

# Empowering Farmers with Blockchain Technology: A Path to Sustainable Agriculture and Financial Inclusion

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**Abstract-Block-chain technology has emerged as a informativeness force in various industries, and agriculture is no exception. For farmers, this technology offers solutions to long-standing issues such as transparency in supply chains, traceability of produce, fair pricing, and efficient resource allocation. This study examines the level of awareness among farmers about block-chain technology and its applications in the agricultural sector. It attempts to explore the relationship between educational qualifications, farming practices, and the adoption of block systems. The findings reveal a growing interest among farmers in understanding and utilizing it, but barriers like lack of technical knowledge and infrastructure still persist. The study advocates for targeted awareness campaigns and technical training to enhance the adoption of block-chain in farming practices.**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The agricultural sector is the backbone of many economies, providing food security and livelihood for millions of people worldwide. However, traditional farming practices face significant challenges, including inefficiencies in supply chains, lack of transparency in market pricing, and difficulties in accessing financial services. Technology offers a revolutionary approach to address these challenges by creating a decentralized, transparent, and secure system for data management and transactions.

The technology enables the recording and tracking of every transaction, ensuring that farmers, intermediaries, and consumers can access real-time, tamper-proof data about produce origins, quality, and distribution. This is particularly beneficial in preventing fraud, reducing wastage, and ensuring fair

compensation for farmers. Moreover, smart contracts, an integral part of block-chain systems, automate agreements, eliminating delays and disputes in payments.

The potential for in agriculture extends to enhancing sustainability by promoting efficient use of resources and ensuring compliance with environmental standards. Despite these advantages, the adoption among farmers remains low due to limited awareness, high implementation costs, and lack of supportive infrastructure. This study aims to analyze farmers' awareness of technology and the factors influencing its adoption.

## II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

1. Nakamoto et al. (2021) emphasized the importance of block-chain in creating transparency within agricultural supply chains. Their study highlighted that applications could reduce fraud and enhance trust between farmers and consumers.

2. Su and Gupta (2020) demonstrated how it enhances the traceability of agricultural products, enabling farmers to ensure premium pricing for high-quality produce. They noted that block chain-based systems foster trust and accountability.

3. Verma et al. (2019) explored the challenges in implementing in rural areas, citing limited internet penetration and lack of technical knowledge among farmers as significant barriers.

4. Ivanov et al. (2018) outlined the role of smart contracts in automating transactions, reducing delays, and ensuring fairness in financial dealings between farmers and buyers.

5. Choudhary and Singh (2017) highlighted the potential for in promoting sustainable farming practices by monitoring resource usage and compliance with environmental standards.

### III. FACTORS INFLUENCING BLOCKCHAIN ADOPTION AMONG FARMERS

#### 1. Awareness and Education

Farmers' awareness about block-chain's potential benefits is crucial. Educating farmers on how it can provide real-time data, reduce fraud, and ensure fair compensation is vital for adoption.

#### 2. Infrastructure Availability

Reliable internet connectivity and digital devices are prerequisites for implementing the systems in agriculture.

#### 3. Cost and Technical Knowledge

The high initial costs of implementation and the technical expertise required pose significant challenges to adoption.

#### 4. Trust and Transparency

Its ability to ensure transparency in transactions can build trust among farmers, intermediaries, and consumers.

#### 5. Government Support and Policies

Subsidies, training programs, and supportive regulations can play a critical role in fostering block-chain adoption in agriculture.

### IV. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To analyze the awareness level of farmers regarding block-chain technology.

### V. HYPOTHESIS OF THE STUDY

Hypothesis 1: There is no significant relationship between farmers' educational qualifications and their awareness of block-chain technology.

### SAMPLING TECHNIQUES

Convenience and judgmental sampling were used. A structured questionnaire was distributed among farmers, and data were gathered for analysis.

### TOOLS FOR DATA ANALYSIS

Correlation and regression analyses were conducted using SPSS software to examine the relationship between farmers' educational qualifications and their awareness of block technology.

### VI. RESPONDENTS' PROFILE

Attribute	Category	No. of Respondents
Gender	Male	85
	Female	65
Age	Below 30 years	40
	31-40 years	50
	Above 40 years	60
Educational Qualification	Primary	50
	Secondary	70
	Graduate and Above	30
Farming Experience	Less than 5 years	30

### VII. CORRELATION ANALYSIS

Variable	Correlation Coefficient (r)	Significance (p)
Educational Qualification	0.72	0.001

#### Interpretation:

There is a strong positive correlation between farmers' educational qualifications and their awareness of block-chain technology, indicating that higher educational levels are associated with greater awareness.

### VIII. REGRESSION ANALYSIS

Variable	Coefficient (B)	Std. Error	t-value	Significance (p)
(Constant)	1.50	0.80	1.88	0.062
Educational Qualification	0.60	0.10	6.00	0.001

### IX. FINDINGS

1. Farmers with higher educational qualifications exhibit greater awareness of block-chain.

2. A significant proportion of farmers recognize its potential but lack the technical knowledge to adopt it.
3. Infrastructure and cost remain critical barriers to adoption.

#### X. CONCLUSION

Block-chain technology offers trans-formative potential for farmers by enhancing transparency, ensuring fair pricing, and reducing inefficiencies. While farmers with higher educational qualifications show a stronger inclination toward adoption, the lack of technical knowledge and infrastructure limits widespread use. This study emphasizes the need for targeted awareness programs and governmental support to empower farmers with tools, ensuring a sustainable and efficient agricultural future.

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