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## The economic impacts of climate change on Egypt's agriculture sector based on the random forest algorithm

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### Abstract

This study employs the Random Forest algorithm to analyze the relationship between agricultural added value in Egypt, climate change, and fertilizer inputs. It also investigates the impact of poverty on carbon dioxide emissions, focusing on the connection between environmental sustainability and economic development. The results indicate that fertilizer inputs play a dominant role in predicting agricultural value-added: nitrogen (43.8%), phosphate (32.3%), and potash (20.6%), while climate change accounts for only 3.3%. This suggests that Egypt's agriculture has not yet been significantly affected by climate change. Additionally, the analysis of poverty and emissions reveals that poverty reduction, while improving living standards, may simultaneously increase energy consumption and emissions, posing challenges for sustainable development. The study concludes that agricultural productivity in Egypt is currently more influenced by fertilizer use than by climate change. Furthermore, addressing poverty without implementing appropriate environmental safeguards could exacerbate carbon emissions. Therefore, achieving sustainability requires a balanced approach to poverty reduction and environmental conservation. The findings offer practical insights for policymakers, including environmental advocates and economists. They highlight the importance of enacting regulations that promote the use of green technologies and sustainable agricultural practices, while designing poverty reduction strategies aligned with long-term environmental sustainability. These measures will help reconcile economic growth with environmental conservation.

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## 1. Introduction

Agriculture is crucial to Egypt's economy, contributing significantly to employment, food security, and economic growth. As a vital sector, agriculture, forestry, and fishing constitute a substantial percentage of Egypt's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). However, this sector is increasingly vulnerable to the multifaceted challenges of climate change. Rising temperatures, shifting precipitation patterns, and soil degradation are all threats to agricultural productivity and sustainability. Given Egypt's reliance on the Nile River and limited arable land, any disruptions to agricultural output could have profound economic consequences. This study aims to investigate the economic impacts of climate change on Egypt's agricultural sector, with a specific focus on the relationship between temperature change and key agricultural inputs, including nitrogen (N), potash ( $K_2O$ ), and phosphate ( $P_2O_5$ ).

Global studies have thoroughly documented the effects of climate change on agriculture, demonstrating that crop yields, soil fertility, and water availability are all impacted by temperature fluctuations and extreme weather events. This issue is severe in Egypt due to the country's predominantly arid environment, where even minor temperature changes can exacerbate water scarcity and disrupt soil nutrient balances. The effectiveness of fertilizers such as nitrogen, phosphate, and potash can diminish due to increasing temperatures, which also lead to reduced soil moisture and changes in evapotranspiration rates. These elements are vital for agricultural productivity and bolster the national economy. However, the absence of empirical studies evaluating the economic effects of climate change on Egypt's agrarian sector underscores the necessity for a comprehensive review.

This study employs a quantitative approach to assess the relationship between the value added by agriculture, forestry, and fishing as a percentage of GDP, and key independent variables: nitrogen (N), potash ( $K_2O$ ), phosphate ( $P_2O_5$ ), and temperature change on land. This research analyzes historical data and trends to illustrate how various factors impact the economic performance of the agricultural sector. Understanding these relationships is crucial for policymakers, agrarian stakeholders, and economists, as it enables the development of adaptive strategies to mitigate climate-induced economic losses and enhance agricultural resilience.

This study employs the Random Forest algorithm to examine the complex relationships between various variables. Recognized for its effectiveness in predictive modeling and feature importance evaluation, Random Forest excels at managing non-linear relationships, handling missing data, and working with high-dimensional datasets. This method is particularly advantageous for analyzing agricultural and economic trends influenced by climate change. By using Random Forest, the study aims to enhance predictive accuracy and gain a deeper understanding of the key factors influencing the economic performance of the agricultural sector. This approach will help pinpoint the most influential factors driving changes in agricultural GDP and inform the formulation of evidence-based policy recommendations.

The findings of this study will contribute to existing literature on climate change economics by offering insights into the specific challenges Egypt's agricultural sector faces. Moreover, it will recommend sustainable farming practices, fertilizer management, and climate adaptation policies to preserve agricultural productivity amid rising temperatures. By identifying key drivers of economic change in agriculture, this research will help shape policies that safeguard food security and economic stability in Egypt. Given the increasing global urgency to address climate change, understanding its economic repercussions at a sectoral level is imperative for sustainable development and long-term economic planning.

In summary, this study aims to bridge the gap in empirical research by examining the economic impacts of climate change on Egypt's agricultural sector. This study examines the impact of temperature changes and essential agricultural inputs on resilience in the sector. Subsequent sections will delve into the methodology, data sources, and analytical strategies employed to evaluate these effects, providing a thorough overview of how climate change impacts Egypt's agricultural economy.

## 2. Literature Review

Climate change has emerged as a critical challenge impacting the agricultural sector worldwide, with Egypt being particularly vulnerable due to its arid climate and heavy reliance on the Nile River. Several studies have examined the economic implications of climate change on Egypt's agricultural sector, providing valuable insights into the relationship between climatic variables and agricultural productivity, food security, and economic sustainability.

Islam and Ragab [1] examined the challenges of climate change in Egypt's agricultural sector, with a focus on policy recommendations for sustaining wheat production. Their study highlighted the need for sustainable farming practices and strategic planning to ensure food security. Similarly, Abd El Maksoud [2] analyzed the impact of climate change on food

production in Egypt, emphasizing water scarcity, declining crop yields, and increased pest infestations as significant concerns.

The economic impact of climate change on Egyptian food security crops has been extensively examined. Taha, et al. [3] investigated the repercussions of climate change on cereal crop productivity, revealing an inverse relationship between rising temperatures and crop yields. They found that maximum temperature changes hurt the productivity of staple grains, necessitating urgent adaptation measures.

El-Khalifa, et al. [4] provided a macroeconomic perspective by analyzing the impact of climate change on Egypt's agricultural GDP. Their findings suggest that climate variables have a significant long-term impact on the agricultural sector, with rising temperatures resulting in a decline in agricultural GDP contributions. In a related study, Agbo [5] examined adaptation mechanisms to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change on food security. This suggests that Egypt's agriculture remains highly dependent on manual labor rather than mechanization, which could hinder long-term resilience.

Specific crop-based studies have further illustrated the complexity of climate change's effects. Gamal, et al. [6] examined the impact of different global warming scenarios on significant crops, such as maize and wheat, finding that while wheat yields may increase slightly under moderate warming, the productivity outcomes for maize remain uncertain. Meanwhile, Abd El-Aziz, et al. [7] identified temperature and humidity fluctuations as key factors influencing wheat and maize productivity, with rising winter temperatures reducing wheat output and increasing summer temperatures negatively impacting maize.

Agricultural production in Egypt is heavily reliant on water supplies, which are influenced by climate change. Omar, et al. [8] investigated the effects of climate change on food security, salinity, and water availability. Their research emphasized the necessity to modify cropping patterns to address threats to food security. Similarly, Abdelfattah [9] emphasized the need for comprehensive, adaptive strategies to address hydrological risks and ensure food security in Egypt.

Numerous studies have examined the potential of climate-smart agriculture in mitigating climate-induced losses. Abd El Mowla and Abd El Aziz [10] investigated economic strategies for climate-smart agriculture, revealing a strong link between increased crop and livestock production and food security. Abdel Monem and Radojevic [11] emphasized the importance of enhancing adaptive capacity and resilience through coordinated national strategies. Abdelradi and Yassin [12] conducted an efficiency analysis to assess the influence of climatic variables on cereal crop production, showing that increased maximum temperatures and humidity levels diminish production efficiency.

Recent research has also assessed the broader economic impact of climate change. McCarl, et al. [13] estimated potential economic losses ranging from 2% to 6% of Egypt's future GDP due to climate-induced damages. Other studies, such as those by McCarl, et al. [13] and Yates and Strzepek [14] have analyzed Egypt's economic vulnerability to climate change, highlighting the need for effective adaptation strategies.

Additional studies have explored the effects of climate change on water resources and food security. Abdelfattah [9] and Abdelrazek and Mohamed Aliwa [15] emphasized the importance of adaptive measures in mitigating hydrological risks. Akzar and Amandaria [16] recommended integrating sustainable farming systems to improve local crop production. Furthermore, Abdel Monem and Radojevic [11] focused on enhancing resilience and adaptive capacity in agricultural sectors, identifying the necessity for national coordination.

Other relevant studies have investigated Egypt's agricultural vulnerability. Adly, et al. [17] modeled optimal cropping patterns to maximize net revenue under various climate scenarios, predicting a doubling of net revenue by 2030, accompanied by improved efficiency. Similarly,

In summary, this literature review synthesizes findings from studies on the impact of climate change on Egypt's agricultural sector. Rising temperatures, water scarcity, and changing precipitation threaten food production and economic stability. Various adaptation strategies have been proposed, including climate-smart agriculture and resilience measures. Continued research is necessary to optimize these solutions and formulate data-driven policies. The subsequent sections will further explore the methodological framework and empirical analysis used to assess the economic impacts of climate change on Egypt's agricultural economy.

Although the current literature thoroughly outlines the effects of climate change on Egypt's agriculture, most research uses conventional statistical methods or qualitative approaches for evaluation. Only a few studies have utilized advanced machine learning techniques, such as Random Forest, for modeling and predicting the influence of climate change on crop yields and food security.

This research addresses the existing gap by applying the Random Forest algorithm, an effective machine learning approach, to examine the complex relationships between climate variables and agricultural outcomes. In contrast to conventional methods, Random Forest effectively handles large datasets, reveals nonlinear relationships, and generates dependable forecasts, making it particularly apt for analyzing the diverse effects of climate change on agriculture. Through this sophisticated technique, the research aims to provide policymakers and stakeholders in Egypt's agricultural industry with more precise and actionable recommendations.

### 3. Empirical Framework

$$\text{Agriculture}_t = \beta_1 \cdot N_t + \beta_2 \cdot K2O_t + \beta_3 \cdot P2O5_t + \beta_4 \cdot \text{Temperature}_t$$

Where,

$\beta_0$  : Intercept (baseline value of agriculture when all inputs are zero).

$N_t$  : Nitrogen amount in year  $t$ .

$K_2O_t$  : Potash amount in year  $t$ .

$P_2O_5t$  : Phosphate amount in year  $t$ .

Temperature  $t$  : Temperature change in year  $t$ .

$\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4$ : Coefficients indicating the impact of each variable on agriculture.

## 4. Data and Methodology

### 4.1. Data

Regarding data Sources, the data was collected from World Bank Open Data for the dependent variable, Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing, Value Added (% of GDP), and other macroeconomic indicators; and FAOSTAT (Food and Agriculture Organization) for agricultural input data, including Nitrogen (N), Potash ( $K_2O$ ), and Phosphate ( $P_2O_5$ ) usage in tons, and Temperature Change on Land ( $^{\circ}C$ ) data: data description and feature statistics in Tables 1 and 2. The dataset includes the following variables:

**Table 1.**

Data description.

| Variable Name              | Description                                                    | Unit        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Agriculture value added    | Value added by the agricultural sector as a percentage of GDP. | % of GDP    |
| Nitrogen (N)               | Total nitrogen used in agricultural activities.                | Tons        |
| Potash ( $K_2O$ )          | Total potash used in agricultural activities.                  | Tons        |
| Phosphate ( $P_2O_5$ )     | Total phosphate used in agricultural activities.               | Tons        |
| Temperature Change on Land | Annual change in land temperature due to climate change.       | $^{\circ}C$ |

**Table 2.**

Feature Statistics.

| Variables                  | Source Of Data | Mean     | Mode    | Median  | Dispersion | Minimum | Maximum |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------|---------|---------|------------|---------|---------|
| Agriculture value added    | World Bank     | 17.93    | 10.69   | 16.34   | 0.29       | 10.69   | 28.8    |
| Nitrogen (N)               | FAOSTAT        | 801612.4 | 1331900 | 790500  | 0.47       | 191872  | 1372900 |
| Potash ( $K_2O$ )          | FAOSTAT        | 31984.6  | 29700   | 29471.5 | 0.86       | 591     | 94000   |
| Phosphate ( $P_2O_5$ )     | FAOSTAT        | 141853.2 | 150000  | 149800  | 0.52       | 35493   | 332800  |
| Temperature Change on Land | FAOSTAT        | 0.319    | 0.439   | 0.354   | 1.98       | -1.21   | 2.23    |

Source: Made by the author (using Python language)

### 4.2. Methodology

#### 4.2.1. The ML Algorithms

Using bootstrap sampling and random attribute selection, Random Forest (RF) is an ensemble learning technique that builds a "forest" of decision trees. Training each tree separately reduces the risk of overfitting and processing costs compared to Gradient Boosting, which sequentially creates trees [18].

The method creates unique decision trees and datasets by sampling and replacing random feature subsets at each split. A majority vote for categorization or an average for regression are examples of how findings are aggregated to make the final forecast [19]. The areas of expertise for Random Forest are environment modeling, fraud detection, and high-dimensional data management. It is well-known for its ability to manage outliers and missing data while mitigating overfitting, making it suitable for various applications [20]. The Random Forest (RF) model includes the following fundamental steps:

Step 1: Tree Building for Every Bootstrap Instance

For  $m=1$  to  $M$  (number of trees in the forest):

##### 4.2.1.1. Bootstrap Sampling

Make a bootstrapped sample set,  $Z$ , of size  $N$  from the training data.

##### 4.2.1.2. Tree Growth

For each terminal node in the tree:

- Randomly select  $X$  variables from the *total of  $P$*  variables.
- Choose the optimal split point among the given variables to reduce the Mean Squared Error. (MSE):

$$F_0(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y - \hat{Y})^2 \quad (1)$$

Where  $Y$  is the actual value and  $\hat{Y}$  is the predicted value.

- To create new nodes, divide them according to the optimal variable.
- Keep splitting until you reach a predetermined minimum node size ( $n_{min}$ ).

#### 4.2.1.3. Randomization and Robustness

Adding diversity through the random selection of variables for splitting at each node reduces reliance between trees. This randomization enhances the model's resilience to overfitting, which occurs when trees become overly complex and tailored to the training data. Overfitting diminishes a model's ability to generalize to new data. Some trees or nodes can be pruned to lessen this, El-Aal, et al. [19].

#### Step 2: Forest Output

The outputs of the separate trees in the RF model are combined. The forest's collective forecast is provided by:

$$\hat{F}_{rf}^M(x) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M T_m(x) \quad (2)$$

Here:

- $T_m(x)$  is the Prediction from the m-th tree.
- $\hat{F}_{rf}^M(x)$  represents the final output of the RF model, which is derived by averaging all the trees' forecasts.

Averaging forecasts stabilizes the model's overall performance and decreases variance. This ensemble approach ensures reliable predictions even in the presence of complex relationships or noisy data.

## 5. Empirical Results

### 5.1. Model evaluation

As indicated in Table 3, RMSE, MSE, MAE, MAPE, and R<sup>2</sup> must be computed to assess the model's predictive accuracy.

**Table 3.**  
The RF accuracy.

| Model                        | MSE  | RMSE | MAE  | MAPE  | R <sup>2</sup> |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|----------------|
| Random forest (RF)           | 2.79 | 1.67 | 1.19 | 0.065 | .90            |
| Gradient boosting (GB)       | 3.02 | 1.73 | 1.2  | 0.066 | .892           |
| Support vector machine (SVM) | 3.75 | 1.93 | 1.49 | 0.083 | 0.866          |
| Decision tree (DT)           | 4.36 | 2.09 | 1.57 | 0.90  | 0.844          |

Table 3 shows that the RF algorithm is more accurate than the other algorithms in the paper, as it has the lowest MSE and the highest R<sup>2</sup>. Therefore, the paper relies on the RF for prediction and identifies the factors that affect agricultural value added.

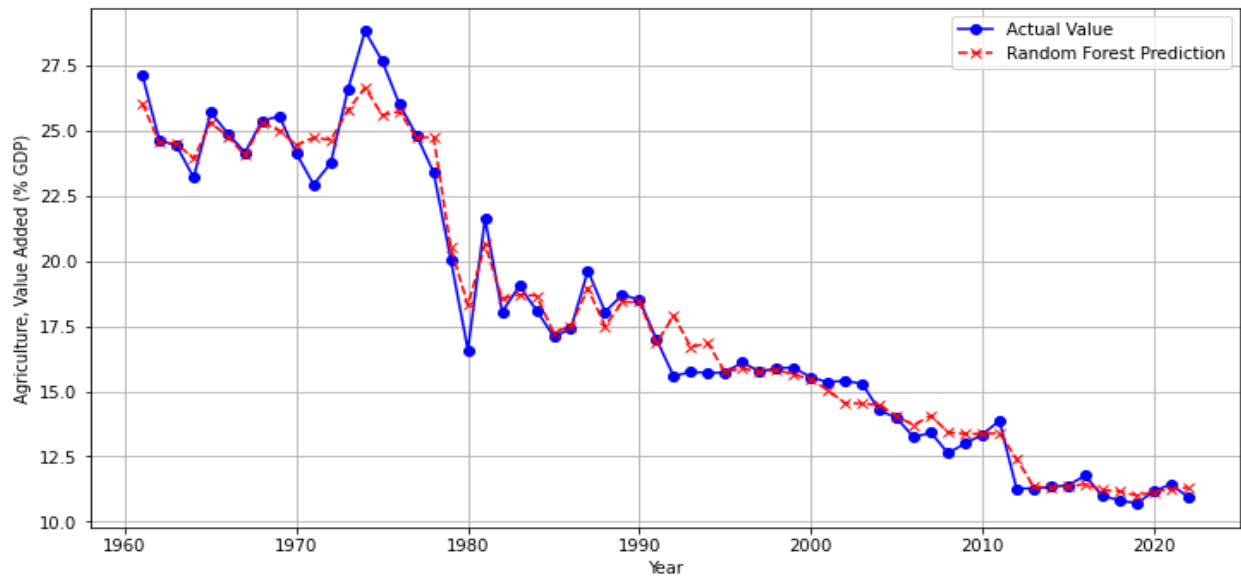
### 5.2. The RF Algorithm Prediction Performance

As shown in Table 4, the actual and predicted values over the research period should be compared to assess the accuracy of using Random Forest in the future. This step proves we are on the right path in predicting the future. Table 4 and Figure 1 answer this question.

**Table 4.**  
The RF prediction performance.

| year | Agriculture, forestry, and fishing, value added (% GDP) | Random Forest prediction (%) |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1961 | 27.1531                                                 | 26.0497                      |
| 1962 | 24.6278                                                 | 24.5432                      |
| 1963 | 24.4219                                                 | 24.5021                      |
| 1964 | 23.199                                                  | 23.9193                      |
| 1965 | 25.6941                                                 | 25.3147                      |
| 1966 | 24.8845                                                 | 24.7594                      |
| 1967 | 24.1558                                                 | 24.0481                      |
| 1968 | 25.3801                                                 | 25.3043                      |
| 1969 | 25.5437                                                 | 24.9963                      |
| 1970 | 24.1098                                                 | 24.4378                      |
| 1971 | 22.9315                                                 | 24.726                       |
| 1972 | 23.7497                                                 | 24.6402                      |
| 1973 | 26.5749                                                 | 25.7707                      |
| 1974 | 28.8075                                                 | 26.6471                      |
| 1975 | 27.6655                                                 | 25.5896                      |
| 1976 | 26.015                                                  | 25.7262                      |
| 1977 | 24.8188                                                 | 24.7241                      |
| 1978 | 23.3945                                                 | 24.7452                      |
| 1979 | 20.0564                                                 | 20.5051                      |

|      |         |         |
|------|---------|---------|
| 1980 | 16.5819 | 18.3003 |
| 1981 | 21.6206 | 20.6259 |
| 1982 | 18.0486 | 18.5457 |
| 1983 | 19.0451 | 18.7141 |
| 1984 | 18.1076 | 18.6621 |
| 1985 | 17.1046 | 17.2497 |
| 1986 | 17.39   | 17.4926 |
| 1987 | 19.633  | 18.9497 |
| 1988 | 18.0455 | 17.4926 |
| 1989 | 18.6948 | 18.4227 |
| 1990 | 18.5125 | 18.4227 |
| 1991 | 16.9867 | 16.8484 |
| 1992 | 15.5859 | 17.8995 |
| 1993 | 15.739  | 16.701  |
| 1994 | 15.7143 | 16.8395 |
| 1995 | 15.7108 | 15.736  |
| 1996 | 16.1151 | 15.8831 |
| 1997 | 15.751  | 15.736  |
| 1998 | 15.8845 | 15.8214 |
| 1999 | 15.9086 | 15.6498 |
| 2000 | 15.5381 | 15.4586 |
| 2001 | 15.3513 | 15.0441 |
| 2002 | 15.4049 | 14.5413 |
| 2003 | 15.2867 | 14.5333 |
| 2004 | 14.2699 | 14.4756 |
| 2005 | 13.9817 | 14.0523 |
| 2006 | 13.2372 | 13.6995 |
| 2007 | 13.4201 | 14.0761 |
| 2008 | 12.6302 | 13.4288 |
| 2009 | 12.9979 | 13.3686 |
| 2010 | 13.3408 | 13.3686 |
| 2011 | 13.8691 | 13.3995 |
| 2012 | 11.2728 | 12.4202 |
| 2013 | 11.2743 | 11.3456 |
| 2014 | 11.3377 | 11.3018 |
| 2015 | 11.3941 | 11.3456 |
| 2016 | 11.7693 | 11.4423 |
| 2017 | 10.9864 | 11.2181 |
| 2018 | 10.8302 | 11.1645 |
| 2019 | 10.6971 | 11.0024 |
| 2020 | 11.1668 | 11.1386 |
| 2021 | 11.4369 | 11.2617 |
| 2022 | 10.9458 | 11.3097 |



**Figure 1.**  
Actual vs Predicted Agriculture Value Added (% GDP) Over Time.

From Table 4 and Figure 1 show that the accuracy of the Random Forest algorithm in forecasting indicates the extent to which the actual and expected values move together, suggesting that they can indeed be relied upon in the future. At this step, the RF determines the importance of each independent variable in predicting the dependent variable.

### 5.3. RF Algorithms Feature Importance

The dark box of ML models can only be opened by acknowledging the significance of features. The study assesses the model's classifications or predictions by calculating the impact of every feature or input variable. Data scientists can utilize significance ratings to prioritize these qualities and gain a deeper understanding of how well their models perform [19]. With this knowledge, users may improve their models and make more precise and accurate decisions. Thanks to this knowledge, users can refine and enhance their models, making more accurate and precise selections. The significance of the RF algorithm feature is seen in Table 5.

**Table 5.**  
The RF algorithms feature important indicators.

| Variables                  | RF feature importance |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Nitrogen (N)               | 43.8                  |
| Phosphate ( $P_2O_5$ )     | 32.3                  |
| Potash ( $K_2O$ )          | 20.6                  |
| Temperature Change on Land | 3.3                   |

According to Table 5, the temperature change has a relatively minor effect on agricultural value added compared to the other variables. The table shows that the fertilizer used has a more significant effect on agriculture value added prediction, specifically Nitrogen by 43.8%, Phosphate by 32.3%, Potash by 20.6%, and climate change by 3.3%. Results indicate that climate change has a low effect on the value added to agriculture.

## 6. Conclusion

This research employed the Random Forest method to investigate the impact of climate change on Egypt's agriculture by analyzing the relationships between agricultural value added and key factors, including temperature fluctuations, nitrogen, potassium, and phosphate levels. The results indicate that fertilizer inputs have a significantly greater impact on agricultural value added than climate change. Among the inputs, nitrogen constitutes the largest share at 43.8%, followed by phosphate at 32.3%, potash at 20.6%, and climate change at 3.3%. This suggests that while climate change may have a slightly positive effect on agricultural value added, it has not yet been harmful.

The regression coefficients reinforce the straightforward connection between agricultural value added and the independent variables. Precisely, a 1% rise in nitrogen, phosphate, potash, and temperature corresponds to increases in agrarian value added of 2.9%, 2.2%, 2.7%, and 0.089%, respectively. This study demonstrates that Egypt's agricultural sector has not experienced any negative impacts on added value from climate change. However, the slight benefit of climate change suggests that preventive measures are necessary to mitigate potential future hazards.

The Random Forest algorithm effectively predicted agricultural value added, outperforming other machine learning models such as Gradient Boosting, Support Vector Machines, and Decision Trees. Its low Mean Squared Error (MSE) and high  $R^2$  value of 0.90 demonstrate its reliability in forecasting future trends and identifying key factors affecting agricultural productivity.

In conclusion, this study emphasizes the crucial role of fertilizer management in sustaining Egypt's agricultural sector while highlighting the necessity for climate adaptation strategies to tackle the potential long-term effects of climate change. Policymakers and stakeholders should focus on optimizing fertilizer use and implementing sustainable farming practices to enhance agricultural resilience and ensure food security in the face of rising temperatures and changing climatic conditions.

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