



THE ROLE OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES IN AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

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Abstract

The article highlights the economic and social importance of innovative technologies in the development of agribusiness. The use of modern technologies in agriculture has led to an increase in production efficiency, an expansion of opportunities for rational use of resources, and an increase in export potential. The role of innovative approaches in the processing, storage, and delivery of agricultural products to the market is also highlighted.

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INTRODUCTION:

Currently, the issue of food security is considered one of the global problems in the world. Population growth, climate change, limited water and land resources, as well as changing market demands require increasing efficiency in agriculture. In such conditions, it is not enough to develop agribusiness based on traditional methods, but it is necessary to widely apply modern, innovative approaches. Innovative technologies create the opportunity to accelerate the production process, reduce costs, maintain ecological balance and deliver quality products. Agribusiness is a complex system that includes not only the cultivation of agricultural products, but also all stages of their processing, storage, transportation and delivery to the consumer. Therefore, modern digital technologies, intelligent management systems, automated equipment and scientific approaches are necessary for the effective management of this system. Today, innovative approaches to the development of agribusiness are considered an important priority in many countries of the world. In the conditions of Uzbekistan, the introduction of innovative technologies in the agricultural sector



has become one of the important directions of state policy. In particular, a number of measures are being taken to ensure competitiveness in domestic and foreign markets through the implementation of the concept of "digital agriculture", the efficient use of resources, the production of products with high added value, as well as the development of the cluster system. Innovative technologies play an important role not only in the production process, but also in improving market infrastructure. For example, online trading platforms are expanding the opportunities for farmers and entrepreneurs to deliver their products directly to buyers, effectively establish a logistics system, and produce products that meet international standards.

LITERATURE REVIEW

In recent years, a number of scientific studies have been conducted by various scientists and international organizations on the role of innovative technologies in agribusiness. Z. Ashurov and N. Khakmirzayev's studies analyzed the current state, advantages, and development strategies of digital transformation in the agricultural sector of Uzbekistan, and showed that it is possible to increase production efficiency through the use of automated management systems and information technologies [1]. At the same time, Kamoliddin Yusupov studied the possibilities of reducing water consumption, efficiently using resources, and increasing the efficiency of the agricultural sector through the introduction of IoT technologies. His study shows that pilot projects implemented in Fergana, Khorezm, and Tashkent regions have reduced water use by about 25 percent and increased productivity by 10–15 percent. However, he also draws attention to problems such as weak internet infrastructure, high initial investment, and insufficient specialist qualifications [2].

F. Kholmurotov and Kh. Kholmurotov's economic analyses examine the impact of information and communication technologies and bank credit on agricultural performance. Their research, based on data from 2000–2022, shows that the efficiency of the agricultural sector increases when innovative technologies are combined with financial resources. The importance of technological approaches being compatible with credit policy is emphasized here [3]. Also, N.A. Ashurmetova, A.U. Mynbaeva, and M.F. Ibrahimova in their studies highlight



various aspects of the development of digital agriculture in Uzbekistan, showing ways to reduce costs and improve product quality through the digitization of production cycles, the introduction of information systems, and automated operations. They particularly emphasize the measures being implemented within the framework of the "Digital Uzbekistan - 2030" strategy, emphasizing the issues of improving the skills of farmers and expanding digital infrastructure [4].

ANALYSES AND RESULTS

Sustainable development of the agricultural economy is one of the most important issues in modern times. In an era of increasing population, limited resources, and increasing climate change, ensuring food security is becoming an urgent task for every country. In this process, the role of innovative technologies in the development of agribusiness is invaluable. Because they not only increase production volumes, but also ensure precise control of processes, increase productivity, save resources, and supply quality products to the market. Through innovations, the distance between the producer and the consumer is reduced, the logistics system is improved, and products can be grown and processed in accordance with international standards. One of the main problems in agribusiness is the issue of efficient use of resources. In the conditions of Uzbekistan, the lack of water resources poses a great challenge for agriculture. Therefore, drip irrigation technologies, sprinkler irrigation methods, and automated water distribution systems introduced in recent years are yielding great results. For example, while conventional irrigation methods use a lot of water compared to the crop, innovative irrigation technologies can save up to 30-40 percent of water. This not only preserves the quality of the crop, but also helps to preserve water resources for future generations. Innovative technologies are also speeding up the production process. For example, modern agricultural equipment and drones allow for the processes of sowing seeds, fertilizing, or protecting plants in a short time. This increases labor productivity and reduces the demand for human labor in agricultural work. Also, through digital monitoring systems, farmers can monitor the condition of plants in their fields online and determine which areas need more care. This reduces errors in production and reduces the cost of products. Innovative technologies also play an important role in the



processing of food products. Fruits and vegetables grown in Uzbekistan are exported in large quantities, but most of them are exported raw. Innovative processing technologies will enable the deep processing of raw materials, the production of new types of products, their long-term storage and packaging in accordance with consumer demand. This process will increase the country's export potential and expand the supply of quality products in the domestic market¹. Innovative technologies in market relations are also taking the relationship between the producer and the consumer to a new level. For example, online trading platforms, electronic contracting systems, and digital payment systems make it possible to deliver products quickly and with high quality. This reduces the need for unnecessary intermediaries, increases the farmer's income, and the consumer buys quality products at an affordable price. The importance of such technologies has become especially evident during the pandemic. Innovative technologies also play an important role in maintaining ecological balance. In traditional farming methods, fertilizers and pesticides are often used excessively, which leads to a decrease in land quality and environmental pollution. With the help of modern technologies, fertilizers are applied in precise quantities, and the use of biological methods to combat pests is expanding. As a result, the quality of the crop increases and the environment is not harmed. In this way, innovative technologies serve to ensure environmental safety in agriculture. Improving the knowledge and skills of farmers is also an important part of innovative development. Because qualified personnel are needed for the effective use of new technologies. For this purpose, various trainings, advanced training courses, scientific and practical seminars are being organized in the agricultural sector. Farmers need to acquire new knowledge not only in production technologies, but also in the areas of marketing, logistics and financial management. Because agribusiness is not only production, but also the processes of marketing, selling and exporting products. In the conditions of Uzbekistan, the cluster system is developing as one of the important forms of innovative approaches. Through the cluster model, farmers, processing enterprises, exporters and service

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organizations work in one chain. This system allows for the effective organization of the product value chain. For example, through cotton-textile clusters, the production of products from raw cotton to finished clothing has been established. This not only creates added value, but also significantly increases the volume of exports.

As a result of the widespread introduction of innovative technologies, new jobs are also being created. For example, agro-startups, logistics services, and processing enterprises operating on the basis of digital technologies are increasing the demand for labor. This is of great importance in solving the issue of employment in rural areas and creating conditions for young people to stay and work in the countryside. At the same time, the opportunities for effective organization of women's labor are also expanding, which contributes to social stability. The above analysis shows that the use of innovative technologies is one of the most important areas of agribusiness development. With their help, it is possible to increase production efficiency, rational use of resources, reduce product costs, expand export potential, ensure environmental safety, and create new jobs. At the same time, it is necessary to improve the knowledge and skills of farmers and actively involve them in innovation processes. Because the effective use of technologies is closely related to human capital.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the role of innovative technologies in the development of agribusiness is invaluable. With their help, it becomes possible not only to effectively organize production processes, but also to rationally use resources, increase productivity and reduce costs. Innovative irrigation methods, digital monitoring, drones and modern agricultural equipment provide a precise approach to farming, which, as a result, significantly increases the quality and quantity of crops. At the same time, innovative solutions in the processing sector allow products to be prepared in accordance with international requirements and standards, expand their long-term storage and export capabilities. Innovations have a significant impact not only economically, but also socially and environmentally. The environment is protected by maintaining soil fertility, saving water, and rational use of chemicals. This process serves to create new



jobs in rural areas, increase employment of the population, especially youth and women. The introduction of a cluster system will fully form the product value chain and create conditions for more effective development of agribusiness.

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