

# Harvest Helper

Harvest Helper is a web application that helps farmers manage their farms crop harvests, equipment, labour information and many more things in and around the farm. The application aims to provide a central place for a farmer and other stockholders to get information

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## Impact on society

What impact is expected from your technology?

*This category is only partial filled.*

### **What is exactly the problem? Is it really a problem? Are you sure?**

Currently, farms manage their data and information in outdated ways like pen and paper or plain Excel sheets. With this, it is hard to keep track of everything. Harvest Helper wants to help farms operate in the best possible way by keeping track of all farm-related data.

### **Are you sure that this technology is solving the RIGHT problem?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **How is this technology going to solve the problem?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **What negative effects do you expect from this technology?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **In what way is this technology contributing to a world you want to live in?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Now that you have thought hard about the impact of this technology on society (by filling out the questions above), what improvements would you like to make to the technology? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Hateful and criminal actors

What can bad actors do with your technology?

*This category is only partial filled.*

### **In which way can the technology be used to break the law or avoid the consequences of breaking the law?**

After thinking hard about it, I can't think of any way this software can be used to break the law in any way.

### **Can fakers, thieves or scammers abuse the technology?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Can the technology be used against certain (ethnic) groups or (social) classes?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **In which way can bad actors use this technology to pit certain groups against each other? These groups can be, but are not constrained to, ethnic, social, political or religious groups.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **How could bad actors use this technology to subvert or attack the truth?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Now that you have thought hard about how bad actors can impact this technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Privacy

Are you considering the privacy & personal data of the users of your technology?

*This category is only partial filled.*

### **Does the technology register personal data? If yes, what personal data?**

The following personal data is registered:

- Labour data:
  - Name
  - Surname
  - DoB
  - Email
  - Employment History
  - Contact

### **Do you think the technology invades the privacy of the stakeholders? If yes, in what way?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Is the technology is compliant with prevailing privacy and data protection law? Can you indicate why?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Does the technology mitigate privacy and data protection risks/ concerns (privacy by design)? Please indicate how.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **In which way can you imagine a future impact of the collection of personal data?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Now that you have thought hard about privacy and data protection, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Human values

How does the technology affect your human values?

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### **How is the identity of the (intended) users affected by the technology?**

This product can affect some administrative workers on a farm. Because this product takes over the role/workload of these workers, they could lose their jobs.

Next, farm managers could get a better overview of workers and their working performance, making certain workers look worse than others that wouldn't be seen if this type of data wasn't tracked.

This technology could help farms perform better, and this could have a positive influence on farmers. They could also be relieved of some admin tasks and focus on farming.

### **How does the technology influence the users' autonomy?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **What is the effect of the technology on the health and/or well-being of users?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Now that you have thought hard about the impact of your technology on human values, what improvements would you like to make to the technology? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Stakeholders

Have you considered all stakeholders?

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**Who are the main users/targetgroups/stakeholders for this technology? Think about the intended context by answering these questions.**

**Name of the stakeholder**

Farm manager

**How is this stakeholder affected?**

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**Did you consult the stakeholder?**

Yes

**Are you going to take this stakeholder into account?**

Yes

**Name of the stakeholder**

Farm worker

**How is this stakeholder affected?**

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**Did you consult the stakeholder?**

Yes

**Are you going to take this stakeholder into account?**

Yes

**Did you consider all stakeholders, even the ones that might not be a user or target group, but still might be of interest?**

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**Now that you have thought hard about all stakeholders, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Data

Is data in your technology properly used?

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**Are you familiar with the fundamental shortcomings and pitfalls of data and do you take this sufficiently into account in the technology?**

Yes, I understand that data can be incomplete. With the crop data analysis I want to do, the way this can be solved is by having separate data analysis for manually entered data and automatically entered data (data from sensors).

**How does the technology organize continuous improvement when it comes to the use of data?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

**How will the technology keep the insights that it identifies with data sustainable over time?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

**In what way do you consider the fact that data is collected from the users?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

**Now that you have thought hard about the impact of data on this technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Inclusivity

Is your technology fair for everyone?

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### Will everyone have access to the technology?

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### Does this technology have a built-in bias?

No, there is no built-in bias, as the application. All data is purely registered about crops and facts like working schedules.

The only possible data could be manually entered crop data. One example could be the question if the crops look healthy or not. This data could be based on an individual's point of view and could differ from someone else.

### Does this technology make automatic decisions and how do you account for them?

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### Is everyone benefitting from the technology or only a a small group?

#### Do you see this as a problem? Why/why not?

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### Does the team that creates the technology represent the diversity of our society?

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### Now that you have thought hard about the inclusivity of the technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Transparency

Are you transparent about how your technology works?

*This category is only partial filled.*

### **Is it explained to the users/stakeholders how the technology works and how the business model works?**

Yes, clients and stakeholders can read through different types of documents to get a clear understanding of the entire application.

These documents are, but are not limited to:

Security document  
Analysis document  
Research document  
Technical document

### **If the technology makes an (algorithmic) decision, is it explained to the users/stakeholders how the decision was reached?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Is it possible to file a complaint or ask questions/get answers about this technology?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Is the technology (company) clear about possible negative consequences or shortcomings of the technology?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Now that you have thought hard about the transparency of this technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Sustainability

Is your technology environmentally sustainable?

*This category is only partial filled.*

### **In what way is the direct and indirect energy use of this technology taken into account?**

Because this technology will be hosted in the cloud and this takes a lot of resources, money and energy, it is bad for the environment. But because of the nature of the application, it helps farms analyse their crop harvest and compare data to previous years, and this could save a lot of water and energy by growing crops based on data.

This is better for the world.

### **Do you think alternative materials could have been considered in the technology?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Do you think the lifespan of the technology is realistic?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **What is the hidden impact of the technology in the whole chain?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Now that you have thought hard about the sustainability of this technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Future

Did you consider future impact?

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### **What could possibly happen with this technology in the future?**

Farms could use a more sustainable way to grow crops because data and analysis could help them use fewer resources.

**Sketch a or some future scenario (s) (20-50 years up front) regarding the technology with the help of storytelling. Start with at least one utopian scenario.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

**Sketch a or some future scenario (s) (20-50 years up front) regarding the technology with the help of storytelling. Start with at least one dystopian scenario.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

**Would you like to live in one of this scenario's? Why? Why not?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

**What happens if the technology (which you have thought of as ethically well-considered) is bought or taken over by another party?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

**Impact Improvement: Now that you have thought hard about the future impact of the technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*