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## Expectation of Rice Pod Production in Iraq by Using Time Series

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### Abstract ;

The research aims to shed light on the reality of the production of Rice pods in Iraq during the period of time (1943-2019) and its development with time, then predict the production of Rice pods based on three Models of prediction Models, which are the time regression Model on production, in addition to studying the effect of harvested area on production quantities. Then forecasting the production of the Rice pods according to the Model of the regression of the harvested area on the production, the Autoregression Model, and the integrative moving averages (Box Jenkins Models), and in the end the comparison between the expected values of production through the three Models to know the best Model to represent the time series of production of the Rice pods, through the use of the statistical program (SPSS), Based on annual secondary data represented by the quantities of Rice pods, and the size of the harvested areas of this material in Iraq for the period from 1945 until 2019 obtained from (Central Statistical Organization, Iraq, 2020)

**Keyword:** Autoregression Model, Rice pods, analysis methods, integrative moving averages, Box Jenkins Models

### 1-Introduction

Rice pods are considered one of the main crops and of the group of grains and have special importance among the summer crops. Its cultivation is concentrated in the governorates of the Middle Euphrates, especially in the governorates of Najaf and Qadisiyah. Water, as the abundance of water, plays an important role in the cultivation and production of rice pods in Iraq, and the unavailability of the required quantity of water at the specified time causes the amount of local production to fluctuate (Central Statistical Organization, 2020). In light of the fluctuation of the number of its products locally in the recent period, which may affect the supply of its products locally, and in order to obtain accurate forecasts, this requires a thorough analytical study of statistical models. Models in which to deal with time series and contributed widely in making the Autoregression models and integrative moving averages, which write an acronym ARMA. In order to find a model for predicting the quantities of rice produced in tons, the modern analysis methods are used based on Regression and the Box & Jenkins methodology because it is one of the most important methods used for forecasting in time series, in order to predict the quantities of rice produced. Therefore, the current study is an applied study due to its application of the concept of modeling time series through actual data. It was obtained from its primary source in forecasting the quantities of future production.

### 1.2 Research problem:

The fluctuation in the amount of domestic production of rice pods is due to the lack of rain and the lack of water coming into Iraq from the sources of the Tigris and Euphrates, Many provinces that grow rice, have been prevented in the past few years, and therefore the cultivation of rice pods have become in need of study and analysis, especially since its economic return It is a large source of livelihood for many farmers, as a result of that the quantities of rice pods in the Iraqi market decreased. Therefore, The research problem lies in Finding the best Model for the time series of production of Rice pods by comparing forecasting Models and Using the optimal Model in forecasting the production of Rice pods in Iraq in the future.

### 1.3 Methodology [10],[11],[6],[15][14]:

Regression Model and (Box & Jenkins) Methodology will be used to predict the amount of Rice pods produced in Iraq, as it will deal with the series of the annual quantity of Rice Pods and the size of harvested areas and arrive at the appropriate Model that represents this series to determine and reconcile the optimal Model for forecasting in the future, according to the four stages of the Box & Jenkins methodology, and the analysis of the study data will be based on the statistical program SPSS.



#### 1.4 Research Hypotheses :

The research deals with the following hypotheses

- 1- There is a statistically significant relationship between production and time that can be used to estimate future forecast of production quantities.
- 2- There is a statistically significant relationship between harvested area and time that can be used to predict the future harvested area.
- 3- There is a statistically significant relationship between production and harvested area that can be used to estimate future forecast of production quantities.
- 4- The proposed Model for Autoregression and complementary moving averages (Box Jenkins Models) is considered the best Model for predicting the production of Rice pods in Iraq.
- 5- The Autoregression Model and the integrative moving averages are the best Model for predicting the future quantities of production compared to the regression Models.

#### 2.The development of Rice pods production quantities in Iraq over time[6],[5],[4].

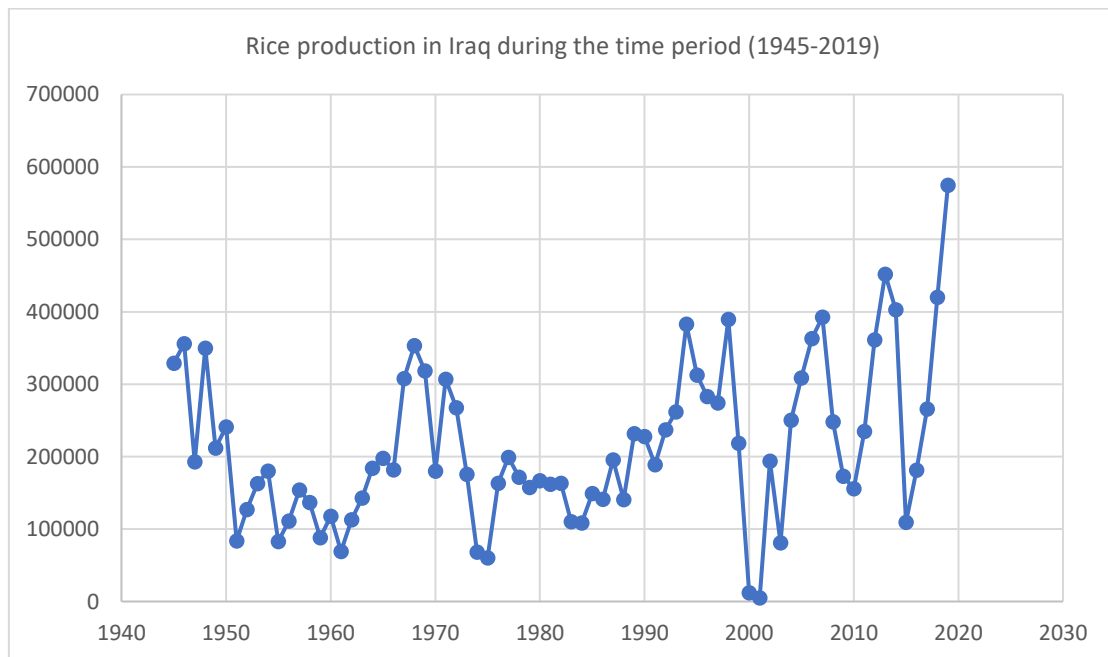
We will study the regression of the time series for the production of Rice pods in Iraq during the time period (1945 - 2019) as a dependent variable and time as an independent variable. The following table includes the production of Rice pods in Iraq between (1945-2019):

Production	The year	Production	The year
329000	1945	195600	1987
356000	1946	140635	1988
193000	1947	231757	1989
350000	1948	227818	1990
212000	1949	189103	1991
241000	1950	237295	1992
84000	1951	261902	1993
127000	1952	382865	1994
163000	1953	312804	1995
180000	1954	282935	1996
83000	1955	274255	1997
111000	1956	389475	1998
154000	1957	218484	1999
137000	1958	12398	2000
88000	1959	4900	2001
118000	1960	193767	2002
69000	1961	81315	2003
113000	1962	250275	2004
143000	1963	308660	2005
184000	1964	363338	2006
198000	1965	392803	2007
182000	1966	248157	2008

308000	1967	173074	2009
353500	1968	155829	2010
318300	1969	235118	2011
180100	1970	361339	2012
306800	1971	451849	2013
267800	1972	403028	2014
175870	1973	109209	2015
68340	1974	181320	2016
60540	1975	265852	2017
163360	1976	420278	2018
199240	1977	574705	2019
171950	1978		
157800	1979		
166900	1980		
162200	1981		
163400	1982		
110500	1983		
108700	1984		
149300	1985		
141200	1986		

**Table 1:** production of Rice pods in Iraq between (1945-2019)

We draw the time series for the production of the Rice pods during the studied period of time as:



**Figure(1)**the time series for the production of the Rice pods

The graph shows that there is a clear fluctuation in the development of Rice pods production over time, especially in the period from 2000 until 2003, but production has increased again in the last three years.

In the study of the evolution of the production of Rice pods material over time, that is, the study of the relationship between the production of Rice pods As a dependent variable and time as an independent variable, by using program SPSS, we obtain the following results:

#### Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	,324 <sup>a</sup>	,105	,093	104389,059

#### ANOVA<sup>b</sup>

Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1 Regression	93298020378,	1	93298020378,	8,562,	005 <sup>a</sup>
Residual	795486526976	7310897075712,	0		
Total	888784547355	74			

#### Coefficient

Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients		T	Sig.
	B	Std. Error	Beta			
1 Constant	152503,085	24350,729			6,263,	000
Year	1629,197	556,791	,324		2,926,	005

a value of the time correlation coefficient was 0.324, which is a positive and weak correlation. And Upon testing the significance of this coefficient, we found that sig = 0.005, which is less than the significance level of 0.05, indicating that the coefficient of correlation between production and time is statistically significant at a significance level of 0.05.

As for the value of the coefficient of determination  $R^2$ , it reached 0.105, meaning that approximately 10% of the changes in the production of Rice pods go back to time, while the remainder of the percentage is due to other factors that were not taken into account.

We also note from the coefficients table that the significant values of the constants of the regression equation, the constant, and the slope are less than 0.05, that is, they are statistically significant at the level of significance 0.05, which proves the validity of the first hypothesis. Through the table of analysis of variance, it becomes clear to us that there is a linear relationship between the production of Rice pods and time, through which we can predict the future production of Rice pods, and thus the regression equation between time and production of Rice pods is as follows:

$$Y = 152503,085 + 1629,197 T$$

Through this Model, we can predict the production of Rice pods in Iraq during the next five years, so we get the following table:

Table2: predict the production of Rice pods in Iraq for five years

Expected production	The year	Expected production	The year
281209,63301	2023	276322,04259	2020
282838,82982	2024	277951,23940	2021
284468,02662	2025	279580,43620	2022

### 3-Evolution of areas harvested with Rice pods in Iraq with time

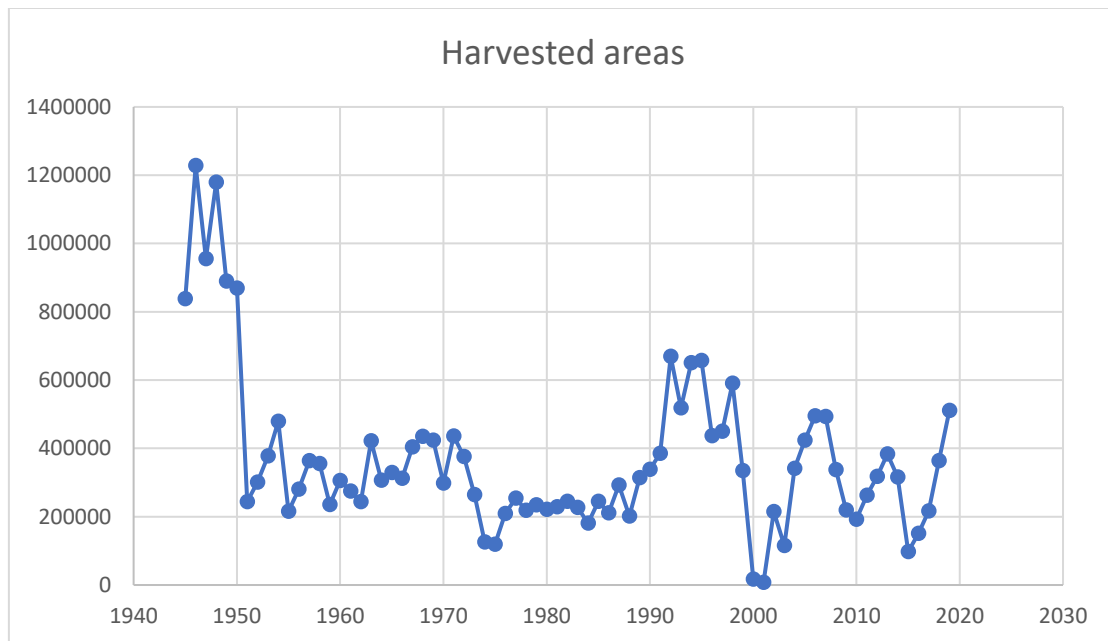
We will study the development of harvested area production in relation to time in order to predict areas during the next five years to be used in the future prediction of Rice pods when we apply the simple regression equation between the production of Rice pods and the harvested areas. The following table includes the areas harvested with Rice pods in Iraq between (1945-2019)

Harvested area	The year	Harvested area	The year
220509.61	1945	293000	1987
216597.65	1946	201915	1988
212685.69	1947	314189	1989
208773.73	1948	338746	1990
204861.78	1949	385454	1991
200949.82	1950	669533	1992
244000	1951	518607	1993
301000	1952	651020	1994
378000	1953	657398	1995
479000	1954	436580	1996
216000	1955	450086	1997
280000	1956	591186	1998
364000	1957	334468	1999
355000	1958	16803	2000
235000	1959	8055	2001
306000	1960	214585	2002
275000	1961	115802	2003
244000	1962	341806	2004
422000	1963	424250	2005
307000	1964	495034	2006
329000	1965	493108	2007
312000	1966	337408	2008
404000	1967	219600	2009

435100	1968	191895	2010
423900	1969	262980	2011
298300	1970	317884	2012
436300	1971	383231	2013
376300	1972	315795	2014
264445	1973	97560	2015
125660	1974	150922	2016
119520	1975	217133	2017
209630	1976	363912	2018
253940	1977	510691	2019
218870	1978		
234800	1979		
221800	1980		
229000	1981		
245000	1982		
227200	1983		
181000	1984		
245200	1985		
210700	1986		

**Table 3:** the areas harvested with Rice pods in Iraq between (1945-2019)

The Figure ( 2) shows that there is a clear fluctuation in the evolution of harvested areas over time, especially in the time period from 2000 to 2003, but they have increased again in the last three years.



**Figure ( 2) :** The evolution of Harvested areas over time

The study of the evolution of the harvested area over time, that is, the study of the relationship between the harvested area

As a dependent variable and time as an independent variable, we obtain the following results:

#### Model Summary

Model	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	,368 <sup>a</sup>	,135	,124
			216867,493

#### ANOVA<sup>b</sup>

Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	537915061261,9	1	537915061261,811	,437,001 <sup>a</sup>
	Residual	3433300188519,173	4703	1509431,7	
	Total	3971215249780,974			

the correlation coefficient value with time was 0.368, It is an inverse and weak correlation, And when the significance of this coefficient was tested, we found that the value of the sig=0.001, It is less than the significance level 0.05, which indicates the correlation coefficient, Between area harvested and time is statistically significant at a significance level of 0.05. As for the value of the coefficient of determination, it reached 0.135, meaning that approximately 13% of the changes in the harvested area date back to the time, while the remainder of the percentage is due to other factors that were not taken into account. We also note from the coefficients table that the significant values of the constants in the regression equation the constant and the slope were less than 0.05, meaning that they are statistically significant at the level of significance 0.05, which proves the validity of the second hypothesis.

We notice through the analysis of variance table it becomes clear to us that there is a linear relationship between the harvested area and time through which we can predict the future harvested area, and thus the regression equation between time and harvested area is as follows:

$$Y = 517818,419 - 3911,958 T$$

Through this Model, we can predict the area harvested with raw Rice pods in Iraq during the next five years, and thus we get the following table:

The projected harvested area	The year	The Projected harvested area	The year
208773,73382	2023	220509,60793	2020
204861,77578	2024	216597,64989	2021
200949,81774	2025	212685,69185	2022

**Table 4:** predict the area harvested with raw Rice pods in Iraq for five years

#### 4. Studying the relationship between the production of Rice pods and the harvested areas in Iraq

The following table includes the dependent variable production and the independent variable the harvested areas with Rice pods in Iraq between the years (1945,2019):

Production	Harvested area	The year	Production	Harvested area	The year
329000	220509.61	1945	195600	293000	1987
356000	216597.65	1946	140635	201915	1988
193000	212685.69	1947	231757	314189	1989
350000	208773.73	1948	227818	338746	1990
212000	204861.78	1949	189103	385454	1991
241000	200949.82	1950	237295	669533	1992
84000	244000	1951	261902	518607	1993
127000	301000	1952	382865	651020	1994
163000	378000	1953	312804	657398	1995
180000	479000	1954	282935	436580	1996
83000	216000	1955	274255	450086	1997
111000	280000	1956	389475	591186	1998
154000	364000	1957	218484	334468	1999
137000	355000	1958	12398	16803	2000
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171950	218870	1978			
157800	234800	1979			
166900	221800	1980			
162200	229000	1981			
163400	245000	1982			
110500	227200	1983			
108700	181000	1984			
149300	245200	1985			
141200	210700	1986			

**Table 5:** the production and the harvested areas with Rice pods in Iraq (1945,2019)

Based on the data presented in the previous table, this relationship was analyzed using the SPSS program, the results of the analysis were as follows:

#### Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square
1	,555 <sup>a</sup>	,308	,299

#### ANOVA<sup>b</sup>

Model	Sum of Squares	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1 Regression	274051378778,7	1	274051378778,7	32,544	,000 <sup>a</sup>
Residual	614733168576,3	73	8421002309,2		
Total	888784547355,0	74			

#### Coefficient

Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients		Sig.
	B	Std. Error	Beta	T	
1 Constant	117434,471	20031,664		5,862	,000
Fläche	,263	,046	,555	5,705	,000

The coefficient of correlation with time was 0.555, which is a positive and median relationship. When testing the significance of this coefficient, we found that the value of  $\text{sig} = 0.000$  is less than the significance level of 0.05, which indicates that the correlation coefficient between the production of the Rice pods and the harvested area is statistically significant at a significance level of 0.05. As for the value of the coefficient of determination, it amounted to 0.308, meaning that more than 30% of the changes in Rice pods production are due to the harvested areas, while the rest of the percentage is due to other factors that were not taken into account.

We also note from the coefficients table that the significant values of the constants of the constant regression equation and slope were less than 0.05, meaning that they are statistically significant at a significance level of 0.05, which proves the validity of the third hypothesis.

Through the analysis table of variance, it becomes clear to us that there is a linear relationship between the Rice production and the harvested area, and this relationship is significant at the level of statistical significance 0.05, and accordingly, through which we can predict the future production of the Rice, and thus the regression equation between the Rice production and the harvested area is as follows:

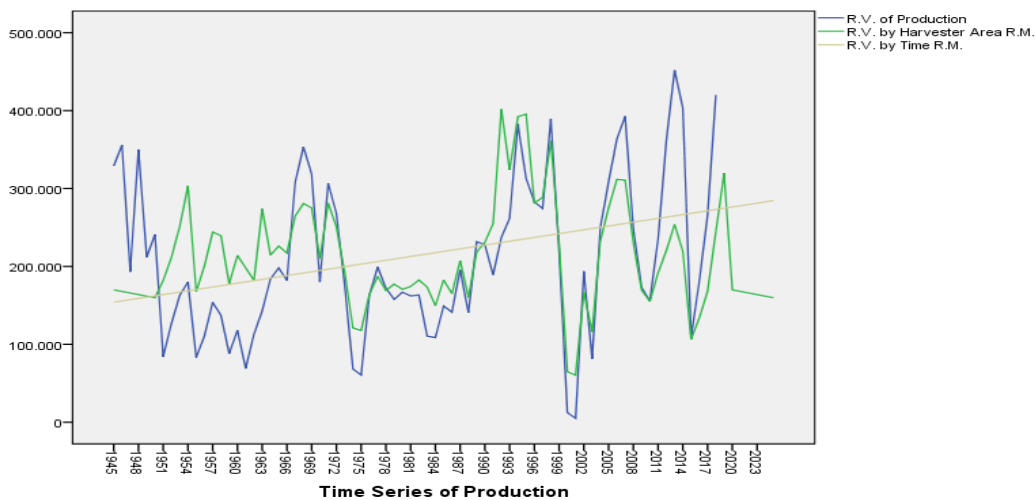
$$Y = 117434,471 + 0,263X$$

Through this Model, we can predict the harvested area in Iraq during the next five years, so we get the following table:

Projected harvested area	Expected production	The year
220509,61	169970,86	2020
216597,65	167950,69	2021
212685,69	165930,53	2022
208773,73	163910,36	2023
204861,78	161890,21	2024
200949,82	159870,04	2025

**Table 6:**The predict the Harvested area in Iraq

We notice from the table that the production of Rice is decreasing with the decrease in the harvested area, and this matter is due to the decrease in the harvested area from year to year. In order to compare the two regression Models, which is better, to represent the time series of production of Rice, draw the following Figure:

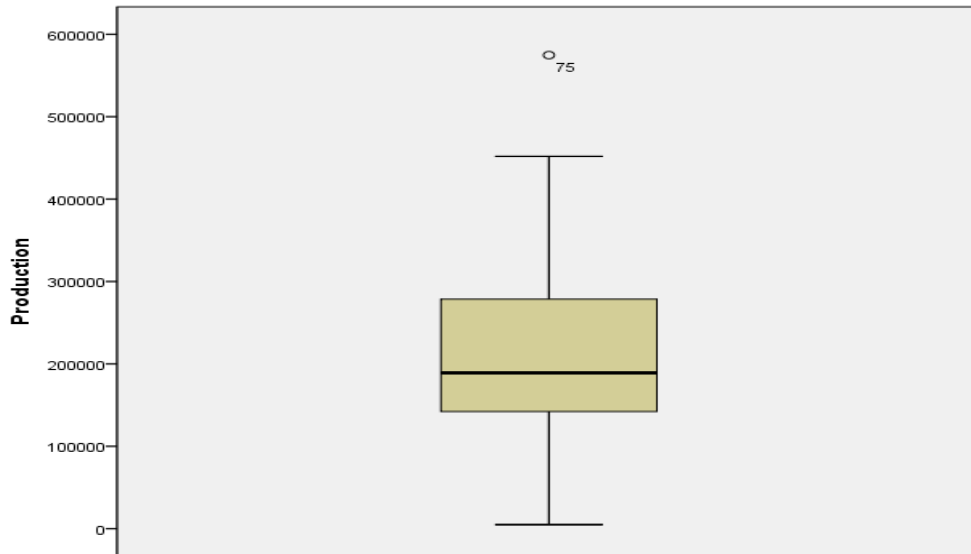


**Figure3:** time series of production

We note that the harvest area regression Model is better than the time regression Model on production as its data are closer to the real values of production.

**5. Use Autoregression Integrated Moving Average Models (ARIMA) to Predict the production of Rice[13],[15],[14],[11]**

By showing, the Figure (4) of the time series, the Box shape to detect the existence of extreme values in the quantities of production of the Rice for the period studied, and we get the following:

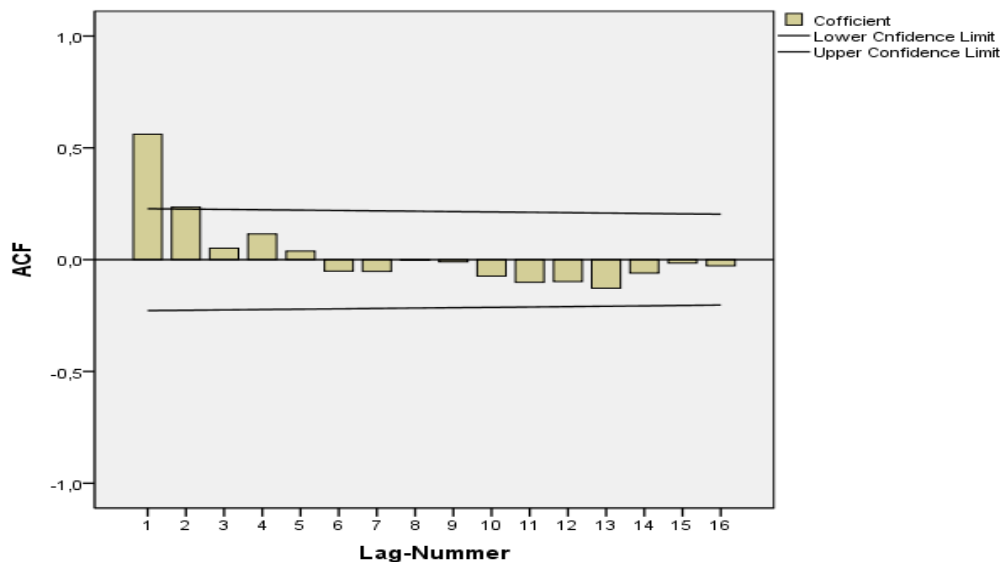


**Figure 4:** the box plot for time sires

We notice from the Figure the presence of outliers, which is observation number 75, which corresponds to the year 2019, which is an extreme value, so we delete it and study only the time series within the period (1945-2018), and then we make a prediction until 2025.

**5.1 Stability analysis[11],[9][6]**

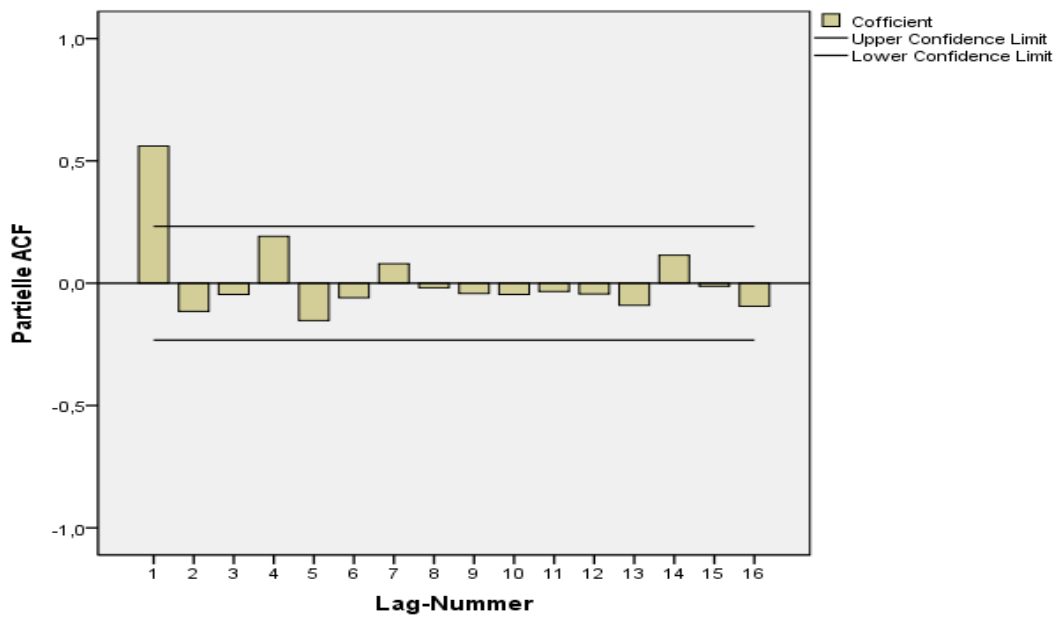
It can be seen from Figure (1) of the time series for the production of the Rice that the series is somewhat stable, and to ensure the stability of the chain or not, we find the autocorrelation coefficients and the partial self-correlation coefficients at 16-time slots:



**Figure(5)** :shows the autocorrelation coefficients for the production of Rice at 16 -time slots

It is clear from the autoregressive form that the time series is stable as the autocorrelation coefficients slope towards zero exponentially with the change of the signal, but there is one significant value, which is the value of the first autocorrelation coefficient.

As for the form of partial self-association, it is as follows:



**Figure (6):** the partial autocorrelation coefficients for production of Rice at 16 time slots

We notice from the form of partial autocorrelation that the autocorrelation coefficients slope exponentially towards zero and that there is one significant value, which is the value of the first partial autocorrelation coefficient.

It is clear to us through the two forms of self-correlation and partial self-correlation that the time series is stable and there is no need to take differences, and it is clear that there is one significant value in the form of self-correlation, which is the value of the first self-correlation coefficient, and there is also one significant value in the form of partial self-correlation, which is the value of the coefficient. The first partial self-correlation, which suggests to us that the proposed Model for producing Rice pods in Iraq is the following Model:  $ARMA(1,1)$  and it's the same Model : $ARIMA(1,0,1)$

**5.2 Get to know the Model[16],[6],[10][11],[18],[19],[20]**

As we said, it appears that the appropriate suggested Model for the time series is  $ARMA(1,1)$

**5.3 Study the proposed Model  $ARMA(1,1)$**

Depending on the two forms of autocorrelation and partial autocorrelation, the Model was determined  $ARMA(1,1)$  As a proposed Model for a time series. By studying this Model, we obtain the following results:

**Model-Statistic**

Statistics		Ljung-Box	
ModelR-Square	MAPE	Normal BIC	StatisticsDfSig.
,354	83,47722,900	8,235	16,942

**Parameter ARIMA-Model**

	Estimate	St. Error	t	Sig.
ModelConstant	164141,57840055,6634,098,000			
AR Lag 1	1,442	,190	2,327,023	
MA Lag 1	-,184	,208	-,885,379	

The results show that the parameters of the proposed Model are statistically substantial only for the constant and Autoregression ones, as for the moving averages coefficient AM It is not significant, as its significant value reached 0.379, which is greater than 0.05, so we say that the proposed Model is not the best Model, and we study the Model after excluding the moving averages coefficient, which is the Model ARMA(1,0)

**5.4 Study the Model ARMA(1, 0).**

By studying this model, we obtain the following results:

**Model-Statistics**

Statistics	Ljung-Box-Q(18)		
ModelR-SquareMAPE	NormalBIC	Statistics	Df Sig.
,344	87,80422,843	9,817	17,911

**Parameter ARIMA-Model**

	Estimate	St. Er	t	Sig.
ModelConstant	166696,70442974,4133,879,000			
AR Lag 1	1,565	,100	5,631,000	

We note that the coefficients of the Model are statistically significant, which are the onstant and the Autoregression coefficient, the value of BIC = 22,843 which is less than the value of BIC = 22.90, for the production of the Rice of the proposed Model, meaning that ARMA (1, 1) is the best Model for representing and predicting the time series.

We will now study the two adjacent Models, the higher Model and the lower Model, and since there is no inferior Model, therefore we will only study the higher Model, which is ARMA(2, 1) As the supreme Model ARMA(1, 0)

**5.6 Study the Model ARMA(2, 1):** We study the indicators and parameters of the top Model, so we get the following tables:

**Model-Statistic**

Statistics	Ljung-Box-Q(18)		
ModelR-SquareMAPE	NormalBIC	Statistics	Df Sig.
,362	78,31122,960	8,630	15,896

**Parameter ARIMA-Model**

	Estimate	St. Er	t	Sig.
ModelConstan	159966,53334713,0544,608			,000
t				
AR Lag 1,	936	,588	1,591	,116
Lag 2-	,333	,321	-1,035,	304
MALag 1,	286	,614	,466	,643

We note that all the parameters of the Model are not statistically significant, and the value of  $BIC = 22,960$  It is greater than the value  $BIC = 22,843$  For the Model ARMA(1,0), Thus, we can say that the best Model for studying and predicting the time series of Rice production in Iraq is the Autoregression Model of the first degree ARMA(1,0). The following table represents the predicted production values up to 2025 using the optimized Model, ARMA (0,1):

Expected production	The year
352889	2019
315358	2020
294706	2021
283593	2022
277874	2023
275202	2024
274254	2025

**Table(7):** represents the predicted production values up to 2025 using the optimized Model, ARMA (0,1)

The results showed that we could not predict the proposed Model (the proposed Model is the Model that we proposed depending on the two forms of the self-correlation coefficients and the partial self-correlation), but the ideal Model through which we can predict the Model to production is ARIMA (1, 0), That is, the hypothesis was not fulfilled.

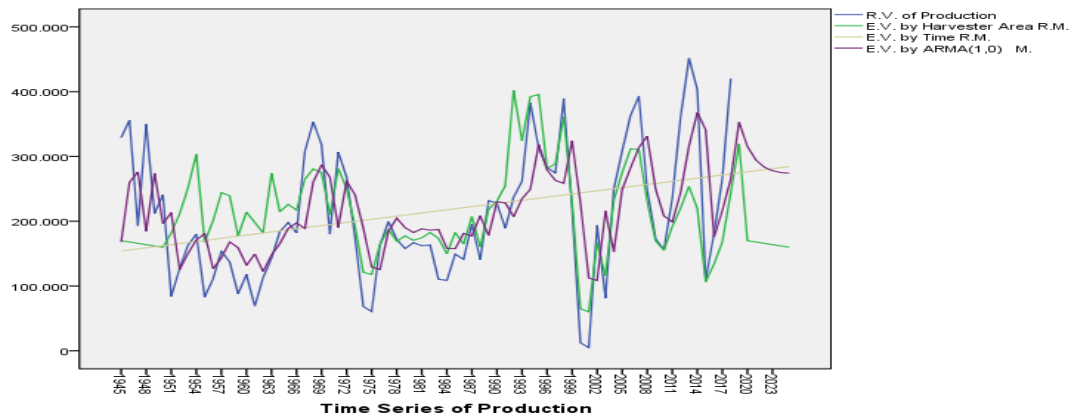
**6. Comparison between regression Models and the Box Jenkins Model for production of Rice**

In this research, we used three Models to predict the production of Rice in Iraq, namely:

- 1- Time regression Model on production.
- 2- A Model of regression of harvested area on production.
- 3- Autoregression Models and integrative moving averages (Box Jenkins Models).

In order to know the best regression Model for the production of Rice, we compare the results of the three Models to see how their results match the actual data of production, by drawing a graph of the expected values according to the three Models.

The following Figure shows the expected values of Rice production:



**Figure 7:** Comparison between all Models for Rice production

It is evident from the graph that the expected values using the Autoregression Model and the integrative moving averages is the ideal Model for predicting the production of the reed compared to the time regression and harvested area regression Models, because the values expected using this Model of the Autoregression Model and the integrative moving averages are the closest and almost apply to the real values of production during The study period.

Which proves the validity of the fourth hypothesis saying

The Autoregression Model and integrative moving averages are the best Model for predicting future quantities of production compared to regression Models.

## 7. Results and Discussion

The study and analysis of the time series for the production of Rice pods during the time period (1945-2019) showed the following:

- 1- There is a statistically significant relationship between Rice production and time, which is a direct relationship, but it is weak, meaning that there are other reasons that are more influential on the production of Rice than the time factor.
- 2- The existence of a statistically significant correlation between the harvested area and time, but this relationship is inverse and weak, meaning that the harvested area decreases with time, in addition to the weakness of this relationship indicates the presence of other factors that affect the harvested area more than the time factor.
- 3- The presence of a significant correlation between the production of material Rice and the harvested area, and this relationship is positive and average.
- 4- The factor of harvested area affects more than the effect of the time factor on the production of Rice, and this is evident by comparing the value of the two determination factors. That is, the harvested area explains 30% of the changes in Rice production.
- 5- The study showed that the Autoregression Model and the proposed integrative moving averages depending on the two forms of self-correlation and partial self-correlation was not the ideal Model because the parameters of the Model were not significant as required, so we cannot predict the proposed Model.
- 6- The study showed that the ideal Model for studying the time series for the production of Rice and its future prediction is the Model ARMA(0,1) Rifle production was predicted with this Model until 2025.
- 7- A comparison was made between the two regression Models, which is the best to study the series. The Model of rampage of the harvested area on the production of Rice was the best Model compared to the Model of time regression of the production of reeds, and this is evident by comparing the real values of production of reeds and both of the estimated values of production of reeds through the Models of time regression and ramp of harvested area.

8- A comparison was fully made between the three Models that were predicted for the time series of production, so the Autoregression Model and the integrative moving averages were the best Model compared to the two Models of regression, harvested area and time, where the data of the Autoregression Model and the integrative moving averages were the closest to representing the series data through The period studied is almost applicable to the graph line of the real values of production, compared to the graph of the time regression and the graph of the harvested area regression.

## 8- Conclusions

- 1- The bodies working in the field of producing Rice pods must identify the factors that greatly affect the production of this material, as the apparent fluctuation of the production of Rice pods in Iraq is due to multiple factors that cannot be limited to the factors of time and harvested area, which makes it necessary to determine the factors affecting significantly And finding ways to treat it is of utmost importance.
- 2 - Conduct a comprehensive survey of the harvested areas, find out the reasons that lead to their decrease, and address these reasons to reduce the decrease in areas, as the increase in areas leads to an increase in the production of material Rice.
- 3- Providing sufficient support for farmers and institutions working in the field of producing Rice pods so that production becomes a goal sought by many, which leads to increased production and a surplus of this material in Iraq, as well as exporting the surplus, which supplies the state treasury with the foreign pieces necessary for the development process in all Domains.

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**Appendix:** Abbreviated symbols

Real values of production	R.V. of production
Real values by the harvested area regression Model	R.V. of harvested area R.M.
Real values by The limits regression Model	R.V. by time R.M
Estimated values using the time regression Model	E.v.by time sires