

# AI-Driven Sustainability: Optimizing Tomato Production in Greenhouses

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Overview

- Agricultural sector in Vietnam predominantly consists of subsistence farming managed on a small scale, resulting in high risks, low efficiency, and minimal value addition.
- Smallholder farming, representing 90% of agricultural production, remains the predominant form of agricultural organization, reflecting historical practices, though recent years have seen effective household economies reaching their developmental limits.

### Solution

- We need to apply AI technology.(TomAlto)

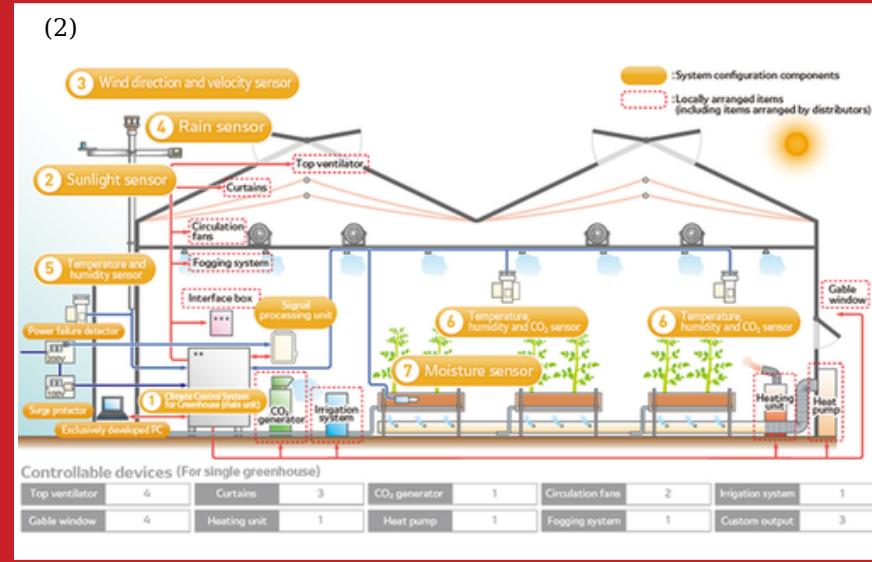


### Impact

- To increase Viet Nam's agricultural productivity.

## PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Up to 95% of agricultural enterprises in Vietnam are small and medium-sized. This sector in Vietnam also attracts less than 1% of foreign direct investment (FDI), while the global average is around 3%. By the end of 2019, FDI in agriculture only reached 3.5 billion USD, accounting for a deficient proportion of total FDI in Vietnam.
- Agriculture is the backbone of the economy in Vietnam, so we need to ensure sustainability. (1)



## PROPOSED APPROACH

### Brief des

- Type of data: *Quantitative data, publicly available*.
- To help Vietnam become one of the top economies, we should focus on improving and developing its strongest sector, which is agriculture. To achieve this, a shift from traditional outdoor farming to *greenhouse farming is necessary*. For instance, cultivating tomatoes in greenhouses can be a significant step forward. To foster its development, ensuring the optimal conditions within the greenhouse is crucial.

### Detail

We offer 7 main features integrated in AI-application: **Temperature sensor, Sunlight sensor, Control CO<sub>2</sub>, Irrigation system, Fogging system, Rain sensor, Climate Control system**.

Connects to the thermometer and heating system in the greenhouse.  
Summer: 24-29C (day), 16-24C (night).  
Winter: ~ 18-21C (day); ~ 7 C (night).

#### Optimizing Crop Growth:

Adjust heating, cooling, or ventilation systems accordingly to maintain ideal temperature ranges for specific crops.

#### Detecting Pest and Disease Risks:

By tracking temperature trends, farmers can implement timely pest management strategies. (3)



To track the sun's position and optimize the orientation of solar panels for maximum energy capture.

- Night: 18-24C, Day: 26-29C (4)
- Average lighting time: 12-16h/ day
- Set light intensity:
  - The plant prefers bright light: about 2,000 lux to 5,000 lux
  - The plant prefers low light: from 500 lux to 2,000 lux. (5)

#### Automate Lighting Control

Adjusting artificial lighting according to natural light levels. In automotive use, they regulate automatic headlights, wipers, and climate control, improving safety and convenience for drivers. (6)

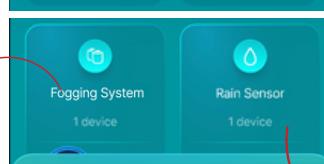
- + The Monnit Wireless CO2 Sensor.
  - + 1200-1500 ppm.
  - + Increase crop yield by up to 30%
- CO2 development optimizes at 700 ppm. (7)



- + Mode: mist/pesticides.
- + Set the time.
- + Moisture control.

### Climate Control Disease

Reduce climate differences and maintain a consistent temperature and humidity throughout a greenhouse.



**Water Spray:** cooling and humidity control -> plants grow optimally & small water prevent dust from flying in the air.

**Spraying:** Avoid the risk of pest infection  
Save costs & effort. (9)



**The goal:** is to control and sustain ideal environmental conditions. These systems regulate temperature, humidity, airflow, and air quality to suit various purposes such as comfort, preservation, or plant growth. (2)



### Subsurface Irrigation

- + Minimizes water evaporation and weeds by targeting irrigation directly to the root zone.
- + Schedules were set by using LOCOMOS. (8)

- + Connects to the irrigation system, automatically turns off when it rains, and turns back on when the rain stops.
- + CPRSDBEX - Wired Rain Sensor
- + Set up the rainwater level height from  $\frac{1}{8}$  into  $\frac{3}{4}$  in.

### Optimizing Irrigation:

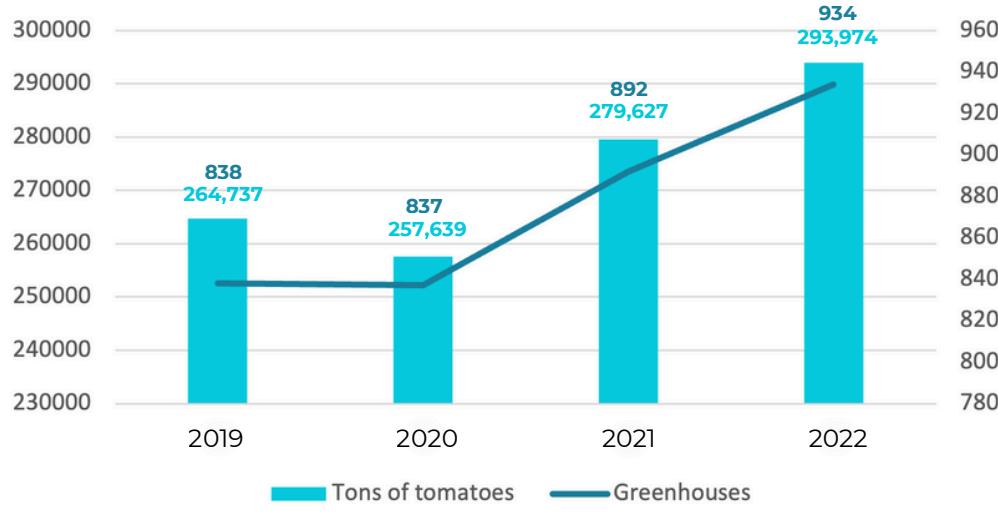
Utilizes real-time rainfall data to adjust irrigation, pausing or reducing watering when rain is detected, thereby conserving water and preventing overwatering.

### Reducing Runoff and Erosion:

Help farmers anticipate heavy rainfall events and implement erosion control measures. (10)

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

### The production of tomatoes in greenhouses in Canada in the last 4 years (11)



» In Canada, it could rise from **273,994 tons/year** to approximately **300,000 tons/year** in **the following years** with the application and control of tomato production data.  
*So, by applying this technology model in Vietnam, the yield is expected to increase significantly when fully implementing technology in agricultural production.*

## POTENTIAL IMPACT



**Economic:** Harnessing AI and Machinery in Greenhouse Operations for *Enhanced Crop Growth and Quality*: A Path to Elevating Vietnam's Agricultural Productivity and Economic Prosperity.



**Health:** Technology helps to keep vegetables and fruit in good condition throughout its development stage. Making it safe for consumers to consume and *retain as much nutrition as possible* in fruit and vegetable.



**Environment:** Planting in greenhouses reduces water usage, pesticide dependency, and carbon emissions while extending the growing season and *enhancing soil health*, promoting environmental *sustainability and resilience* in agriculture.

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