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SEED QUALITY DETECTION

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ABSTRACT

Seed quality testing plays a pivotal role in modern agriculture by ensuring the viability and performance of seeds, which are the foundation of crop production. This abstract provides an overview of the Seed Quality Tester, a crucial tool in the agricultural sector. The Seed Quality Tester is a multifaceted device designed to assess various parameters of seed quality, including germination rate, moisture content, purity, and vigor. This tool employs a combination of cutting-edge technologies such as image analysis, electronic sensors, and data analytics to provide accurate and rapid assessments. This abstract delves into the primary features and functionalities of the Seed Quality Tester. It discusses the significance of germination rate as a key determinant of seed quality, detailing the methods employed to measure it. Additionally, the tool's ability to assess seed moisture content is highlighted, underscoring its importance in seed preservation and storage. The purity analysis function is explored, showcasing how the Seed Quality Tester can identify and eliminate impurities, ensuring the planting of high-quality seeds. Vigor testing, a critical aspect of seed quality assessment, is explained, emphasizing its role in predicting the potential for robust seedling establishment. The Seed Quality Tester's use of advanced technology to perform these tests is described, emphasizing its efficiency and reliability. Furthermore, this abstract addresses the impact of the Seed Quality Tester on the agriculture industry, as it not only contributes to increased crop yields and improved food security but also supports sustainable farming practices by optimizing resource utilization.

Keywords: Seeds, Quality, CNN (Convolutional Neural Network), SVM (Support Vector Machine), Parameters.

I. INTRODUCTION

Seed quality testing is a critical process in agriculture and horticulture that involves assessing the viability, germination potential, and overall quality of seeds. The quality of seeds directly impacts crop yield, plant health, and ultimately, the success of agricultural ventures. Proper evaluation of seed quality ensures that farmers and growers are using high-quality seeds, resulting in optimal plant growth and productivity. High-quality seeds lead to healthy and robust plant growth, ultimately influencing the yield and quality of the crops produced. Seed quality testing is an essential practice to ensure successful agricultural and horticultural outcomes. By accurately assessing seed quality through various parameters and testing methods, farmers and growers can make informed decisions, maximize crop yield, and contribute to sustainable agriculture practices. A seed quality tester, often referred to as a seed quality testing machine or seed quality analyzer, is a device or instrument designed to assess and evaluate the characteristics and attributes of agricultural seeds. These instruments are used to ensure that seeds are of high quality, free from contaminants, and meet specific standards for germination and viability. Seed quality testing is a critical step in agriculture and horticulture, as the quality of seeds directly affects crop yield and overall agricultural productivity. Seed quality testers are essential tools for seed producers, seed laboratories, and farmers. They help maintain the quality and integrity of seed stocks, ensuring that only the best seeds are used for planting, which ultimately leads to healthier and more productive crops. High-quality seeds contribute to food security and the success of the agricultural industry.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Chigozie E. Nwankpa et al.: This paper provides a comprehensive summary of AFs used in DL and most importantly, highlights the current trends in the use of these functions in practice for the development of the SOTA architectures used in DL research. It provided a brief introduction to DL and AFs discussed the different

types of AFs and outlined the specific applications where these functions were tested in the development of DL architectures.

Sandeep Musale et al.: This paper a shot is formed to grading of peanuts supported varied techniques victimization image process with facilitate of raspberry pi. The image is at the start subjected to pre-processing and also the individual seeds area unit metameric by victimization totally different image process techniques. The geometric options of the seed like space, size, shape, colour, axis length, axis length etc. area unit subjected to classification the result area unit found to be encouraging and correct.

Raghavendra Srinivasaiah et al.: As compared to earlier research in this field, which has an accuracy rate of 90% and cumulative prediction accuracy of 68%, this study has an accuracy rate of over 97% and a prediction accuracy of 64%, as detailed in the critical assessment of the literature. The suggested technique made use of CNN architectures to distinguish between different types of seeds with accuracy and to recognize individual seeds with extreme accuracy.

Swathi K Hiremath et al.: This study uses a novel idea that automatically sort seeds as good or bad using Convolutional Neural Network model on a hardware setup. The Convolutional Neural Network model provided a classification accuracy of 96.875 %. The experiment was carried out on soya bean seeds, which were placed on the rotating disc of the hardware model. The images of the two profiles of the seeds obtained via the hardware set-up is tested on a pre-trained convolutional neural network model and the seed is classified accordingly.

Mr. Sandip Ramdasrao Mokle et al.: After going through the research work reported by various researchers in the field of quality inspection of wheat varieties and applications of image analysis in grain industry, it has been concluded that Image processing technique has the potential to become a vital component of automated food processing operations. Image processing is recognized as being the core of computer vision with the development of more efficient algorithms assisting in the greater implementation of this technique.

Miss Shivpriya Desai et al.: In this paper an attempt is made to grading of rice grains based on morphological techniques using image processing and Artificial Neural Network. The image is initially subjected to preprocessing and the individual grains are segmented by using different image processing techniques. The geometric features of the grain such as area, major axis length, minor axis length, eccentricity and perimeter of rice seeds are extracted and are subjected to classification. The result are found to be encouraging.

Andreas Kamilaris et al.: In this paper, we perform a survey of 40 research efforts that employ deep learning techniques, applied to various agricultural and food production challenges. We examine the particular agricultural problems under study, the specific models and frameworks employed, the sources, nature and pre-processing of data used, and the overall performance achieved according to the metrics used at each work under study.

Mumenunnessa Keya et al.: The purpose of this research is to identify the image of the seed. Different types of seeds are leveled into different classes through seed classification process. The demonstration was applied on more than 1000 seed images. It contains five processing modules such as Image acquisition, Pre-processing, Feature extraction, Image recognition and Show results. Seed varieties and qualities of seeds will be able to identify.

Hemender et al.: Image analysis is a state-of-the-art technique for seed quality testing. This tool provides vast usage in evaluation of various physiological and morphological characteristics of the seed with a more comprehensive perception. It is based on the extraction of numerical data from a captured image for characteristics like colour, size, shape of seed and seedlings and their subsequent processing with the help of suitable computer software. Speedy analyses, cost-effectiveness, automatic nature and user-friendly environment for work are some important advantages of Image Analysis over other conventional techniques.

Dr. Suma K V et al.: The agrarian industry revolves around high crop yield. Superior quality seeds are the chief constituent for an excellent yield. An original idea to categorize seeds of soya with minimal human intervention and to draw conclusions based upon the electrical characteristics of the seeds has been presented in this paper. The design solution is introduced upon a hardware implementation that takes photos of the soyabean seed from the top and bottom and classifies the seed into good seed and bad seed. This solution is cost-effective.

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III. METHODOLOGY

Testing seed quality is crucial for ensuring successful germination and crop production. There are various methodologies and tests used to assess seed quality. Here is a general methodology for testing seed quality:

1. **Sample Collection:**

- Collect a representative sample of the seeds to be tested. The sample size should be adequate to provide accurate results.

2. **Initial Inspection:**

- Visually inspect the seeds for signs of damage, disease, or physical abnormalities. Remove any obviously damaged or diseased seeds.

3. **Moisture Content Testing:**

- Measure the moisture content of the seeds. High moisture content can lead to seed deterioration. Common methods for measuring moisture content include air-oven method, electronic moisture meters, or microwave ovens.

4. **Germination Testing:**

- Germination testing assesses the seed's ability to produce healthy seedlings. Here's how to conduct a standard germination test:
- Take a representative sample of seeds and place them on a germination paper or in containers filled with a suitable germination medium.
- Maintain optimal conditions for germination, including temperature and humidity.
- Monitor and record the percentage of seeds that germinate over a specific period.

5. **Seed Purity Testing:**

- Check for the presence of other crop seeds or impurities in the seed lot. This is essential for ensuring the purity of the seed stock.

6. **Viability Testing:**

- Assess the viability of the seeds. Viability testing determines the percentage of seeds that are capable of germination. Common methods include tetrazolium testing or X-ray testing.

7. **Seed Health Testing:**

- Evaluate the seed lot for diseases and pathogens. This can involve techniques like the agar plate method or molecular techniques like PCR.

8. **Seed Vigor Testing:**

- Seed vigor measures the seed's ability to establish healthy seedlings under less-than-optimal conditions. Vigor tests can include accelerated aging tests, electrical conductivity tests, and cold tests.

9. **Seed Weight Testing:**

- Measure the weight of a specific number of seeds, as it can be an indicator of seed quality.

10. **Data Analysis:**

- Analyze the data collected from the various tests to assess seed quality. This includes calculating germination percentages, purity levels, moisture content, and other relevant parameters.

11. **Interpretation:**

- Interpret the results in the context of crop production. High-quality seeds should have high germination rates, low levels of impurities, and good seed vigor.

12. **Storage and Recordkeeping:**

- Store the tested seeds in appropriate conditions, and maintain records of the test results for traceability and quality control.

13. **Quality Certification:**

- If the seeds meet the desired quality standards, they can be certified for sale or distribution. Certification ensures that farmers receive high-quality seeds for planting.

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Seed quality testing is essential for maintaining the integrity of seed stocks and for ensuring successful crop production. Different crops may require specific tests and conditions, so it's important to tailor the methodology to the particular crop and seed type being tested. Additionally, regulatory authorities and seed certification agencies often have specific guidelines for seed quality testing.

IV. CONCLUSION

An implementation of a seed quality testing system to detect the quality of a seed lot as excellent, good, average, bad and worst on the basis of the percentage of fine quality seeds in the seed lot. To provide a conclusion on seed quality testing, we need to consider various aspects and summarize the findings. Seed quality testing is a critical process that ensures the viability, germination potential, and overall quality of seeds for successful crop production. A comprehensive seed quality testing program encompassing viability, purity, moisture content, genetic purity, health, and other key parameters is essential for farmers and seed suppliers to ensure the availability of high-quality seeds for successful crop production and improved agricultural outcomes. Each aspect of seed quality is interconnected and crucial for maximizing yield and quality in agriculture.

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