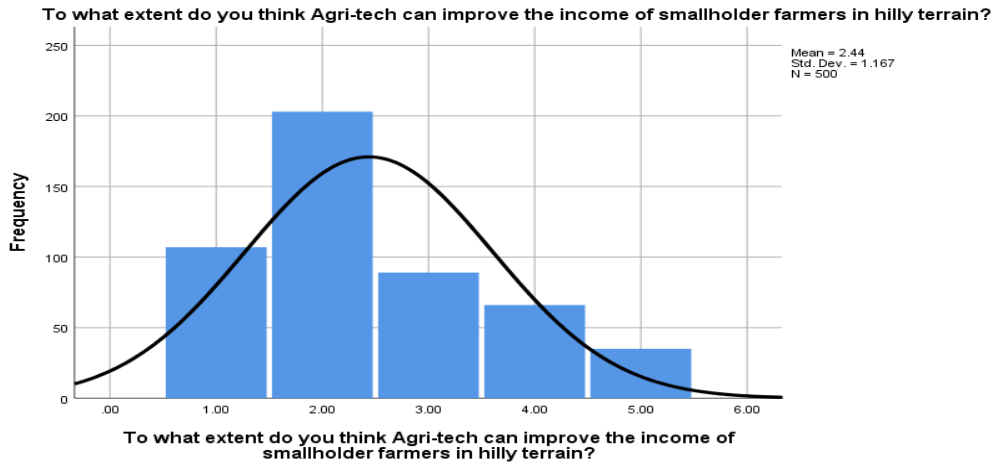

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. To what extent do you think Agri-tech can improve the income of smallholder farmers in hilly terrain? 107respondents responded Strongly Agree, 203(40.6%) respondents responded Agree, 89(17.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 66(13.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 35(7%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.45

How important is reliable internet connectivity for the success?

How important is reliable internet connectivity for the success of Agri-tech initiatives in hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	134	26.8	26.8	26.8
	Agree	108	21.6	21.6	48.4
	Neutral	145	29.0	29.0	77.4
	Disagree	96	19.2	19.2	96.6
	Strongly Disagree	17	3.4	3.4	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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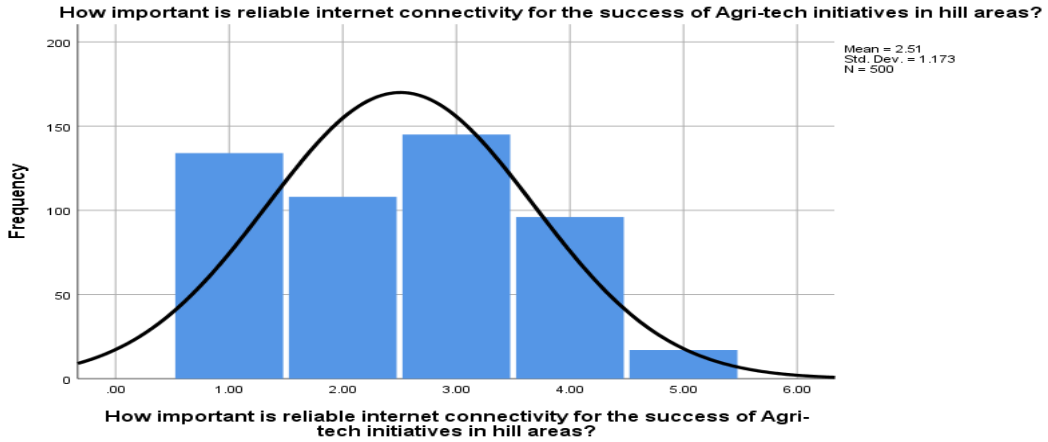

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How important is reliable internet connectivity for the success of Agri-tech initiatives in hill areas? 134respondents responded Strongly Agree, 108(21.6%) respondents responded Agree, 145(29%) respondents responded Neutral and 96(19.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 17(3.4%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.46

How likely are you to recommend Agri-tech solutions to farmers?

How likely are you to recommend Agri-tech solutions to farmers in hill areas based on your current knowledge?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	131	26.2	26.2	26.2
	Agree	224	44.8	44.8	71.0
	Neutral	109	21.8	21.8	92.8
	Disagree	20	4.0	4.0	96.8
	Strongly Disagree	16	3.2	3.2	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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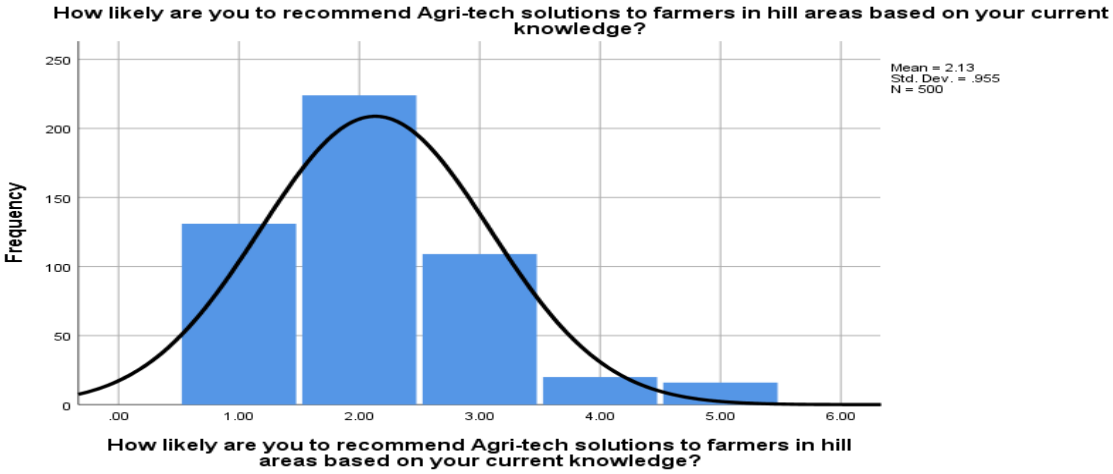

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How likely are you to recommend Agri-tech solutions to farmers in hill areas based on your current knowledge? 131respondents responded Strongly Agree, 224(44.8%) respondents responded Agree, 109(21.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 20(4%) respondents responded Disagree and 16(3.2%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.47

can help in reducing food wastage?

To what extent do you think Agri-tech can help in reducing food wastage in hill regions?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	78	15.6	15.6	15.6
	Agree	140	28.0	28.0	43.6
	Neutral	183	36.6	36.6	80.2
	Disagree	56	11.2	11.2	91.4
	Strongly Disagree	43	8.6	8.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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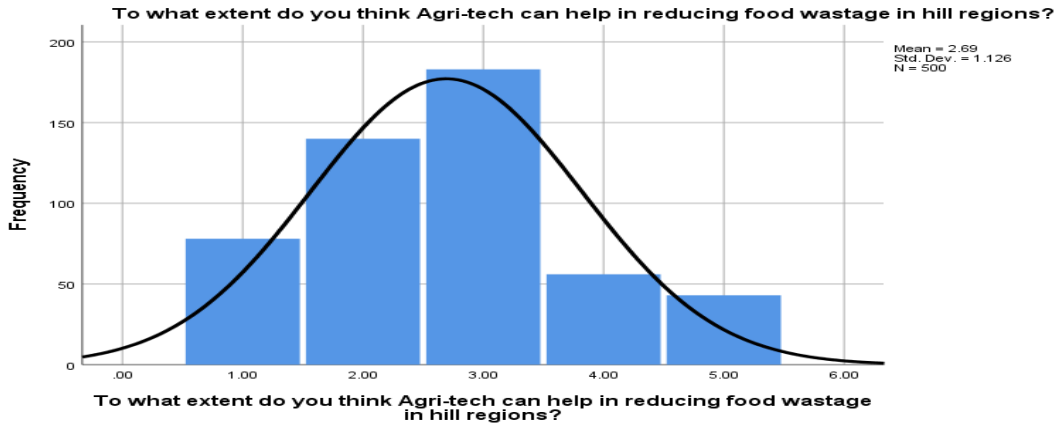

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. To what extent do you think Agri-tech can help in reducing food wastage in hill regions? 78respondents responded Strongly Agree, 140(28%) respondents responded Agree", 183(36.6%) respondents responded Neutral and 56(11.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 43(8.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.48

How concerned are you about the potential overuse of Agri-chemicals?

How concerned are you about the potential overuse of Agri-chemicals in hill farming when adopting Agri-tech practices?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	87	17.4	17.4	17.4
	Agree	158	31.6	31.6	49.0
	Neutral	61	12.2	12.2	61.2
	Disagree	56	11.2	11.2	72.4
	Strongly Disagree	138	27.6	27.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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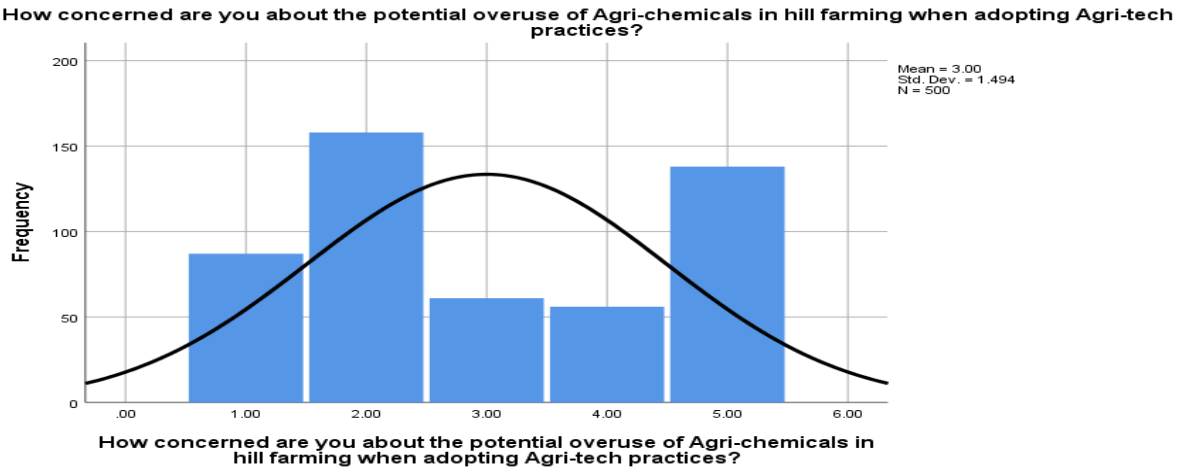

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. "How concerned are you about the potential overuse of Agri-chemicals in hill farming when adopting Agri-tech practices?" 87respondents responded Strongly Agree, 158(31.6%) respondents responded Agree, 61(12.2%) respondents responded Neutral and 56(11.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 138(27.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.49

How satisfied are you with the affordability of Agri-tech solutions?

How satisfied are you with the affordability of Agri-tech solutions for farmers in hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	179	35.8	35.8	35.8
	Agree	160	32.0	32.0	67.8
	Neutral	69	13.8	13.8	81.6
	Disagree	52	10.4	10.4	92.0
	Strongly Disagree	40	8.0	8.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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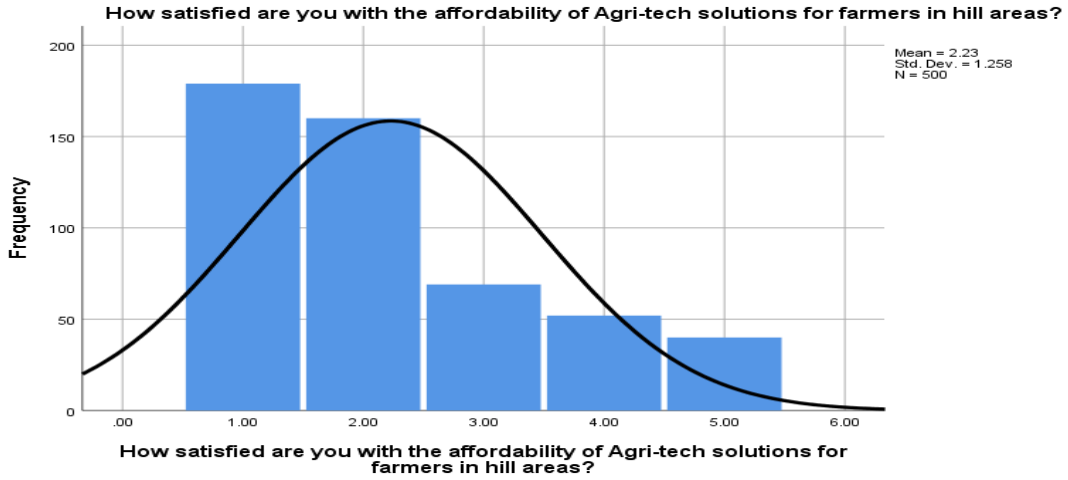

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Table 4.1.50

Agri-tech can empower women in hill farming?

To what extent do you believe that Agri-tech can empower women in hill farming communities?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	114	22.8	22.8	22.8
	Agree	86	17.2	17.2	40.0
	Neutral	39	7.8	7.8	47.8
	Disagree	192	38.4	38.4	86.2
	Strongly Disagree	69	13.8	13.8	100.0
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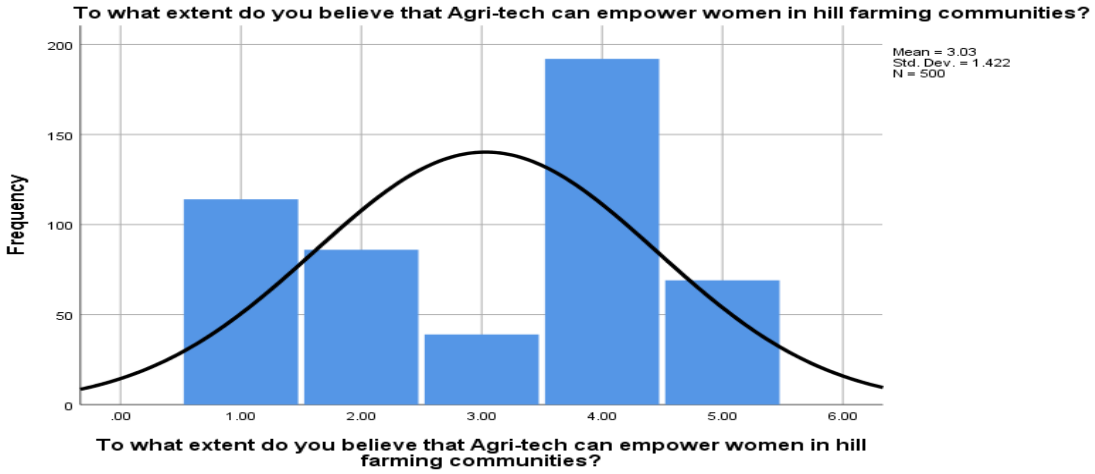

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. "To what extent do you believe that Agri-tech can empower women in hill farming communities?" 114respondents responded Strongly Agree, 86(17.2%) respondents responded Agree, 39(7.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 192(38.4%) respondents responded Disagree and 69(13.8%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.51

How important is the role of government subsidies?

How important is the role of government subsidies in promoting the adoption of Agri-tech in hill regions?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	212	42.4	42.4	42.4
	Agree	87	17.4	17.4	59.8
	Neutral	79	15.8	15.8	75.6
	Disagree	58	11.6	11.6	87.2
	Strongly Disagree	64	12.8	12.8	100.0
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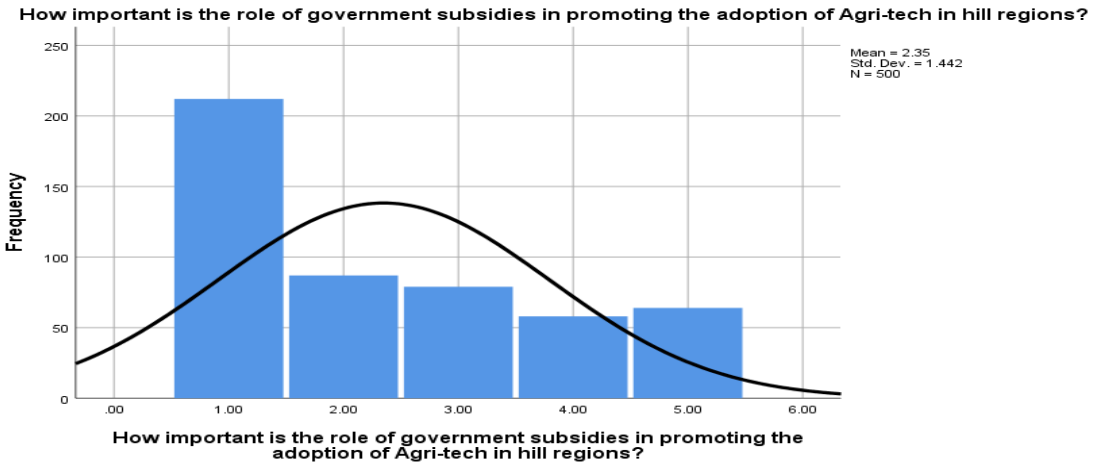

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. "How important is the role of government subsidies in promoting the adoption of Agri-tech in hill regions? 212respondents responded Strongly Agree, 87(17.4%) respondents responded Agree, 79(15.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 58(11.6%) respondents responded Disagree and 64(12.8%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.52

Agri-tech can enhance the quality and safety of Agricultural products?

How confident are you that Agri-tech can enhance the quality and safety of Agricultural products in hilly areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	181	36.2	36.2	36.2
	Agree	123	24.6	24.6	60.8
	Neutral	103	20.6	20.6	81.4
	Disagree	30	6.0	6.0	87.4
	Strongly Disagree	63	12.6	12.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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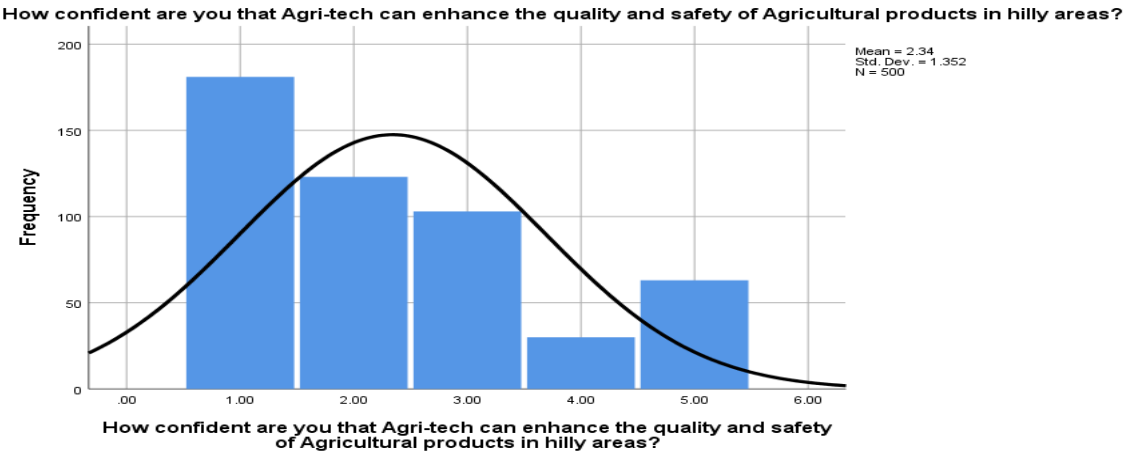

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How confident are you that Agri-tech can enhance the quality and safety of Agricultural products in hilly areas? 181respondents responded Strongly Agree, 123(24.6%) respondents responded Agree, 103(20.6%) respondents responded Neutral and 30(6%) respondents responded Disagree and 63(12.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.53

Agri-tech can create employment opportunities for rural youth?

To what extent do you believe that Agri-tech can create employment opportunities for rural youth in hill regions?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	67	13.4	13.4	13.4
	Agree	194	38.8	38.8	52.2
	Neutral	61	12.2	12.2	64.4
	Disagree	140	28.0	28.0	92.4
	Strongly Disagree	38	7.6	7.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.53

Agri-tech can create employment opportunities for rural youth?

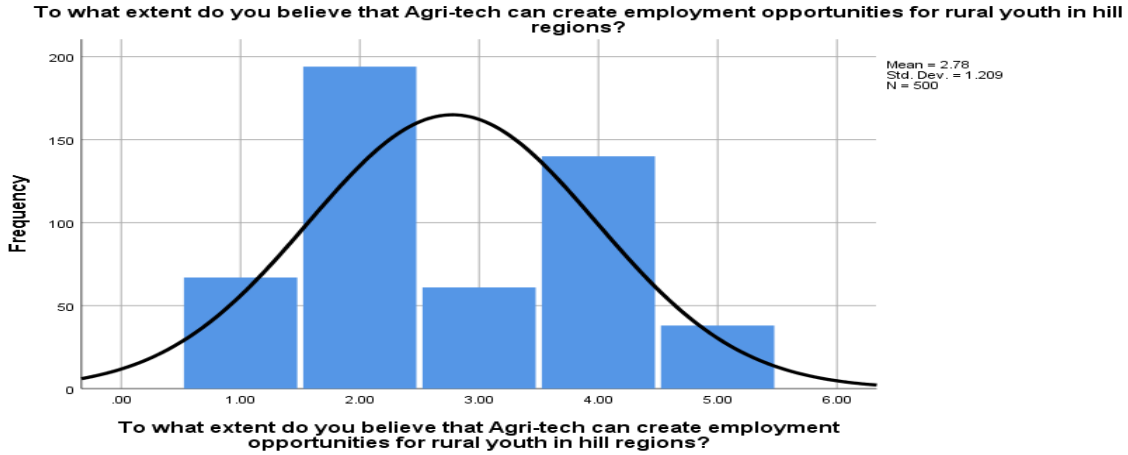

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Table 4.1.54

accessibility of Agri-tech information and resources in local languages?

How satisfied are you with the accessibility of Agri-tech information and resources in local languages in hill areas?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	137	27.4	27.4	27.4
	Agree	226	45.2	45.2	72.6
	Neutral	47	9.4	9.4	82.0
	Disagree	45	9.0	9.0	91.0
	Strongly Disagree	45	9.0	9.0	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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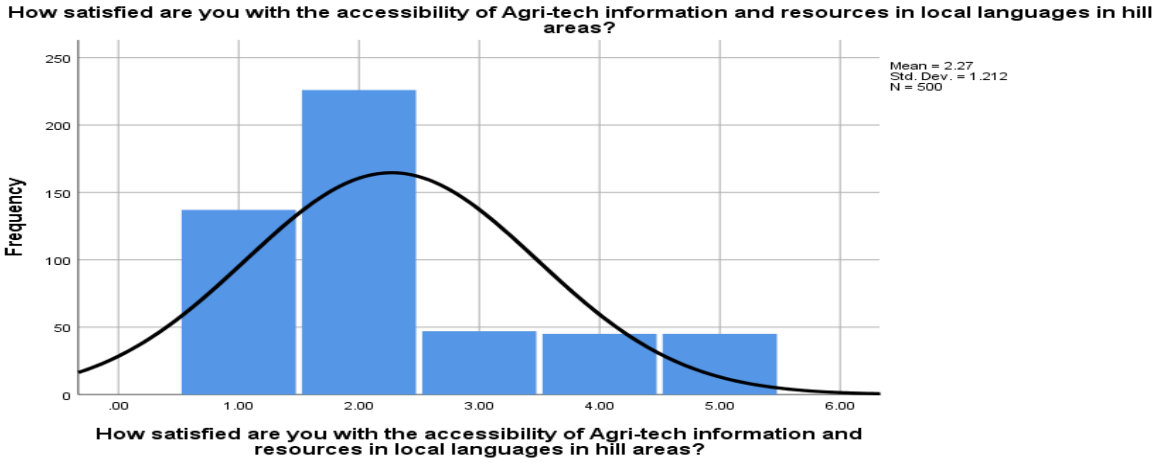

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Table 4.1.55

potential misuse of Agri-tech data?

How concerned are you about the potential misuse of Agri-tech data in hill farming communities?					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	187	37.4	37.4	37.4
	Agree	127	25.4	25.4	62.8
	Neutral	160	32.0	32.0	94.8
	Disagree	13	2.6	2.6	97.4
	Strongly Disagree	13	2.6	2.6	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

Figure 4.1.55

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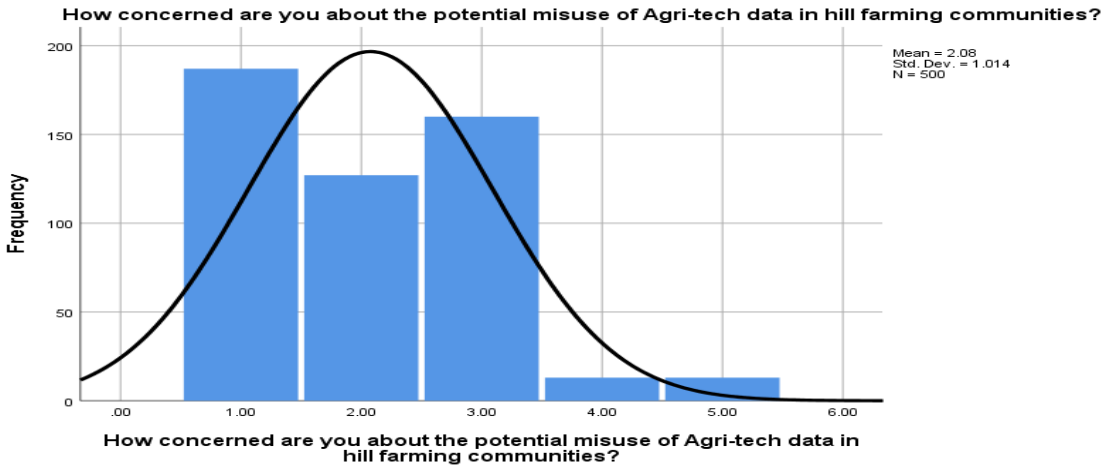

From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How concerned are you about the potential misuse of Agri-tech data in hill farming communities? 187respondents responded Strongly Agree, 127(25.4%) respondents responded Agree, 160(32%) respondents responded Neutral and 13(2.6%) respondents responded Disagree and 13(2.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

Table 4.1.56

collaborating with other stakeholders, such as government agencies and NGOs?

How open are you to collaborating with other stakeholders, such as government agencies and NGOs, to promote Agri-tech solutions in hill areas?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	121	24.2	24.2	24.2
	Agree	87	17.4	17.4	41.6
	Neutral	122	24.4	24.4	66.0
	Disagree	136	27.2	27.2	93.2
	Strongly Disagree	34	6.8	6.8	100.0
	Total	500	100.0	100.0	

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CHAPTER V:

RESULT, DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION

5.1 Original Contributions

The present study makes several original contributions to the field of agri-tech supply chain management in rural, particularly hill area, India. First, it provides a comprehensive analysis of the current business models employed by agri-tech firms in these regions, identifying key success factors and potential areas for innovation. By conducting detailed case studies and field surveys, the research uncovers unique challenges faced by these businesses, including infrastructural deficiencies, technological barriers, and socio-cultural resistance. Unlike previous studies that predominantly focus on urban and plain rural areas, this research emphasizes the distinct characteristics of hill regions, offering insights into how topography and climate affect supply chain logistics and management. Moreover, the study introduces a novel framework for sustainable business practices tailored to the agri-tech industry, incorporating environmental and social considerations into the strategic planning of supply chains. Through the development of this framework, the research bridges a critical gap in the literature, providing practical strategies for enhancing the sustainability and resilience of agri-tech ventures. Another significant contribution is the exploration of human resource management in agri-tech, with a focus on recruitment, training, and retention strategies that address the unique skill requirements and workforce challenges in hill areas. The findings highlight the importance of community engagement and localized training programs in overcoming human capital constraints. Additionally, the study offers policy recommendations aimed at fostering a more supportive regulatory environment for agri-tech businesses, advocating for tailored government interventions that address the specific needs of rural hill areas. By integrating these various elements, the research not only advances theoretical understanding but also

provides actionable insights for practitioners, policymakers, and future researchers, thereby making a substantial contribution to the sustainable development of agri-tech supply chains in rural India.

5.2 Discussion of Results

Growing awareness of the revolutionary potential of technology to improve agricultural supply chains, especially in India's rural areas, has been observed in recent years. This shift is particularly relevant in hilly areas, where specific issues arise from limited land and inadequate infrastructure. A study by Singh and Sharma (2020) highlights the role that technology plays in increasing productivity and decreasing waste, offering insightful information about how technological interventions affect agri-tech supply networks. The authors stress the need of utilising IoT devices, data analytics, and mobile applications to optimise the supply chain at different phases, from farm to market. These technologies improve productivity and strengthen the supply chain's overall resilience by facilitating real-time monitoring and streamlining procedures. This is especially important in isolated and hilly regions where market accessibility is restricted.

Agri-tech supply chains in rural India, particularly in mountainous areas, encounter numerous difficulties despite the potential advantages. Yadav and Gupta (2019) examine these issues in detail, pointing out that the main roadblocks are market dynamics, infrastructure shortcomings, and logistical constraints. The freshness and quality of agricultural produce are sometimes impacted by greater transportation costs and longer delivery times in mountainous terrain, rough environments, and poor road connectivity. Furthermore, poor cold chain and storage facilities increase post-harvest losses, which further reduces farming operations' profitability. Farmers face income uncertainty as a

result of the fragmented agricultural markets in rural areas, which also presents difficulties for market integration and price discovery.

In order to overcome these obstacles and realise the full potential of technology in rural India, it is imperative to comprehend the factors driving the adoption of agri-tech solutions. A thorough literature review on the topic is conducted by Kumar and Sharma (2018), who provide insight into the several institutional, socioeconomic, and cultural aspects that affect farmers' decision-making processes. How willing farmers are to accept new technologies is largely determined by socioeconomic factors including income, education, and loan availability. In addition, government initiatives and extension services are essential in helping farmers embrace and spread new technologies. Nonetheless, infrastructure limitations, such as restricted availability of energy and internet connectivity, continue to be important obstacles, especially in isolated and hilly regions.

In spite of these obstacles, agri-tech stakeholders and entrepreneurs in rural India have exciting potential due to the advent of new technology and business models. In their exploration of cutting-edge technologies like blockchain, IoT, and drones, Jain and Patel (2021) show how these innovations have the potential to transform agricultural supply chains and open up new commercial opportunities. For example, blockchain technology makes transactions safe and transparent, which improves agricultural value chains' traceability and trustworthiness. Predictive analytics and precision agriculture are made possible by real-time data collecting and monitoring provided by IoT devices and drones. Agri-tech businesses can create novel solutions to meet the unique requirements and difficulties faced by rural farmers by utilising these technologies. This will open up new markets and promote inclusive growth.

Moreover, policymakers, practitioners, and researchers are increasingly focusing on the sustainability of agri-tech supply chains. By highlighting the significance of implementing sustainable practises in agri-tech supply chains, Sharma and Verma (2017) draw inspiration from rural India, particularly from regions with hills. Sustainable agriculture considers social and economic factors, such as gender parity, fair salaries, and community development, in addition to ecologically friendly farming methods. For long-term food security and environmental conservation, sustainable methods must be used in mountainous areas where delicate ecosystems and natural resources are more susceptible to degradation. Singh and Sharma's (2020) recent research emphasises the revolutionary potential of technology interventions in agri-tech supply chains, especially in rural and hilly areas of India. Yadav and Gupta (2019) explore the particular difficulties these supply chains encounter, highlighting infrastructure shortcomings and logistical obstacles. The thorough literature study by Kumar and Sharma (2018) emphasises the significance of comprehending the elements that impact the uptake of agri-tech solutions, including socioeconomic dynamics and governmental regulations. Jain and Patel (2021) examine new developments like blockchain and the Internet of Things, talking about how they affect rural development. Furthermore, Sharma and Verma (2017) highlight the need of sustainability in agri-tech supply chains, using rural India—particularly its mountainous terrain—as a model. Together, these studies add to a more complex understanding of the advantages and disadvantages that rural (hilly) India's agri-tech supply chains face. Agri-tech supply chains have a great deal of promise to improve food security, spur economic growth, and support sustainable development in rural India, especially in mountainous areas. To fully realise this potential, however, legislators, businesspeople, and development specialists must work together to address the difficulties and take advantage of the advantages that these supply chains present. A supportive environment for the uptake and

expansion of agri-tech solutions in rural India can be established by stakeholders through investments in infrastructure development, the advancement of digital literacy, and the encouragement of innovation and entrepreneurship. Furthermore, these initiatives should prioritise inclusion and sustainability, with a particular emphasis on smallholder farmers' empowerment, the preservation of natural resources, and the advancement of equitable development throughout rural areas.

5.3 Key Findings

- "From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Gender and 334(66.8%) respondents responded as Male, whereas 166(33.2%) respondents responded as Female.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked Age of Respondent 187(37.4%) respondents responded as 25 yrs. To 30 yrs (young), and 207(41.4%) respondents responded as 30 yrs to 35 yrs (lower middle), whereas 106(21.2%) respondents responded as 35 yrs. to 40 yrs. (upper middle).
- From the analysis as discussed randomely with people as respondents, we observed their openion and the details mentioned in the above graph and table is concerned about 500 respondents. It was observed about What is your religion? 181(36.2%) respondents responded Hindu, 62(12.4%) respondents responded Muslim and 120(24%) respondents responded Sikh whereas 137(27.4%) respondents responded Christian.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked What is your ethinic Background? 131(26.2%) respondents responded as South Indian, and

202(40.4%) respondents responded as North Indian, whereas 167(33.4%) respondents responded as Others.

- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. What is profession of your family head? 165respondents responded Govt. Service, 69(13.8%) respondents responded Private Service, 132(26.4%) respondents responded Self-employed (Doctor/Lawyer) and 101(20.2%) respondents responded Business and 33(6.6%) respondents responded Retired.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. What is your family's monthly income? 129respondents responded Below Rs. 10000, 79(15.8%) respondents responded Rs. 10000-Rs. 30000, 89(17.8%) respondents responded Rs. 30000-Rs. 60000 and 115(23%) respondents responded Rs. 60000-Rs. 1 Lakh and 88(17.6%) respondents responded More than Rs. 1 Lakh.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Do you believe that Agri-tech can help improve the overall Agricultural productivity in rural hill areas of India? and 373(74.6%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 127(25.4%) respondents responded as NO
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Is access to modern farming equipment a critical factor in enhancing Agricultural productivity in hill regions? and 478(95.6%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 22(4.4%) respondents responded as NO
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Do you think the lack of proper infrastructure is a significant challenge for Agri-tech supply chains in rural hill areas? and 200(40%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 300(60%) respondents responded as NO

- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Are you confident that digital platforms can effectively connect farmers in hill areas to markets for their produce? and 140(28%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 360(72%) respondents responded as NO
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Can Agri-tech solutions effectively address the issue of post-harvest losses in hill regions? and 395(79%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 105(21%) respondents responded as NO
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Are you concerned about the potential environmental impact of Agri-tech practices in hill areas? and 315(63%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 185(37%) respondents responded as NO
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Do you believe that government policies adequately support the growth of Agri-tech businesses in rural hill areas? and 365(73%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 135(27%) respondents responded as NO
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Can Agri-tech initiatives reduce the migration of rural youth to urban areas in hill regions? and 252(50.4%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 248(49.6%) respondents responded as NO
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Is local community participation essential for the success of Agri-tech initiatives

in hill areas? and 393(78.6%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 107(21.4%) respondents responded as NO

- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Are you optimistic about the financial viability of Agri-tech businesses in hill regions? and 200(40%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 300(60%) respondents responded as NO
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Can Agri-tech practices help in managing and conserving water resources in hill farming? and 310(62%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 190(38%) respondents responded as NO
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Are you familiar with the various Agri-tech solutions available for hill farming in India? and 450(90%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 50(10%) respondents responded as NO
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Is access to credit and financial services important for small-scale farmers adopting Agri-tech practices in hill areas? and 350(70%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 150(30%) respondents responded as NO
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Can Agri-tech initiatives bridge the digital divide in rural hill areas? and 378(75.6%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 122(24.4%) respondents responded as NO
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked

about Do you believe Agri-tech can promote sustainable farming practices in hill regions? and 290(58%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 210(42%) respondents responded as NO

- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Are you concerned about the potential displacement of traditional farming practices due to Agri-tech adoption in hill areas? and 224(44.8%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 276(55.2%) respondents responded as NO
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Are you satisfied with the existing Agri-tech support and training programs available in hill regions? and 322(64.4%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 178(35.6%) respondents responded as NO
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Can Agri-tech effectively improve the income of smallholder farmers in hilly terrain? and 291(58.2%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 209(41.8%) respondents responded as NO
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Is reliable internet connectivity essential for the success of Agri-tech initiatives in hill areas? and 373(74.6%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 127(25.4%) respondents responded as NO
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. It was asked about Would you recommend Agri-tech solutions to farmers in hill areas based on your current knowledge? and 478(95.6%) respondents responded as YES, whereas 22(4.4%) respondents responded as NO

- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. To what extent do you believe that Agri-tech can improve crop yields in rural hill areas of India? 187 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 127(25.4%) respondents responded Agree, 160(32%) respondents responded Neutral and 13(2.6%) respondents responded Disagree and 13(2.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How important is access to modern farming equipment in enhancing Agricultural productivity in hill areas? 121 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 87(17.4%) respondents responded Agree, 122(24.4%) respondents responded Neutral and 136(27.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 34(6.8%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. Do you think the lack of proper infrastructure is a significant challenge for Agri-tech supply chains in rural hill areas? 107 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 203(40.6%) respondents responded Agree, 89(17.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 66(13.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 35(7%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How confident are you that digital platforms can help farmers in hill areas access market information and sell their produce effectively? 134 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 108(21.6%) respondents responded Agree, 145(29%) respondents responded Neutral and 96(19.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 17(3.4%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. To what extent do you believe that Agri-tech can address the issue of post-harvest losses in hill areas?

131 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 224(44.8%) respondents responded Agree, 109(21.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 20(4%) respondents responded Disagree and 16(3.2%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How concerned are you about the environmental impact of Agri-tech practices in hill areas? 78 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 140(28%) respondents responded Agree, 183(36.6%) respondents responded Neutral and 56(11.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 43(8.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How well do you think government policies support the growth of Agri-tech businesses in rural hill areas? 87 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 158(31.6%) respondents responded Agree, 61(12.2%) respondents responded Neutral and 56(11.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 138(27.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. To what extent do you think Agri-tech can help in reducing the migration of rural youth to urban areas in hill regions? 179 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 160(32%) respondents responded Agree, 69(13.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 52(10.4%) respondents responded Disagree and 40(8%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How important is the role of local community participation in the success of Agri-tech initiatives in hill areas? 114 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 86(17.2%) respondents responded Agree, 39(7.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 192(38.4%) respondents responded Disagree and 69(13.8%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How optimistic are you about the financial viability of Agri-tech businesses in hill regions? 212 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 87(17.4%) respondents responded Agree, 79(15.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 58(11.6%) respondents responded Disagree and 64(12.8%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. To what extent do you think Agri-tech can address the challenges related to water scarcity in hill farming? 108respondents responded Strongly Agree, 169(33.8%) respondents responded Agree, 116(23.2%) respondents responded Neutral and 52(10.4%) respondents responded Disagree and 55(11%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How familiar are you with the various Agri-tech solutions available for hill farming in India? 155 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 117(23.4%) respondents responded Agree, 37(7.4%) respondents responded Neutral and 154(30.8%) respondents responded Disagree and 37(7.4%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How important is access to credit and financial services for small-scale farmers in hill areas adopting Agri-tech practices? 181 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 123(24.6%) respondents responded Agree, 103(20.6%) respondents responded Neutral and 30(6%) respondents responded Disagree and 63(12.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How confident are you that Agri-tech can help bridge the digital divide in rural hill areas? 67

respondents responded Strongly Agree, 194(38.8%) respondents responded Agree, 61(12.2%) respondents responded Neutral and 140(28%) respondents responded Disagree and 38(7.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. To what extent do you believe that Agri-tech can promote sustainable farming practices in hill regions? 137 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 226(45.2%) respondents responded Agree, 47(9.4%) respondents responded Neutral and 45(9%) respondents responded Disagree and 45(9%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How concerned are you about the potential displacement of traditional farming practices due to the adoption of Agri-tech in hill areas? 187 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 127(25.4%) respondents responded Agree, 160(32%) respondents responded Neutral and 13(2.6%) respondents responded Disagree and 13(2.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How satisfied are you with the existing Agri-tech support and training programs available in hill regions? 121 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 87(17.4%) respondents responded Agree, 122(24.4%) respondents responded Neutral and 136(27.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 34(6.8%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. To what extent do you think Agri-tech can improve the income of smallholder farmers in hilly terrain? 107 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 203(40.6%) respondents responded Agree, 89(17.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 66(13.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 35(7%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How important is reliable internet connectivity for the success of Agri-tech initiatives in hill areas? 134 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 108(21.6%) respondents responded Agree, 145(29%) respondents responded Neutral and 96(19.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 17(3.4%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How likely are you to recommend Agri-tech solutions to farmers in hill areas based on your current knowledge? 131 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 224(44.8%) respondents responded Agree, 109(21.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 20(4%) respondents responded Disagree and 16(3.2%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
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- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How concerned are you about the potential overuse of Agri-chemicals in hill farming when adopting Agri-tech practices? 87 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 158(31.6%) respondents responded Agree, 61(12.2%) respondents responded Neutral and 56(11.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 138(27.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How satisfied are you with the affordability of Agri-tech solutions for farmers in hill areas? 179 respondents responded Strongly Agree, 160(32%) respondents responded Agree,

69(13.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 52(10.4%) respondents responded Disagree and 40(8%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. To what extent do you believe that Agri-tech can empower women in hill farming communities? 114respondents responded Strongly Agree, 86(17.2%) respondents responded Agree, 39(7.8%) respondents responded Neutral and 192(38.4%) respondents responded Disagree and 69(13.8%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
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you with the accessibility of Agri-tech information and resources in local languages in hill areas? 137respondents responded Strongly Agree, 226(45.2%) respondents responded Agree, 47(9.4%) respondents responded Neutral and 45(9%) respondents responded Disagree and 45(9%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.

- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How concerned are you about the potential misuse of Agri-tech data in hill farming communities? 187respondents responded Strongly Agree, 127(25.4%) respondents responded Agree, 160(32%) respondents responded Neutral and 13(2.6%) respondents responded Disagree and 13(2.6%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree.
- From the analysis we have found the details mentioned in the above graph and table and it states that the sample data is concerned about 500 respondents. How open are you to collaborating with other stakeholders, such as government agencies and NGOs, to promote Agri-tech solutions in hill areas? 121respondents responded Strongly Agree, 87(17.4%) respondents responded Agree, 122(24.4%) respondents responded Neutral and 136(27.2%) respondents responded Disagree and 34(6.8%) respondents responded Strongly Disagree".

5.4 Conclusion of findings & Result Discussion

The integration of Agri-tech into the supply chains of rural hill areas in India presents a promising pathway to overcoming traditional agricultural challenges and unlocking new opportunities for growth and sustainability. Advanced technologies such as precision agriculture, digital marketplaces, and blockchain can significantly enhance productivity, resource management, and market access. However, realizing this potential requires addressing substantial challenges including infrastructural deficiencies, financial constraints, skill gaps, environmental variability, and regulatory complexities.

A comprehensive strategy that involves improving connectivity, facilitating affordable access to technology and credit, providing education and training, and enacting

supportive policies is essential. By fostering collaboration between government agencies, private sector players, and local communities, the Agri-tech sector can be effectively leveraged to not only boost agricultural productivity and efficiency but also to improve the overall socio-economic conditions of farmers in rural hill areas. This holistic approach will ensure that the benefits of Agri-tech are inclusive and sustainable, leading to long-term development and resilience in these regions.

CHAPTER VI:

SUMMARY, IMPLICATIONS, FUTURE RESEARCH AND CONCLUSION

6.1 Summary

Agri-tech, the integration of agriculture with technology, holds immense potential to transform supply chains, particularly in rural hill areas of India. These regions, characterized by unique geographical and socio-economic conditions, present both significant opportunities and formidable challenges for the implementation of agri-tech solutions. A comprehensive examination of these opportunities and challenges reveals the transformative potential of agri-tech while also highlighting the hurdles that must be overcome to achieve widespread adoption and impact.

One of the most promising opportunities that agri-tech offers is the enhancement of productivity and yield. Precision agriculture, which involves the use of technologies such as GPS, IoT sensors, and drones, allows for the collection and analysis of data on soil health, moisture levels, and crop conditions. This data-driven approach enables farmers to make informed decisions, optimizing the use of inputs like water, fertilizers, and pesticides, thereby increasing productivity and yields. Additionally, advanced weather forecasting models can help farmers plan their agricultural activities more effectively, reducing the risk of crop failure due to unexpected weather events. Accurate weather forecasts enable timely sowing, irrigation, and harvesting, which are crucial for maximizing crop yields.

Efficient resource management is another critical area where agri-tech can make a substantial impact. Water conservation, for instance, is vital in regions with limited water resources. Smart irrigation systems, such as drip and sprinkler irrigation, ensure efficient water use by delivering water directly to the plant roots, reducing wastage and enhancing crop health. Soil health monitoring is also essential for sustainable agriculture. IoT-based soil sensors provide real-time data on soil nutrient levels, allowing for precise fertilizer

application. This helps maintain optimal soil health, preventing soil degradation and promoting long-term productivity.

Agri-tech also holds the promise of improving market access and connectivity for farmers in rural hill areas. Digital marketplaces can connect farmers directly with buyers, reducing the number of intermediaries in the supply chain. This direct connection ensures better prices for farmers and greater transparency in transactions. Mobile applications that provide market price information, weather updates, and agricultural advice empower farmers with critical information. Access to timely and relevant data enhances decision-making and improves market access, enabling farmers to sell their produce at competitive prices.

Supply chain efficiency can be significantly enhanced through the development of cold chain solutions and the implementation of blockchain technology. Cold storage facilities and refrigerated transport systems reduce post-harvest losses by ensuring that perishable products reach markets in optimal condition. This is particularly beneficial for high-value crops like fruits and vegetables. Blockchain technology, on the other hand, enhances traceability within the supply chain. This transparency builds trust among consumers, especially for high-value and organic products, and can help farmers obtain better prices.

Financial inclusion is another area where agri-tech can bring about positive change. Digital payments through mobile banking and digital wallets facilitate easier access to financial services, enabling farmers to conduct transactions and access credit more efficiently. Digital payments also reduce the risks associated with carrying cash. Additionally, tech-driven insurance solutions offer protection against crop failures and natural disasters, providing a safety net for farmers. These insurance products can be

tailored to the specific needs and risks of farmers in hill areas, enhancing their financial resilience.

Despite these significant opportunities, the implementation of agri-tech in rural hill areas faces several challenges. Infrastructure deficiencies are among the most pressing issues. Many rural hill areas suffer from poor internet and mobile connectivity, hindering the adoption of digital technologies. Without reliable connectivity, farmers cannot fully utilize digital marketplaces, mobile apps, or IoT devices. Additionally, inadequate road infrastructure and challenging terrain increase transportation costs and complicate the logistics of moving produce to markets. Poor infrastructure can also lead to delays and higher post-harvest losses, further discouraging farmers from adopting new technologies.

Financial constraints are another major challenge. The initial investment required for advanced technologies like drones, IoT devices, and cold storage is often beyond the reach of smallholder farmers. High costs can deter farmers from adopting new technologies, even when the long-term benefits are substantial. Despite financial inclusion initiatives, many farmers still struggle to access affordable credit. Factors such as lack of collateral, high-interest rates, and limited banking infrastructure contribute to this challenge, making it difficult for farmers to invest in agri-tech solutions.

Skill gaps and awareness also pose significant hurdles to the widespread adoption of agri-tech. A significant portion of the farming community lacks the technical skills and knowledge required to effectively use advanced agri-tech solutions. Training and education are necessary to bridge this gap, but these initiatives require resources and infrastructure that are often lacking in rural hill areas. Additionally, traditional farming practices are deeply ingrained, and there is often resistance to adopting new technologies. Overcoming this resistance requires demonstrating the tangible benefits of agri-tech solutions and providing ongoing support to farmers during the transition period.

Environmental and geographical constraints further complicate the implementation of agri-tech in hill areas. These regions are particularly vulnerable to climate change, with unpredictable weather patterns affecting agricultural productivity. Agri-tech solutions must be resilient and adaptable to changing climatic conditions to be effective. Additionally, the introduction of new technologies and practices must be balanced with the need to conserve the unique biodiversity of hill regions. Sustainable farming practices are essential to protect the environment and ensure the long-term viability of agriculture in these areas.

Policy and regulatory issues also play a critical role in the adoption of agri-tech. There is a need for more robust policy frameworks that support the adoption of agri-tech, including subsidies, tax incentives, and training programs. Government policies can play a crucial role in promoting the use of technology in agriculture, but these policies must be carefully designed and implemented to address the specific needs and challenges of rural hill areas. Complex regulatory requirements can slow down the deployment of new technologies and innovations in the agriculture sector. Simplifying regulations and providing clear guidelines can facilitate the adoption of agri-tech solutions and encourage innovation.

6.2 Implications

Implementing agri-tech supply chain solutions in rural hill areas of India requires a well-planned, multi-faceted approach that addresses the unique challenges of these regions while leveraging the opportunities provided by technology. This implementation plan outlines the key steps necessary to introduce and integrate agri-tech effectively, ensuring sustainable development and improved livelihoods for farmers.

Infrastructure Development

- **Internet and Mobile Networks:** Collaborate with telecom companies to extend

broadband and mobile network coverage to rural hill areas. Subsidize the installation of necessary infrastructure, such as towers and fiber-optic cables.

- **Rural Internet Hubs:** Establish community internet hubs where farmers can access online resources and training.

Transportation and Logistics:

- **Road Improvement:** Invest in the construction and maintenance of roads to ensure better access to markets and reduce transportation costs.
- **Cold Chain Infrastructure:** Develop cold storage facilities and refrigerated transport systems in strategic locations to minimize post-harvest losses.

Subsidies and Grants:

- **Government Subsidies:** Provide subsidies for purchasing agri-tech equipment such as drones, IoT sensors, and smart irrigation systems.
- **Grants for Innovation:** Offer grants to startups and organizations developing agri-tech solutions tailored to hill area farming.

Capacity Building and Training

- **Agri-Tech Training Centers:** Establish training centers focused on teaching farmers how to use new technologies effectively. These centers can offer hands-on training and demonstrations.
- **Mobile Training Units:** Deploy mobile training units that visit remote villages to provide on-site training and support.

Policy Framework:

- **Agri-Tech Policies:** Formulate policies that provide a conducive environment for agri-tech adoption, including tax incentives, subsidies, and streamlined regulations.
- **Farmer Protection Laws:** Implement laws that protect farmers' interests and ensure

fair pricing and transparency in digital transactions.

Technology Adoption and Integration

- **Online Platforms:** Create and promote digital marketplaces that connect farmers directly with buyers, reducing reliance on intermediaries.
- **Agricultural Apps**: Develop mobile applications that provide real-time information on market prices, weather forecasts, and farming advice.

6.3 Recommendations for Future Research

Future agri-tech supply chains in India's rural (hilly) areas have enormous potential to advance sustainable development, increase food security, and spur inclusive growth. Promising trends and opportunities are forming on the horizon as technology keeps developing and becoming more accessible, and as awareness of environmental and social sustainability increases.

- **Expansion of Digital Platforms:** It is anticipated that the growth of online marketplaces and digital platforms specifically designed to meet the needs of rural farmers would quicken, enabling smooth transactions, market access, and information sharing. By acting as centres for the purchase of inputs, the sale of produce, the provision of financial services, and the acquisition of agronomic guidance, these platforms have the potential to empower farmers and improve market efficiency.
- **Precision Agriculture:** A change in farming operations in mountainous areas is expected with the introduction of precision agriculture techniques made possible by drones, satellite images, and Internet of Things sensors. Precision agriculture enables farmers to optimise resource use, limit inputs, and maximise yields, hence enhancing productivity and profitability. It does this by delivering real-time data on soil moisture, nutrient levels, and crop health.

- **Blockchain and Traceability:** Blockchain technology has hitherto unseen possibilities for trust, traceability, and transparency in agritech supply chains. Blockchain ensures the quality and authenticity of agricultural products by enabling transparent and unchangeable record-keeping of transactions from farm to fork. This can lessen the likelihood of food fraud, lower the risk to food safety, and increase consumer trust.
- **AI/ML Adoption:** Research can focus on developing AI/ML models that are specifically tailored to the unique challenges of agriculture in hill regions, such as models that account for micro-climatic variations or terrain-specific transportation challenges. Explore how AI/ML solutions can be scaled up to benefit larger populations of farmers in hill regions, ensuring that these technologies are both sustainable and accessible.
- **Climate-Smart Agriculture:** Adopting climate-smart agricultural practises is crucial since climate change is posing growing challenges to agricultural resilience and output. This covers methods that can assist farmers in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, conserving natural resources, and adapting to changing climatic circumstances, such as agroforestry, conservation agriculture, and water-efficient irrigation systems.
- **Agri-FinTech Solutions:** It is anticipated that the introduction of agri-FinTech products—such as mobile payment systems, crop insurance plans, and digital lending platforms—will improve risk management and financial inclusion for farmers in rural areas. These systems can provide formal financial services to impoverished areas, allowing them to invest in productive assets and manage variations in revenue by utilising creative credit scoring algorithms and alternative data sources.
- **Vertical Farming and Controlled Environment Agriculture**: Vertical farming and controlled environment agriculture present intriguing alternatives in hilly places with limited land availability and harsh climate conditions. Farmers can increase resilience and profitability by producing high-value crops year-round, minimising the effects of unfavourable weather occurrences, and optimising resource use by growing crops indoors under controlled conditions.

- **Community-Based Approaches:** In order to promote equitable growth and strengthen rural communities, community-based strategies for agri-tech adoption and entrepreneurship, such as farmer producer organisations (FPOs), cooperatives, and agri-tech incubators, can be extremely important. By promoting information exchange, teamwork, and resource sharing, these programmes help farmers take advantage of economies of scale, get access to markets, and bargain for better conditions from purchasers.
- **Policy Support and Regulatory Reforms:** To fully realise the promise of agri-tech supply chains, government policies and regulatory reforms that promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainable practises are needed. This covers policies like tax breaks for agri-tech businesses, financial aid for the adoption of new technology, and regulatory frameworks that protect intellectual property rights and data protection.

Overall, innovation, cooperation, and sustainability will define the future of agri-tech supply chains in rural (hilly) India. Through the effective utilisation of technology, the development of multi-stakeholder partnerships, and the prioritisation of the needs of marginalised communities and smallholder farmers, stakeholders can construct food systems that are inclusive, resilient, and sustainable, thereby benefiting both the present and future generations.

6.4 Purpose and Specificity

The purpose of this study is to investigate and delineate the unique business opportunities and challenges associated with the agri-tech supply chain in the rural, hill areas of India, with a specific focus on management and organizational aspects relevant to a DBA program. The study aims to provide a nuanced understanding of how agri-tech can be leveraged to enhance agricultural productivity and sustainability in these geographically and socio-economically distinct regions. By employing a mixed-methods approach, the research seeks to identify current business models and evaluate their effectiveness in

addressing the logistical and infrastructural challenges inherent to hill areas. Specifically, it will examine the role of technology integration, strategic management practices, and organizational structures in optimizing the supply chain. The study also aims to uncover the socio-cultural and economic barriers that impede the adoption of agri-tech innovations, providing insights into how these can be mitigated through targeted management practices and policy interventions. Furthermore, the research will explore human resource management strategies, emphasizing the importance of localized training and community engagement in building a skilled workforce. By conducting in-depth case studies and field surveys, the study intends to present original contributions that offer practical recommendations for enhancing the resilience and sustainability of agri-tech ventures. This includes developing a framework for sustainable business practices that incorporate environmental and social considerations into strategic planning. The findings aim to inform policymakers about the specific needs of agri-tech businesses in hill areas, advocating for supportive regulatory measures and government interventions. Ultimately, the study aspires to bridge the gap between theory and practice, providing valuable insights for practitioners, policymakers, and future researchers, thereby contributing to the sustainable development of agri-tech supply chains in rural India.

6.5 Conclusion

Conclusively, the investigation of agri-tech supply chain prospects and obstacles in rural (hilly) India unveils a multifaceted terrain moulded by innovations in technology, constraints in infrastructure, market forces, and the need for sustainability. This review of the literature highlights how technology might improve agricultural supply chains in a revolutionary way, especially in hilly areas where specific obstacles are brought about by topographical limitations. Research by Jain and Patel (2021), Sharma and Verma (2017),

Kumar and Sharma (2018), Yadav and Gupta (2019), Singh and Sharma (2020), and Yadav and Sharma (2020) together offer insightful information about the complex agri-tech supply chains in rural India and emphasise the need for an all-encompassing strategy to handle the opportunities and difficulties they present.

The introduction of technology like drones, blockchain, IoT devices, and mobile applications has completely changed agricultural supply chains, opening up previously unheard-of possibilities for increased productivity, waste reduction, and market integration. These technologies improve openness, trust, and accountability throughout the supply chain by enabling real-time monitoring, data-driven decision-making, and traceability. Agri-tech solutions enhance farmers' livelihoods while also bolstering the resilience and sustainability of agricultural systems by optimising procedures and cutting down on waste. Furthermore, new developments like digital markets, agrifinancing platforms, and precision agriculture have the potential to open up new economic avenues and promote inclusive growth in rural India.

But in order to take use of these potential, a number of issues related to agri-tech supply chains must be resolved, especially in rural (hilly) India. The acceptance and scalability of agri-tech solutions are hampered by logistical obstacles, infrastructural shortcomings, and market complexity, which worsens the situation of smallholder farmers and impedes efforts to develop rural areas. The smooth movement of goods and information is impeded in mountainous terrains, rough landscapes, inadequate road connectivity, and restricted access to energy and internet connectivity, which raises transportation costs and delays delivery times. Inadequate cold chain and storage facilities can exacerbate post-harvest losses, which threaten farming operations' financial stability and prolong food insecurity in rural communities.

Additionally, socioeconomic variables like income, education, and loan availability affect farmers' capacity to use and profit from agri-tech solutions. Government programmes and extension services are essential for helping farmers adopt and transfer new technologies, but their successful execution is sometimes hampered by inefficiencies and bureaucratic red tape. Furthermore, the fragmented agricultural marketplaces in rural India make it difficult to integrate the market and determine prices, which reduces the bargaining power and revenue potential of farmers. In addition, it is critical to guarantee the sustainability and inclusivity of agri-tech supply chains in order to achieve long-term food security, environmental preservation, and social justice in rural India.

To fully utilise the potential of agri-tech supply chains in rural (hilly) India, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and development professionals need to take a multipronged strategy. This is because of the following issues. To facilitate the smooth movement of goods and information along the supply chain, infrastructure development is necessary. This includes the extension of road networks, electrification, and internet access. Furthermore, cultivating digital literacy and offering educational and capacity-building initiatives can enable farmers to efficiently utilise technology and take advantage of new opportunities. Moreover, encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship via focused funding, assistance for incubation, and legislative changes can encourage the creation and uptake of locally pertinent agri-tech solutions that are suited to the requirements of rural areas.

Furthermore, addressing social, economic, and environmental aspects of agri-tech supply chains demands a concentrated effort to guarantee their inclusion and sustainability. Promoting gender parity, equitable pay, and inclusive business models that give smallholder farmers' and marginalised groups' needs and goals first priority are all necessary to achieve this. Furthermore, including environmental sustainability factors into

agri-tech interventions—like encouraging organic farming methods, conserving water, and adopting renewable energy—can strengthen ecosystem resilience and lessen the negative effects of climate change. A conducive ecosystem for agri-tech entrepreneurship and sustainable rural development can also be fostered by encouraging multi-stakeholder collaborations and partnerships among government agencies, private sector players, civil society organisations, and research institutions. These collaborations and partnerships can facilitate knowledge sharing, innovation diffusion, and policy coherence.

A concerted effort is needed to address the underlying issues and take advantage of the synergies between technology, infrastructure, markets, and sustainability imperatives in order to fully realise the potential of agri-tech supply chains in rural (hilly) India. These opportunities are enormous for boosting economic growth, improving food security, and promoting sustainable development. Stakeholders can unleash the transformative power of agri-tech supply chains to build a more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable future for rural India by taking a comprehensive approach that combines technological innovation with infrastructure development, policy support, and inclusive and sustainable business models.

APPENDIX A

SURVEY COVER LETTER

Subject: Invitation to Participate in Agricultural Technology Survey for Hill Regions Survey

Dear Respondent,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Santosh Kumar Talachutla and I am Research Scholler at SSBM I am conducting a survey to gather insights on the role of Agricultural Technology (Agri-tech) in enhancing the productivity, sustainability, and overall development of farming in hill regions.

As someone engaged in or affected by agricultural practices in hill areas, your perspective is invaluable to our study. We aim to understand the current state of Agri-tech adoption, the challenges faced by farmers, and the potential benefits of these technologies. Your participation will contribute significantly to shaping future policies, research, and development initiatives tailored to the unique needs of hill farming communities.

Survey Details:

Title: Agricultural Technology Survey for Hill Regions

Estimated Time: 15-20 minutes

Anonymity: Your responses will be kept confidential, and the data will be used solely for research purposes.

How to Participate: 7 page of Physical Question Paper & Answers

Complete the Survey: Answer all questions to the best of your knowledge and experience.

Survey Structure:

Section A: Member Attributes: Questions about your demographic and background information.

Section B: Yes/No Questions: Questions regarding your opinions on various aspects of Agri-tech.

Section C: Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree: Questions to gauge your level of agreement on specific statements related to Agri-tech in hill farming.

Your input will provide a deeper understanding of how Agri-tech solutions can be optimized to support farmers like you. The findings of this survey will be shared with stakeholders and policymakers to foster the growth and sustainability of agriculture in hill regions.

If you have any questions or require further information about the survey, please do not hesitate to contact me at santosh3@ssbm.com or +91 9844587768.

Thank you very much for your time and valuable contribution to this important study.

Sincerely,

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APPENDIX B

INFORMED CONSENT

I, Santosh Kumar Talachutla agree to be interviewed for the research which will be conducted by a doctorate student at the Swiss School of Business and Management, Geneva, Switzerland.

I certify that I have been told of the confidentiality of information collected for this research and the anonymity of my participation; that I have been given satisfactory answers to my inquiries concerning research procedures and other matters; and that I have been advised that I am free to withdraw my consent and to discontinue participation in the research or activity at any time without prejudice.

I agree to participate in one or more electronically recorded interviews for this research. I understand that such interviews and related materials will be kept completely anonymous and that the results of this study may be published in any form that may serve its best.

I agree that any information obtained from this research may be used in any way thought best for this study.

Signature of Interviewee Date

APPENDIX C

INTERVIEW GUIDE

Purpose: This guide outlines the approach and criteria for conducting offline surveys to gather insights on the adoption and impact of Agricultural Technology (Agri-tech) in hill regions.

Survey Distribution Methods:

Direct Meetings: Conduct face-to-face interviews with farmers, agro-dealers, and stakeholders in targeted hill regions. Visits can be organized at local markets, agricultural offices, and community centers.

Paper-Based Questionnaires: Distribute printed copies of the survey to participants during community gatherings, agricultural workshops, or through local agricultural extension officers.

Field Visits: Approach participants during field visits to farms and agricultural hubs, where the survey can be conducted on-site.

Community Leaders and Influencers: Collaborate with local community leaders, such as village heads or influential farmers, to reach out to participants and distribute the surveys.

Local Agricultural Institutions: Work with agricultural institutions and cooperative societies in hill regions to identify and approach potential participants.

Ethical Considerations:

Ensure that all participants provide informed consent before participating in the survey.

Guarantee confidentiality and anonymity of responses, ensuring that no personal identifiers are linked to the survey data.

Clearly explain the purpose of the study and the importance of the participants' contribution to the research.

Participant Selection Criteria:

Involvement in Agriculture: Focus on participants who are actively engaged in farming or agricultural practices in hill regions.

Experience with Agri-tech: Target individuals who have either adopted or are aware of Agricultural Technology solutions, including those who have participated in related training or programs.

Geographic Location: Restrict participation to individuals residing or working in hill regions where agricultural practices are prominent.

Role in the Community: Prioritize individuals who play key roles in the local agricultural community, such as lead farmers, extension workers, or local agricultural officers.

Availability and Willingness: Ensure that participants are available and willing to engage in the survey during the designated timeframe, and are comfortable with the offline survey format.

Survey Conduct Guidelines:

Provide clear instructions on how to complete the survey.

Allow ample time for participants to answer each question, offering assistance if needed.

Collect completed surveys promptly and securely store the data for analysis.

Address any questions or concerns participants may have during or after the survey process.

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