Automatic Irrigation System on Sensing
Soil Moisture Content

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Abstract - *This project on "Automatic Irrigation System on Sensing Soil Moisture Content" is intended to create an automated irrigation mechanism which turns the pumping motor ON and OFF on detecting the moisture content of the earth. In the domain of farming, utilization of appropriate means of irrigation is significant. The benefit of employing these techniques is to decrease human interference and still make certain appropriate irrigation. This automated irrigation project brings into play an Arduino board ATmega328 micro-controller ,is programmed to collect the input signal of changeable moisture circumstances of the earth via moisture detecting system.*

***Key Words*: Arduino, Irrigation, Soil Moisture Sensor, Automated Irrigation Mechanism.**

1. INTRODUCTION

Continuous increasing demand of food requires the control in highly specialized greenhouse vegetable rapid improvement in food production technology. In a production and it is a simple, precise method for country like India, where the economy is mainly based on irrigation. It also helps in time saving, removal of human agriculture and the climatic conditions are isotropic, still error in adjusting available soil moisture levels and to we are not able to make full use of agricultural resources. Maximize their net profits. The main reason is the lack of rains & scarcity of land Irrigation is the artificial application of water to the soil reservoir water. The continuous extraction of water from usually for assisting in growing crops. In crop production earth is reducing the water level due to which lot of land is it is mainly used in dry areas and in periods of rainfall coming slowly in the zones of un-irrigated land. Another shortfalls, but also to protect plants against frost. Very important reason of this is due to unplanned use of Types of Irrigation water due to which a significant amount of water goes to surface irrigation waste. Localized irrigation in modern drip irrigation systems, the most significant Drip Irrigation advantage is that water is supplied near the root zone of sprinkler irrigation. The plants drip by drip due to which a large quantity of water is saved. At the present era, the farmers have been the conventional irrigation methods like overhead using irrigation techniques in India through manual control sprinklers, flood type feeding systems usually wet the in which farmers irrigate the land at the regular intervals. Lower leaves and stem of the plants. The entire soil this process sometimes consumes more water or surface is saturated and often stays wet long after irrigation sometimes the water reaches late due to which crops is completed. Such condition promotes infections by leaf get dried. Water deficiency can be detrimental to plants mold fungi. On the contrary the drip or trickle irrigation is before visible wilting occurs. Slowed growth rate, lighter a type of modern irrigation technique that slowly applies weight fruit follows slight water deficiency. This problem small amounts of water to part of plant root zone. Water is can be perfectly rectified if we use automatic micro supplied frequently, often daily to maintain favorable soil controller based drip irrigation system in which the moisture condition and prevent moisture stress in the plant irrigation will take place only when there will be acute with proper use of water resources. Drip irrigation saves requirement of water because only the plant.

2. IRRIGATION

Little water is lost to deep percolation if the proper amount is applied. Drip irrigation is popular because it can Irrigation system uses valves to turn irrigation ON and increase yields and decrease both water requirements and OFF. These valves may be easily automated by using labor. Controllers and solenoids. Automating farm or nursery Drip irrigation requires about half of the water needed by irrigation allows farmers to apply the right amount of sprinkler or surface irrigation. Lower operating pressures water at the right time, regardless of the availability of and flow rates result in reduced energy costs.
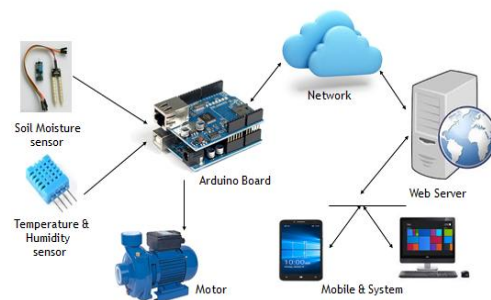
A higher labor to turn valves on and off. In addition, farmers using degree of water control is attainable. Automation equipment are able to reduce runoff from over Plants can be supplied with more precise amounts of watering saturated soils, avoid irrigating at the wrong time water. Disease and insect damage is reduced because plant of day, which will improve crop performance by ensuring foliage stays dry. Operating cost is usually reduced. Adequate water and nutrients when needed. Automatic Federations may continue during the irrigation process Drip Irrigation is a valuable tool for accurate soil moisture because rows between plants remain dry. The capacity of soil to retain water is a function of soil texture and structure. When removing a soil sample, the soil being evaluated is disturbed, so its water-holding capacity is altered. Indirect methods of measuring soil water are helpful as they allow information to be collected at the same location for many observations without disturbing the soil water system. Content without any need for soil density determination. The new soil moisture sensor uses Immersion Gold which protects he nickel from oxidation. Electrodes nickel immersion Fig. 1 Overview of Automated Irrigation System gold (ENIG) has several advantages over more conventional (and cheaper) surface plating such as The above fig 1 explains about important parameters to be HASL (solder), including excellent surface planarity measured for automation of irrigation system are soil (particularly helpful for PCB's with large BGA packages), moisture. The entire field is first divided into small good oxidation resistance, and usability for untreated sections such that each section should contain one contact surfaces such as membrane switches and contact moisture sensor. These sensors are buried in the ground at points required depth. Once the soil has reached desired moisture a soil moisture sensor can read the amount of level the sensors send a signal to the micro controller to moisture present in the soil surrounding it. It's a low tech turn on the relays, which control the motor. Sensor but ideal for monitoring an urban garden, or your .In proposed system, automated irrigation pet plant's water level. This is a must have tool for a mechanism which turns the pumping motor ON and OFF connected garden. On detecting the dampness content of the earth. In this sensor uses the two probes to pass current through domain of farming, utilization of appropriate means of the soil, and then it reads that resistance to get the irrigation is significant. The benefit of employing moisture level. More water makes the soil conduct these techniques is to decrease human interference. Electricity more easily (less resistance), while dry soil this automated irrigation project, the soil sensor senses conducts electricity poorly (more resistance). The moisture content by giving input signal to an Arduino board which operates on ATmega328 micro-controller, is programmed to collect the input signal of changeable dampness circumstances of the earth via dampness detecting system. Because this method is based on ultimately profit. , it is the standard with which all other methods are compared.

3. SOIL MOISTURE

Soil moisture is an important component in the Atmospheric water cycle, both on a small agricultural scale and in large-scale modelling of land/atmosphere interaction. Vegetation and crops always depend more on the moisture available at root level than on precipitation occurrence. Water budgeting for irrigation planning, as well as the actual scheduling of irrigation action, requires local soil moisture information. Knowledge of the degree of soil wetness helps to forecast the risk of flash floods, or the occurrence of fog. Fig. 2 Block diagram of the system Soil water content is an expression of the mass or volume. The above fig 2 shows Microcontroller based irrigation of water in the soil, while the soil water potential is a system proves to be a real time feedback control system expression of the soil water energy status. The relation which monitors and controls all the activities of drip between content and potential is not universal and depends irrigation system efficiently. The present proposal is a on the characteristics of the local soil, such as soil density model to modernize the agriculture industries on a small and soil texture. Scale with optimum expenditure. Using this system, one the basic technique for measuring soil water content is the can save manpower, water to improve production and gravimetric method. Because this method is based on ultimately profit. Direct measurements, it is the standard with which all other methods are compared.

4. RESULT

Irrigation becomes easy, accurate and practical with the same soil sample impossible. Because of the idea above shared and can be implemented in agricultural difficulties of accurately measuring dry soil and water fields in future to promote agriculture to next level. The Volumes, volumetric water contents are not usually output from moisture sensor and level system plays major determined directly. Role in producing the output.

5. CONCLUSION

The primary applications for this project are for farmers and gardeners who do not have enough time to water their Crops/plants. It also covers those farmers who are wasteful of water during irrigation. The project can be extended to greenhouses where manual supervision is far and few in between. The principle can be extended to create fully automated gardens and farmlands. Combined with the principle of rain water harvesting, it could lead to huge water savings if applied in the right manner. In agricultural lands with severe shortage of rainfall, this model can be successfully applied to achieve great results with most types of soil.

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