

How to make VERTICAL FARMING that uses 95% LESS WATER

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Types of hydroponic models

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Technology and hydroponics

Some of the aspects of technology integrated into hydroponic farming are smart water level sensors and monitoring gadgets.

Smart water level sensors update the farmer in real time on the percentage of their water left within the green house. The sensor also helps the farmer understand which kind of crop consumes more water.

A monitoring gadget is installed with sensors such as temperature sensor, light intensity sensor, humidity sensor, PH sensor, and water level sensor. The gadget captures real time data using the sensors and relays them to the back-end where the information is processed and sent to the farmer using SMS or USSD short code.

Advantages of hydroponics

Hydroponic models have a goal of maximizing the land space available to obtain maximum volume of harvest. As compared to open field farming, hydroponic models use 5-10% less water and lead to 20 times more harvest volume. Hydroponic models also have a 95% automation, which means that there is very little work for the farmer to actually do.

These models can also grow up to 70% of consumable crops eg kales, lettuce, basil, strawberries, and spinach. The technological aspects merged with hydroponics models allow the farmer to receive real time information on their crops , which is relayed to them using SMS or USSD short codes.