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16. Abstract  Five models based on multiple regression were developed to estimate wheat yields for the five wheat-growing provinces of Argentina. Meteorological data sets were obtained for each province by averaging data for stations within each province. Predictor variables for the models were derived from monthly total precipitation, average monthly mean temperature, and average monthly maximum temperature. Buenos Aires was the only province for which a "trend variable" was included because of increasing trend in yield due to technology from 1950 to 1963.					
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ARGENTINA WHEAT YIELD MODELS

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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this study was to select monthly weather variables that could be used in models to predict wheat yields for the five main wheat-growing provinces of Argentina: Buenos Aires, Cordoba, Entre Rios, La Pampa and Santa Fe (see Figure 1). Each province was treated as a separate entity.

Most of Argentina's wheat-growing area is located in a humid subtropical climate known as the Pampa Humida. High temperatures in the winter can have an adverse effect on the wheat yield in the northern sections. Excessive rainfall in Entre Rios, where annual rainfall ranges from 900 to 1100 mm, can also be a problem during the growing season. The western edge of the wheat area, however, is semi-arid with warm to hot summers. There, drought and high temperatures can be a problem during the growing season.

Wheat is planted from early May through July. Harvest is generally from November through January.

## METHOD

Three indices representing available soil moisture, monthly precipitation, and monthly maximum temperature (Sakamoto, 1976) were used in multiple regression models. They include: monthly Z-index, ET (evapotranspiration) minus ET (climatically appropriate evapotranspiration), and precipitation minus PET (potential evapotranspiration). Terms are defined in the Appendix. Large positive Z-index, P-PET, and ET-ET values suggest wet conditions.

The regression equation is:

$$\hat{Y} = \alpha + B_1T + B_2TX_i + B_3R_i + B_4Z_i + B_5 (P-PET)_i + B_6 (ET-ET)_i + E$$

where

$$\hat{Y} = \text{Estimated yield,}$$

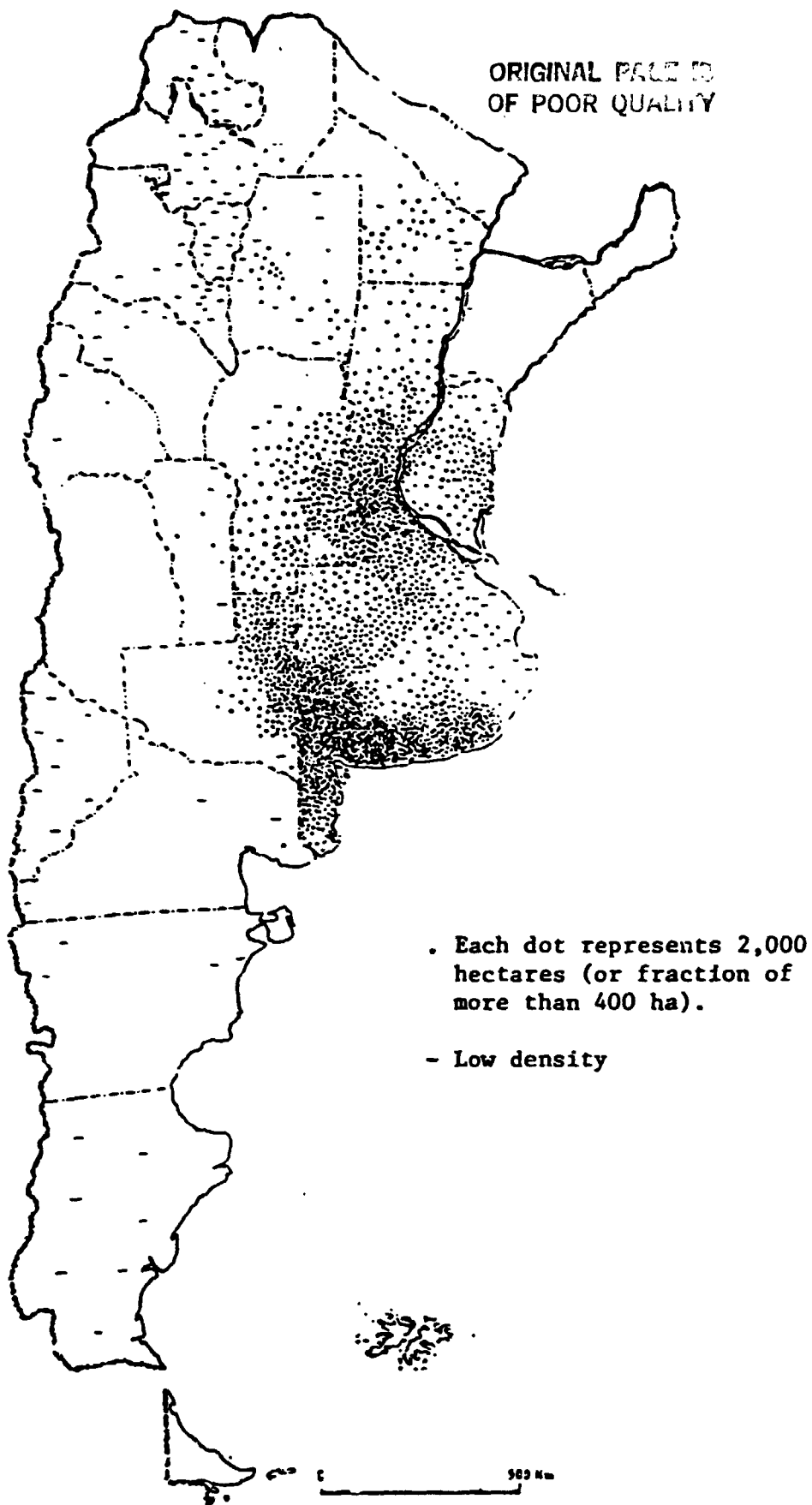


Figure 1. Density of area sown to wheat in Argentina, 1971-72.  
(Total area in wheat: 4,986,000 ha)

- $\alpha$  = Constant,  
 $B_j$  = Coefficients of the variables  $j = 1-6$ ,  
 $T$  = Trend,  
 $TX_i$  = Maximum temperature for month  $i$ ,  
 $R_i$  = Total precipitation for month  $i$ ,  
 $Z_i$  = Z-index for month  $i$ ,  
 $(P-PET)_i$  = Precipitation minus PET for month  $i$ ,  
 $(ET-\hat{ET})_i$  = ET minus  $\hat{ET}$  for month  $i$ , where  $\hat{ET} = K \cdot PET$  and  $K = \overline{ET}/\overline{PET}$ ,  
 and  
 $E$  = Unexplained error.

Separate data sets were used for each province. Variables tried and selected for each model differed according to the climate and agricultural practices of each province. Buenos Aires was the only province for which a trend variable was included.

In developing the models, various procedures of the Statistical Analysis System (SAS Institute Inc., 1979) were used. The procedures used and the operations performed with each are listed in the Appendix. Combinations of variables with the highest  $R^2$  which included variables significant at (or close to) the 10 percent level and those agronomically meaningful were chosen for the models.

#### DATA

The Argentina crop data were obtained through the Latin American Branch of the Economic Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (M. Mielke, personal communication, 1980). The crop data set used was set up with the year of yield as the year of harvest. The growing season in Argentina may extend into January of the following year before harvest begins. Our interest is in the year of planting and when the weather impacts the crop, which in this case would be year-1.

Meteorological data were prepared using several different sources, including Monthly Climatic Data for the World and the Servicio Meteorological Nacional in Argentina (R.E. Jensen, C.M. Sakamoto and S.E. Mummert; August 1974). The years between 1950 and 1970 were used to model since the greatest number of stations had the most complete meteorological data for these years. From a general meteorological data file of Argentina stations, separate data sets were created for each of the five wheat provinces. Table 1 lists the stations and weights used to derive each meteorological data set. Groups of stations were weighted according to the contribution of their area to the country's wheat production. Figure 2 shows the location of each station.

#### YIELD MODELS

##### Buenos Aires

A plot of yield vs. year for Buenos Aires reveals an increasing trend in technology from 1950 to about 1963 (see Figure 3). Therefore, a "trend variable" was chosen for this period.

The model for Buenos Aires was one of the most difficult to define, probably because this province covers such a large territory. Plots of possible weather variables versus detrended yield did not indicate any significant linear relationships. Variables that one would be inclined to choose on the basis of crop calendar and critical weather during growing season did not show strong correlations with yield.

After trying many combinations of variables in regressions, the following model was selected:

Linear Trend 1950-1963	
ETMETH4.....	April ET minus $\hat{E}T$
R7.....	July total precipitation
ZINDEX8.....	August Z-index
TX9.....	September average maximum temperature.

The signs of the coefficients of the model seem reasonable. The negative coefficient in July indicates too much rain during planting has a negative

BUENOS AIRES

Pergamino  
Junin  
San Miguel  
Buenos Aires Averaged and weighted 25%  
Nueve de Julio  
Trenque Lauquen  
Las Flores

Patagones  
Fortin Mercedes  
Tres Arroyas Averaged and weighted 55%  
Trenque Lauquen  
Macachin

Azul  
Tres Arroyas Averaged and weighted 20%  
Balcarce

CORDOBA

Pilar  
Bell Ville Averaged  
Rio Cuarto  
Trenque Lauquen

ENTRE RIOS

La Paz  
Concordia  
Parana Averaged  
Las Delicias  
Victoria

LA PAMPA

Patagones  
Santa Rosa  
Macachin  
General Acha Averaged  
Fortin Mercedes  
Victorica  
Trenque Lauquen

SANTA FE

Ceres  
Esperanza Averaged and weighted 23%  
Angel Gallardo  
Bell Ville  
  
Bell Ville  
Rosario Averaged and weighted 77%  
Casilda  
Pergamino

Table 1. Meteorological Stations and Weights Used to Develop Regression Models for Argentina Wheat



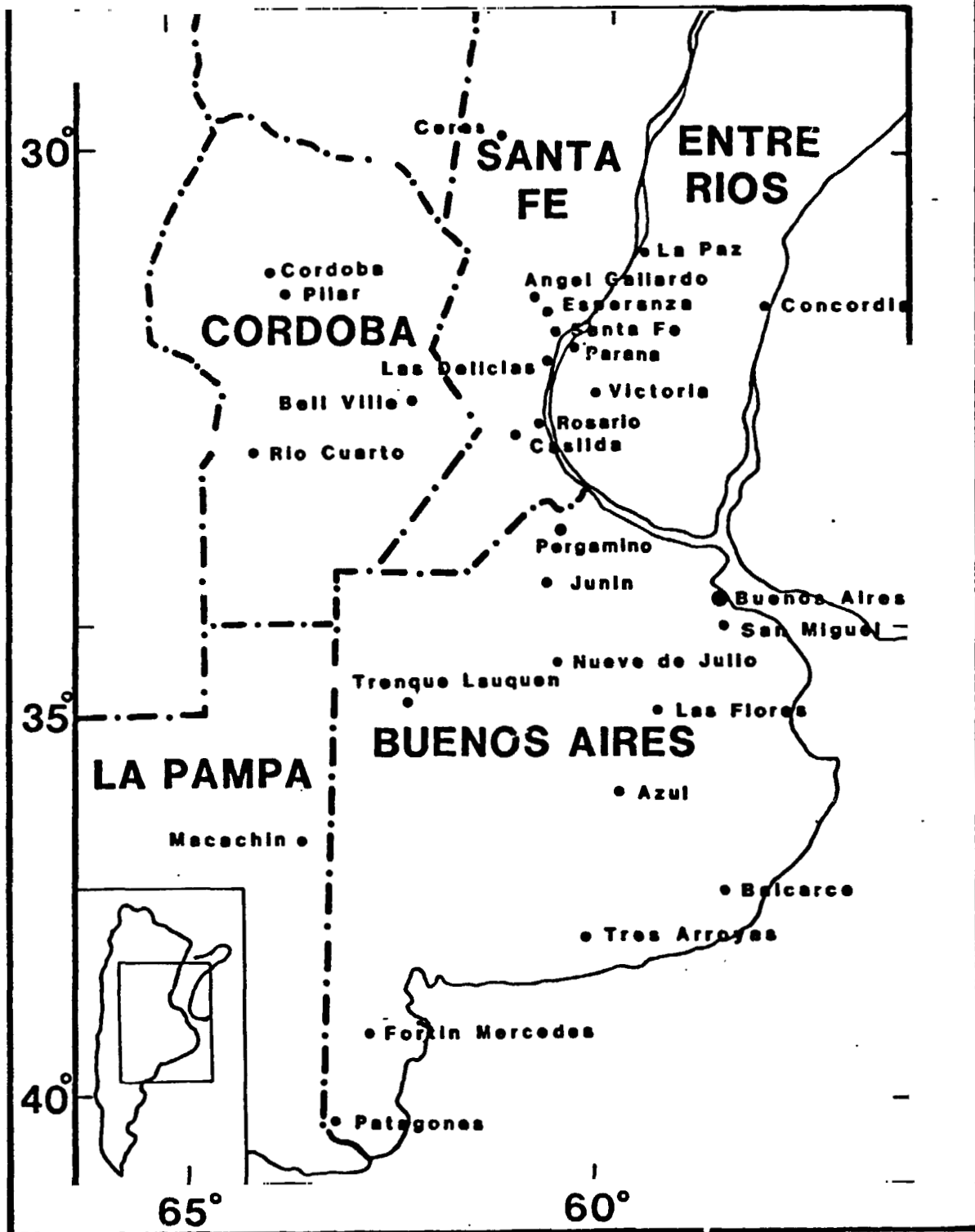


Figure 2. Five major agricultural provinces in Argentina and locations of meteorological stations used in model development.

PLOT OF YIELD\*YEAR LEGEND: A = 1 OBS, B = 2 OBS, ETC.

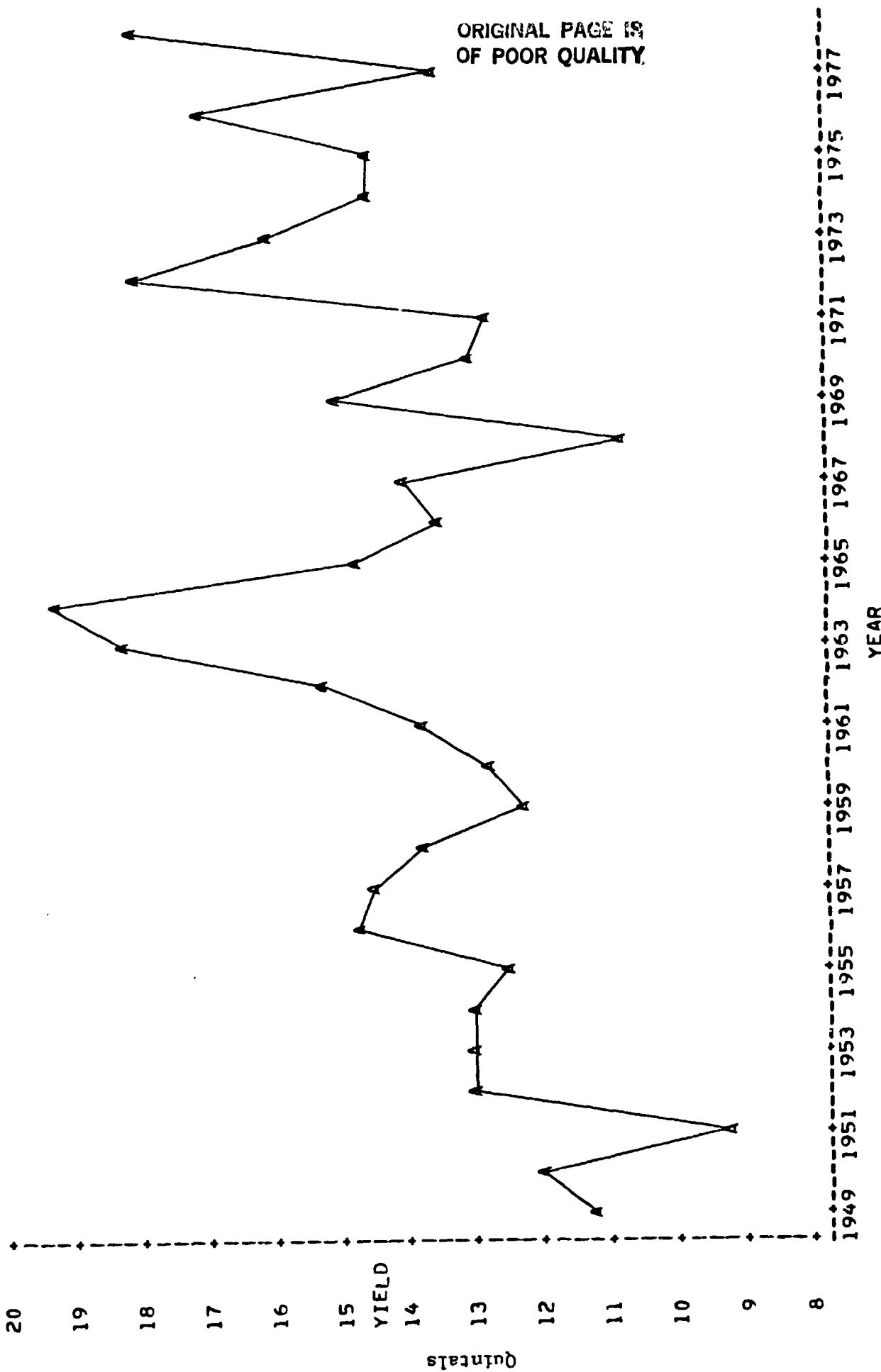


Figure 3. Plot of Yield Versus Year for Province of Buenos Aires.

effect on yield. A large, positive Z-index in August during jointing is favorable to yield. High temperatures in September during heading reduce yield. The statistics of the selected model are summarized in Table 2. A plot of the model's predicted yields and the actual yields for 1950-1970 is shown in Figure 4.

Cordoba

For Cordoba, plots of possible weather variables vs. yield showed that 1951 was a "pivot point" in determining linear relationships for most of the variables. Since yield for 1951 was extremely low, it was decided to plot the variables without 1951. No improvements was seen; there were even fewer linear relationships. Therefore, it was decided to retain 1951.

Initial variables were chosen on the basis of correlation with yield and were tried in regression equations. Models were tried with several combinations and squares of some of the variables. The following variables were significant as a model:

ETMETH5S.....	May ET minus $\hat{ET}$ squared
TX7.....	July average maximum temperature
P-PET8.....	August precipitation minus PET
ETMETH90S.....	September-October average ET minus $\hat{ET}$ squared.

The coefficient for ETMETH5S was negative, which reflects the need for drier conditions at planting time. The coefficient for ETMETH90S was also negative. This reflects the detrimental effects of excessive spring rains. High temperatures at early growth (July) reduces yield; favorable rain after planting (August) helps the crop get a good start. The statistics of the selected model are summarized in Table 3. A plot of the model's predicted yields and the actual yields for 1950-1970 is shown in Figure 5.

Entre Rios

Entre Rios was similar to Buenos Aires in that plots of weather variables versus yield did not produce any obvious linear relationships or strong

correlations. Regression equations containing moisture variables consistently produced negative coefficients for August through November. This can be explained agronomically by the fact that Entre Rios is a very humid province with a high annual rainfall. Rainfall greater than the normal expected value produces disease and fungus problems, thereby reducing yield.

Working with variables chosen on the basis of correlation with yield failed to produce satisfactory results. Therefore, a mechanical process using SAS procedures was used to narrow down possible variables. The best model obtained was:

ETMETH5.....May ET minus  $\hat{E}T$   
 R6.....June total precipitation  
 ZINDEX8.....August Z index  
 R11.....November total precipitation.

All coefficients were negative for June, August and November, indicating the less rain the better. The statistics of the selected model are summarized in Table 4. A plot of the model's predicted yields and the actual yields for 1950-1970 is shown in Figure 6.

#### La Pampa

For La Pampa, a plot of yield vs. year showed 1965 yield to be extraordinarily high--so high as to be questionable. Correlations and plots of variables with yield were more favorable without 1965. Therefore, 1965 was eliminated from the model data set. The best model had the following variables:

ETMETH4.....April ET minus ET  
 TX8.....August average maximum temperature  
 ETMETH9.....September ET minus ET  
 P-PET10.....October precipitation minus PET  
 P-PET11.....November precipitation minus PET.

The problem with this and the other favorable models is that the coefficient for ETMETH4 was always negative. This cannot be explained agronomically. Therefore, the model was tried in the regression equation without ETMETH4. The R2 was reduced, but all coefficients were reasonable. The

coefficient for the August variable was the only negative. The statistics of the selected model are summarized in Table 5. A plot of the model's predicted yields and the actual yields for 1950-1970 is shown in Figure 7.

### Santa Fe

For Santa Fe, 1964 was a year of outstanding yield. Eliminating 1964 from the data set produced better plots and correlations of weather variables to yield.

Santa Fe was the only province for which a satisfactory model was not obtained. Several different approaches were taken to derive a reasonable model, but the only acceptable model was the following:

ETMETH5.....	May ET minus $\hat{ET}$
ETMETH7.....	July ET minus $\hat{ET}$
ETMETH10.....	October ET minus $\hat{ET}$
ETMETH11.....	November ET minus $\hat{ET}$ .

In this model, ETMETH10 was significant only at the 20 percent level. It was decided to keep it in the model to reflect conditions at the critical heading period in October. In addition, the  $R^2$  for the model without ETMETH10 was lower. The only negative coefficient was for the November variable. This reflects the need for drier conditions at harvest time. The statistics of the selected model are summarized in Table 6. A plot of the model's predicted yields and the actual yields for 1950-1970 is shown in Figure 8.

### TEST RESULTS

A bootstrap test was run on each model. In this test, the last year of the yield data set was left out and the model was used to predict yield for that year. This process was repeated for the number of years desired. In this case, the number of years used in the test for each province depended on the number of years with complete data. For Santa Fe this was nine years, for the other four provinces six.

For Buenos Aires, Entre Rios, and La Pampa the bootstrap test adequately predicted yields for 1971 through 1976. There were exceptions (a different

year in each case) where the difference between predicted and actual yield was rather large. For Cordoba, the model predicted yield accurately for three out of the six years and rather poorly for two of the years. In 1972 there was a nine quintal per hectare difference between actual and predicted yield with the predicted yield the lower of the two. In that particular year the beginning of the growing season was extremely dry with increased moisture late in the season, enabling a come-back for the wheat. For Santa Fe, although the model showed actual and predicted yields running fairly close for the modeling years, the bootstrap test failed to predict within five quintals seven of the eight test years. Bootstrap results and plots of model results are printed beginning on page 15.

## APPENDIX

### Definition of Variables

Three types of indices were used to measure amount of moisture available for plant growth. The first, P-PET, is a measure of precipitation minus potential evapotranspiration. Potential evapotranspiration is determined by the procedures developed by Thornthwaite (1948). It requires temperature only:

$$PET = \left( \frac{10I}{I} \right)^a$$

where I = heat index, which is the sum of the 12 monthly indices i,

$$i = \left( \frac{T}{5} \right)^{1.514}$$

T = monthly temperature in °C, and

$$a = \text{an empirical exponent} = 6.75 \times 10^{-7}I^3 - 7.71 \times 10^{-5}I^2 + 1.79 \times 10^{-2}I + 0.49.$$

The duration of daylight is used to adjust potential evapotranspiration as a portion of 12 hours.

The second index, Z index, is derived by an algorithm using monthly temperature and precipitation and is defined as

$$Z = dk$$

where  $d = P - \hat{P}$   $\hat{P}$  is the observed precipitation  
 $\hat{P}$  is the climatically appropriate precipitation and is equal to  $ET + R + RO + L$ .

Evapotranspiration  $\hat{ET}$ , recharge  $\hat{R}$ , runoff  $\hat{RO}$ , and loss  $\hat{L}$  are obtained by multiplying each of their respective potential values (PET, PR, PRO, PL) by the coefficient which is the ratio of their average values to their average potential values; that is,  $\alpha = \overline{ET}/\overline{PET}$ ,  $\beta = \overline{R}/\overline{PR}$ ,  $\gamma = \overline{RO}/\overline{PRO}$ , and  $\sigma = \overline{L}/\overline{PL}$ . Climatically appropriate evapotranspiration, recharge, runoff, and loss are then determined as  $\hat{ET} = \alpha \cdot PET$ ;  $\hat{R} = \beta \cdot PR$ ;  $\hat{RO} = \gamma \cdot PRO$ ; and  $\hat{L} = \sigma \cdot PL$ . Recharge, runoff, and loss are determined by a hydrologic procedure developed by Palmer (1965).

The third index is the difference between ET and  $\hat{ET}$ . Soil moisture

depletion is based on evapotranspiration (ET) estimates, determined as follows:

$$(ET)_n = \frac{(S)_{n-1}}{AWC} [ \{ (PET)_n - (P)_n \} + (P)_n ]$$

where

$(ET)_n$  = "Actual" evapotranspiration,

$(S)_{n-1}$  = Available moisture at end of n-1 month,

AWC = Maximum water holding capacity,

$(P)_n$  = Precipitation for month n, and

$(PET)_n$  = Potential evapotranspiration for month n.

ET - ET measures the difference between the actual evapotranspiration and the "climatically appropriate" evapotranspiration, and hence gives an indication of soil moisture supply and demand.

#### Statistical Analysis System Procedures Used

PROC CORR	Computes correlation coefficients between variables, including Pearson product-moment and weighted product-moment correlation.
PROC PLOT	Graphs one variable against another, producing a printer plot.
PROC STEPWISE	Provides five methods for stepwise regression. Stepwise is useful when selecting variables to be included in a regression model from a collection of independent variables.
PROC STEPWISE FORWARD	Begins by finding the one-variable model that produces the highest $R^2$ . For each of the other independent variables, FORWARD calculates F-statistics reflecting the contribution to the model if the variables were to be included.
PROC STEPWISE BACKWARD	Begins by calculating statistics for a model including all the independent variables. The variables are deleted from the model one by one until all the remaining variables produce F-statistics significant at the .10 level.
PROC STEPWISE STEPWISE	The stepwise method is a modification of the forward selection technique, and differs in that variables already in the model do not necessarily stay there. After a variable is added (as in the forward selection method) the stepwise method looks at all the variables



already included in the model and deletes any variable that does not produce an F-statistic significant at the .10 level. Only after this check is made and the necessary deletions accomplished can another variable be added to the model.

PROC STEPWISE MAXR

(Maximum  $R^2$  improvement) Unlike the three techniques above, this method does not settle on a single method. Instead it looks for the "best" two-variable model, the "best" three variable model, and so forth.

PROC PETM

Uses latitude and mean monthly temperatures to calculate Thornthwaite's potential evapotranspiration for each month.

PROC ZINDEX

Uses monthly PET's, precipitation, SS (beginning moisture in surface layer), AWCS (available water capacity in surface layer), SU (beginning moisture in the underlying layer), and AWCU (available water capacity in the underlying layer) to calculate Palmer's soil moisture budget, drought index Z, ET, and  $\bar{E}T$ .

BACKWARD ELIMINATION PROCEDURE FOR DEPENDENT VARIABLE YIELD

ALL VARIABLES ENTERED	R SQUARE = 0.87633601	C(P) = 0.00000000	MEAN SQUARE	F	PROB>F
REGRESSION	84.53531563		16.90706713	21.26	0.0001
ERROR	11.92918418		0.79527921		
TOTAL	96.46450381				
	SUM OF SQUARES	STD ERROR	TYPE II SS	F	PROB>F
INTERCEPT	20.95565645	0.04891149	34.61436006	39.95	0.0001
TREND	0.27253560	0.03967002	38.56080320	48.49	0.0001
ETMETH4	0.27623307	0.01131750	9.60404949	12.08	0.0034
R7	-0.03932946	0.00680040	18.37554505	23.11	0.0002
ZINDEX8	0.03268848	0.15058974	6.55851999	8.25	0.0116
TX9	-0.43245258				

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Table 2. Statistics of Model for Province of Buenos Aires.

BACKWARD ELIMINATION PROCEDURE FOR DEPENDENT VARIABLE YIELD

ALL VARIABLES ENTERED	R SQUARE = 0.69480993	C(P) = 5.00000000	MEAN SQUARE	F	PROB>F
REGRESSION	134.31098736		33.57774184	9.11	0.0005
ERROR	58.99508478		3.68719311		
TOTAL	193.3060714				
	SUM OF SQUARES	STD ERROR	TYPE II SS	F	PROB>F
INTERCEPT	21.03908139	0.21986889	13.11259923	3.78	0.0887
ETMETH55	-0.21842795	0.02912134	40.91690661	11.10	0.0042
P1PET8	0.09700964	0.00294987	40.93871412	11.10	0.0042
ETMET90S	-0.00982928				

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Table 3. Statistics of Model for Province of Cordoba.

BUENOS AIRES ACTUAL YIELD AND MODEL PREDICTION 1950-1970

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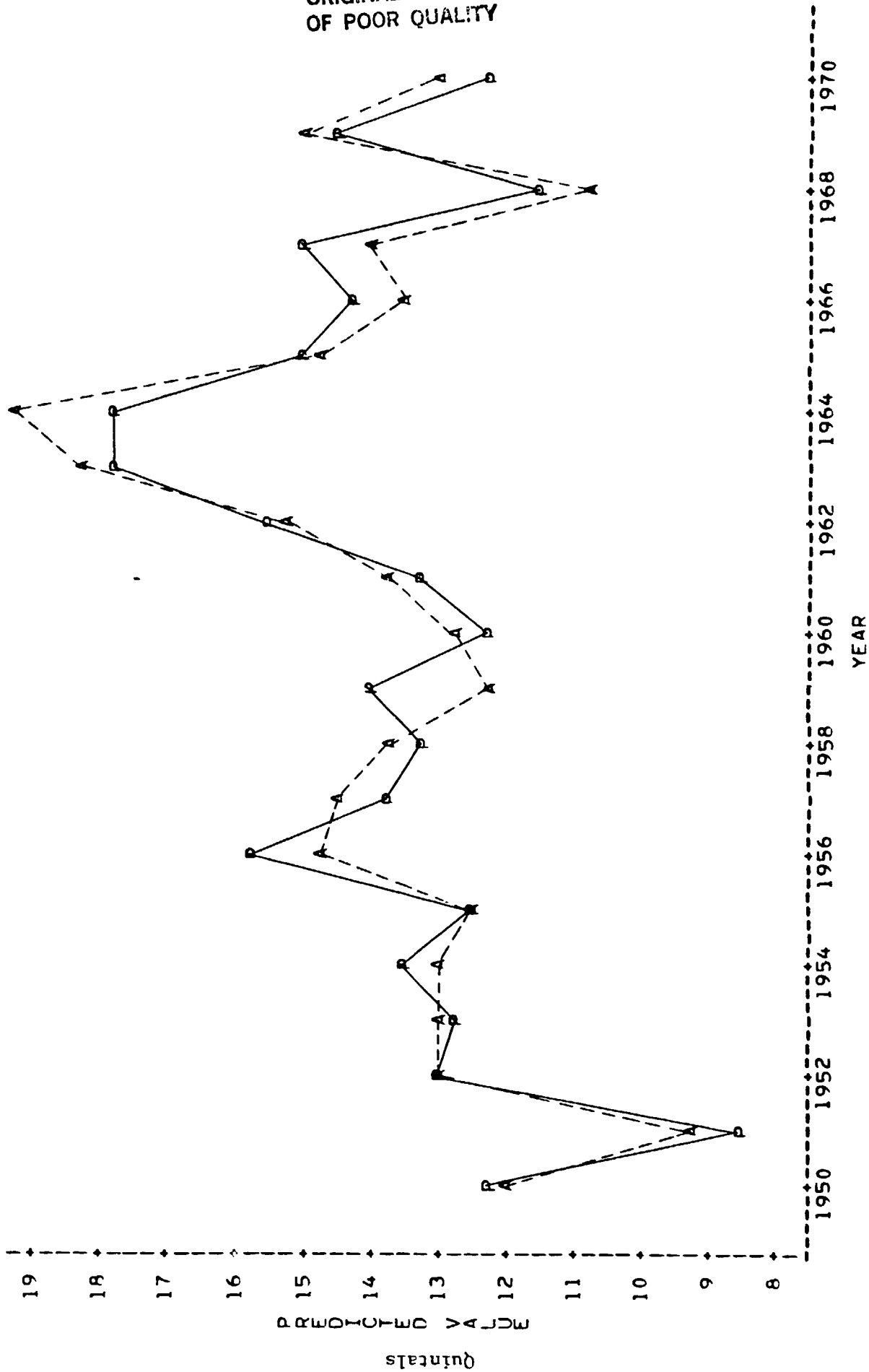


Figure 4. Province of Buenos Aires Wheat Model.

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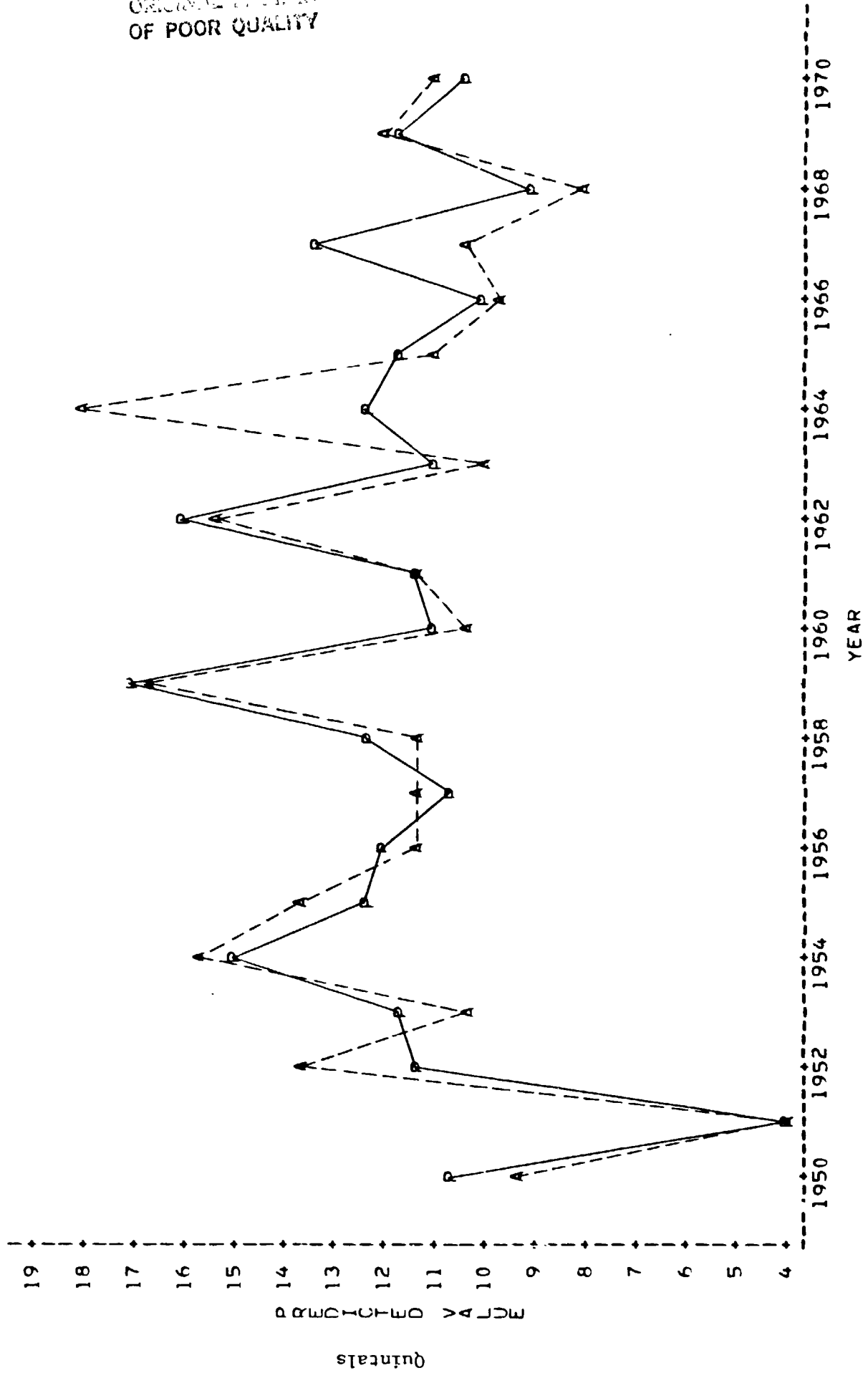


Figure 5. Province of Cordoba Wheat Model.

BACKWARD ELIMINATION PROCEDURE FOR DEPENDENT VARIABLE YIELD

ALL VARIABLES ENTERED

Q S UAVE = 0.55630504 C(P) = 5.00000000

REGRESSION	DF	SUM OF SQUARES	MEAN SQUARE	F	PROB>F
TOTAL	14	55.67871462	13.91967713	5.22	0.0069
	20	42.64057462	2.66503516		
		99.31928924			
	W VALUE	STD ERROR	TYPE II SS	F	PROB>F
INTERCEPT	11.67159715		15.10861721	5.67	0.0300
PT4ET15	0.23035874	0.09884434	21.47862351	4.06	0.0114
PT6	-0.02157824	0.00830137	10.51646174	3.95	0.0444
ZYJUF XH	-0.01183662	0.00847262	12.81570070	4.82	0.0433
W1	-0.01183371	0.00721480			

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Table 4. Statistics of Model for Province of Entre Rios.

ENTRE RIOS ACTUAL YIELD AND MODEL PREDICTION 1950-1970

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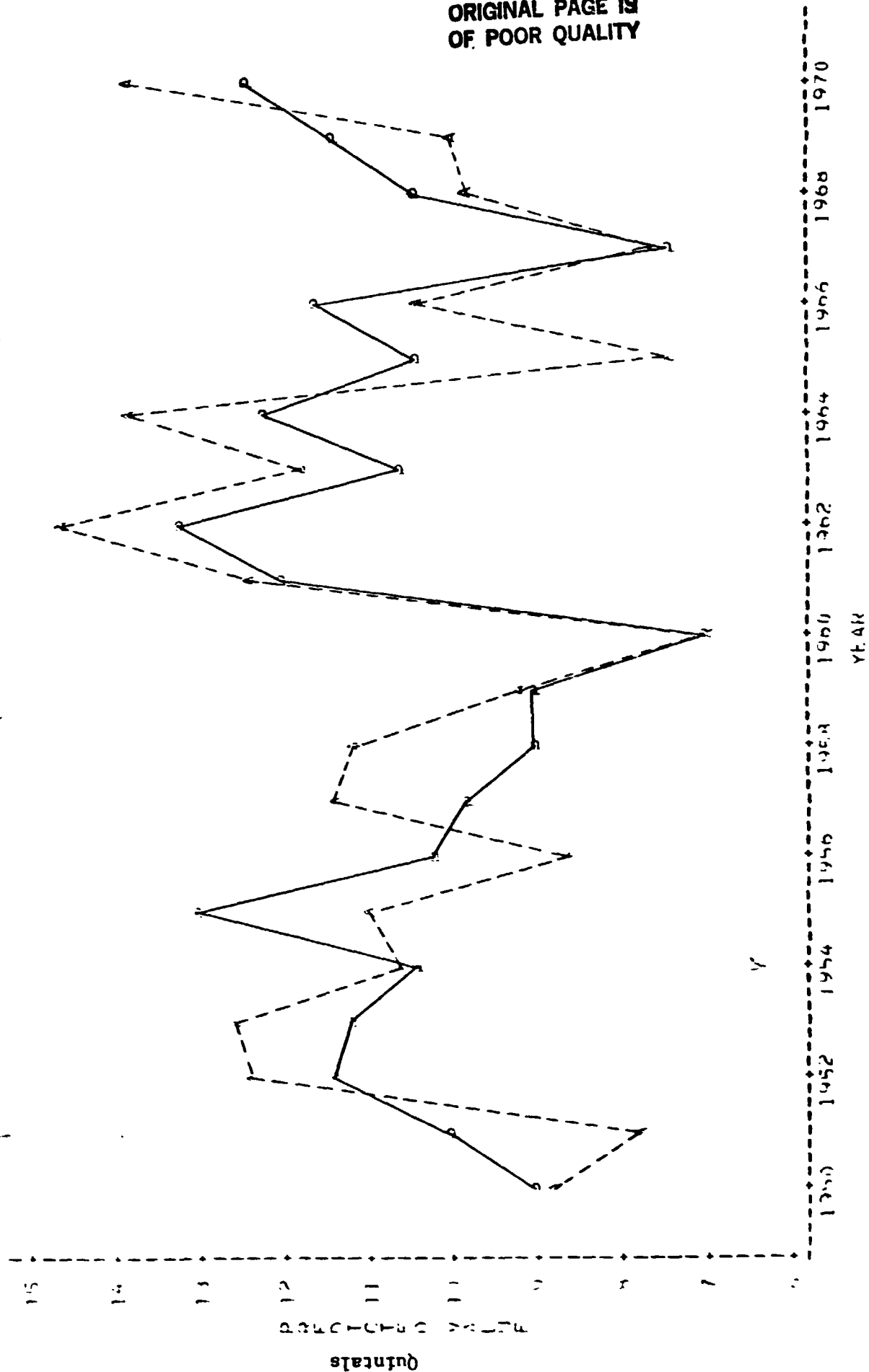


Figure 6. Province of Entre Rios Wheat Model.

BACKWARD ELIMINATION PROCEDURE FOR DEPENDENT VARIABLE YIELD

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DF	SUM OF SQUARES	STD ERROR	TYPE II SS	F	PROB>F
REGRESSION	117.55930273	0.380606416	32.82454518	11.37	0.0042
Error	43.29087227	0.08719419	22.12203341	7.67	0.0143
TOTAL	160.85017500	0.00954265	18.46949524	6.40	0.0231
INTERCEPT	31.441103043	0.01036522	35.26269506	12.22	0.0033
TXR	-1.28477470				
ETHQ	0.24140295				
PETHQ	0.02426685				
PETH1	0.03523129				

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Table 5. Statistics of Model for Province of La Pampa.

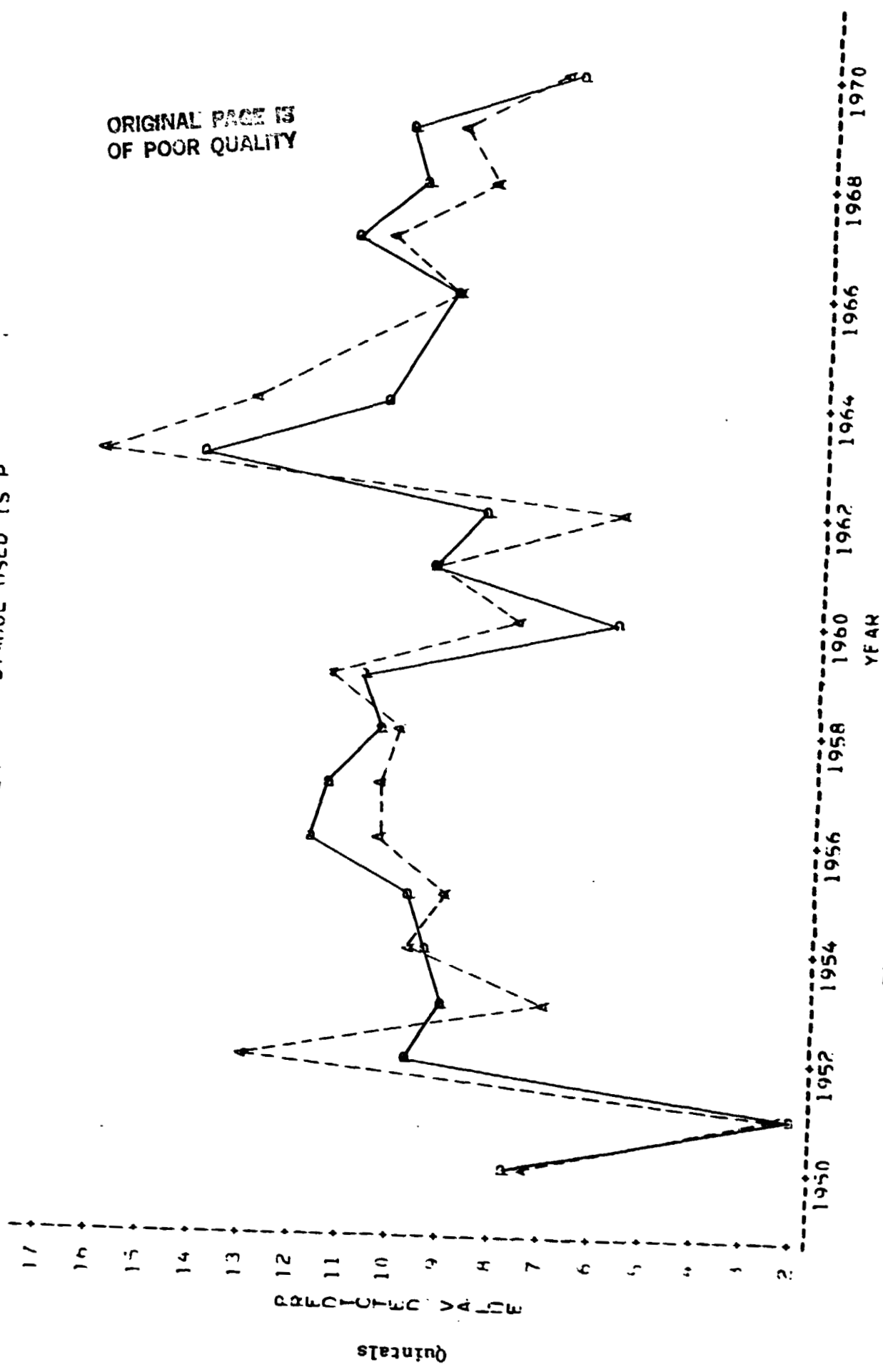


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I.A PAMPA ACTUAL YIELD AND MODEL PREDICTION 1950-1970

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P=MODEL'S YIELD

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Figure 7. Province of La Pampa Wheat Model.

BACKWARD ELIMINATION PROCEDURE FOR DEPENDENT VARIABLE YIELD

ALL VARIABLES ENTERED R SQUARE = 0.73525485 C(P) = 5.00000000

REGRESSION	DF	SUM OF SQUARES	MEAN SQUARE	F	PROB>F
ERROR	4	121.96620241	30.49156560	10.41	0.0003
TOTAL	15	43.91671259	2.92778084		
	19	165.88297500			

VARIABLE	B VALUE	STD ERROR	TYPE II SS	PROB>F
INTERCEPT	14.21633800	0.07842409	16.51007703	0.0313
ETMETH5	0.18631292	0.32315203	70.18399707	0.0002
ETMETH7	1.58218278	0.12027388	5.22936706	0.2013
ETMETH10	0.16074098	0.22921733	17.23496053	0.0283
ETMETH11	-0.55618748			

VARIABLE ETMETH10 REMOVED R SQUARE = 0.70373042 C(P) = 4.78611971

REGRESSION	DF	SUM OF SQUARES	MEAN SQUARE	F	PROB>F
ERROR	3	116.73684535	38.91229845	12.67	0.0002
TOTAL	16	49.14607465	3.07162998		
	19	165.88297500			

VARIABLE	B VALUE	STD ERROR	TYPE II SS	PROB>F
INTERCEPT	14.21688607	0.07912607	13.87136650	0.0495
ETMETH5	0.16821294	0.33087439	69.20214824	0.0002
ETMETH7	1.57050198	0.22637741	24.34871304	0.0124
ETMETH11	-0.63741900			

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Table 6. Statistics of Model for Province of Santa Fe.

SANTA FE ACTUAL YIELD AND MODEL PREDICTION 1950-1970

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 S=MODELS YIELD

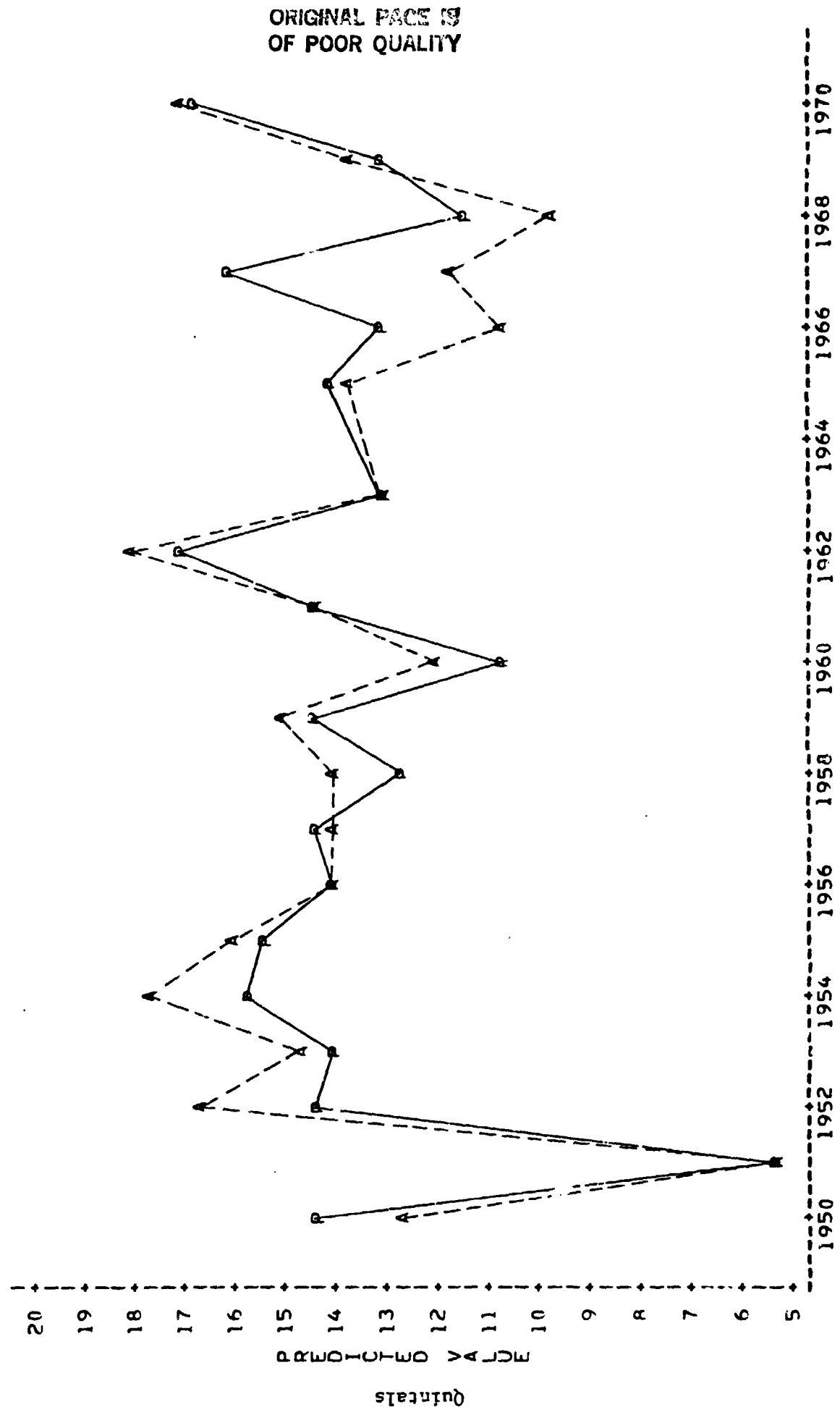


Figure 8. Province of Santa Fe Wheat Model.

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0.272556	1950	1970	1971	17.3248	12.77	0.876336	0.35325	15	0.79528	20.9557
0.260020	1950	1971	1972	13.8520	17.94	0.729944	0.33872	16	1.64340	22.4011
0.290449	1950	1972	1973	14.4450	16.00	0.649591	0.41539	17	2.35177	23.4400
0.314640	1950	1973	1974	12.8539	14.50	0.644128	1.23286	18	2.35986	23.5306
0.336092	1950	1974	1975	15.4460	14.50	0.629124	0.27583	19	2.33339	24.2570
0.332449	1950	1975	1976	16.8701	17.01	0.624703	0.94960	20	2.24949	24.4320
HETA3	HETA4	HETA5	RFTA6	CONPIB1	CONRIH2	CONRIH3	CONRIH4	CONRIH5	CONRIH6	
0.277284	-0.034817	0.0345076	-0.50808	22.2659	3.55313	0.0183	-0.7763	-2.0056	-11.127	
0.276233	-0.039377	0.0326485	-0.43245	20.9557	3.54322	0.6268	-1.4552	-2.0871	-8.433	
0.244091	-0.029657	0.0187551	-0.53898	22.4011	3.38026	-1.3892	-0.6236	0.1625	-10.079	
0.208360	-0.034419	0.0204974	-0.58838	23.4880	3.88035	-0.5547	-1.4599	-0.9567	-11.061	
0.210257	-0.036872	0.0177451	-0.59849	23.5306	4.08771	-2.3520	-2.1754	-0.0041	-10.241	
0.183264	-0.032536	0.0162190	-0.65615	24.2570	4.36920	0.5640	-0.8785	-0.0052	-12.861	
0.179219	-0.031342	0.0157948	-0.66879	24.4320	4.32184	0.4772	-1.0970	-1.3668	-12.631	

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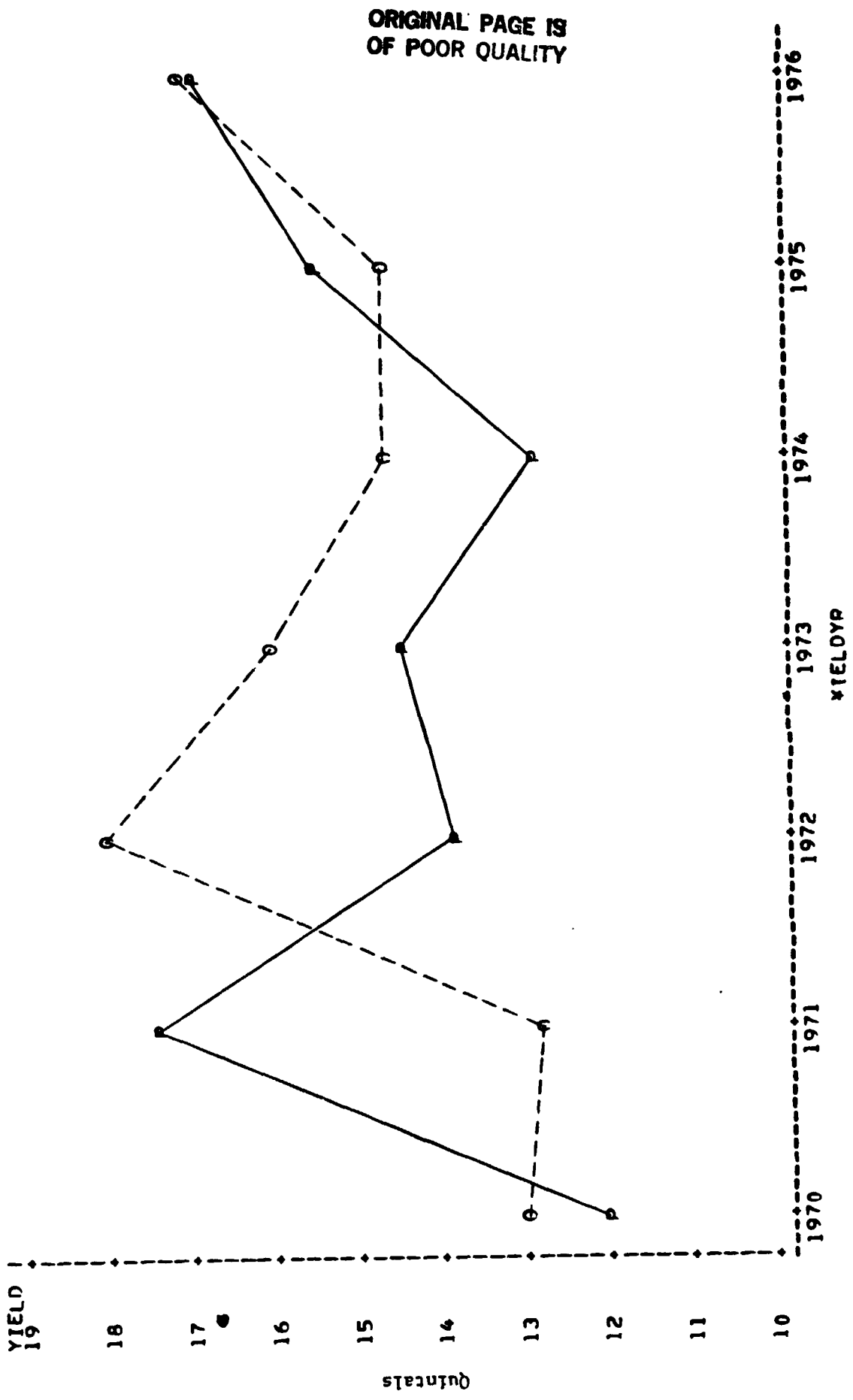
Table 7. Results of Jackknife Test for Buenos Aires Wheat Model.

BUENOS AIRES BOOTSTRAP RESULTS--TEST OF MODEL 1970-1976

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Figure 9. Province of Buenos Aires Wheat Model.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS SYSTEM MONDAY, JANUARY 16:00

BETA1	HFGMIDLYR	ENDMOLYR	YIFLDYR	YIELD	OSYIELD	RSQ	PDER	UFRES	MSRES	RUN1
21.3036	1950	1969	1970	10.2936	10.97	0.696043	0.8217	15	3.98781	
21.33375	1950	1971	1971	11.2243	12.66	0.694810	0.6623	16	3.68714	
20.7486	1950	1972	1972	13.0911	12.46	0.687466	0.3341	17	3.57239A	
24.5507	1950	1973	1973	12.7286	19.25	0.642312	31.0233	18	3.87299A	
24.6416	1950	1974	1974	12.8760	14.22	0.585519	0.2716	19	3.43056	
26.0842	1950	1975	1975	16.0393	20.76	0.586285	3.4946	20	5.25350	
				18.6413	18.70	0.624300	3.0951	21	5.82061	
HETA2	HETA3	HETA4	BETA5	CONRIA1	CONRIA2	CONRIA3	CONRIA4	CONRIA5		
-0.017072	-0.44128	0.099569	-0.009637	21.3036	-0.171	-7.987	-2.8389	-0.01302		
-0.018428	-0.42396	0.097010	-0.009429	21.0371	-0.210	-8.122	-1.4189	-0.00368		
-0.019393	-0.417591	0.096163	-0.010234	20.3375	-11.446	-6.122	-0.5726	-0.024546		
-0.004413	-0.42195	0.098008	-0.009615	20.7486	-10.062	-5.317	-0.5942	-0.04692		
-0.004717	-0.64690	0.083075	-0.009347	24.5507	-0.096	-10.244	-0.5408	-0.09371		
-0.004858	-0.64788	0.083685	-0.009465	24.6416	-0.068	-9.913	1.4758	-0.09804		
-0.006079	-0.70276	0.109747	-0.009471	26.0842	-0.089	-11.455	4.3213	-0.022046		

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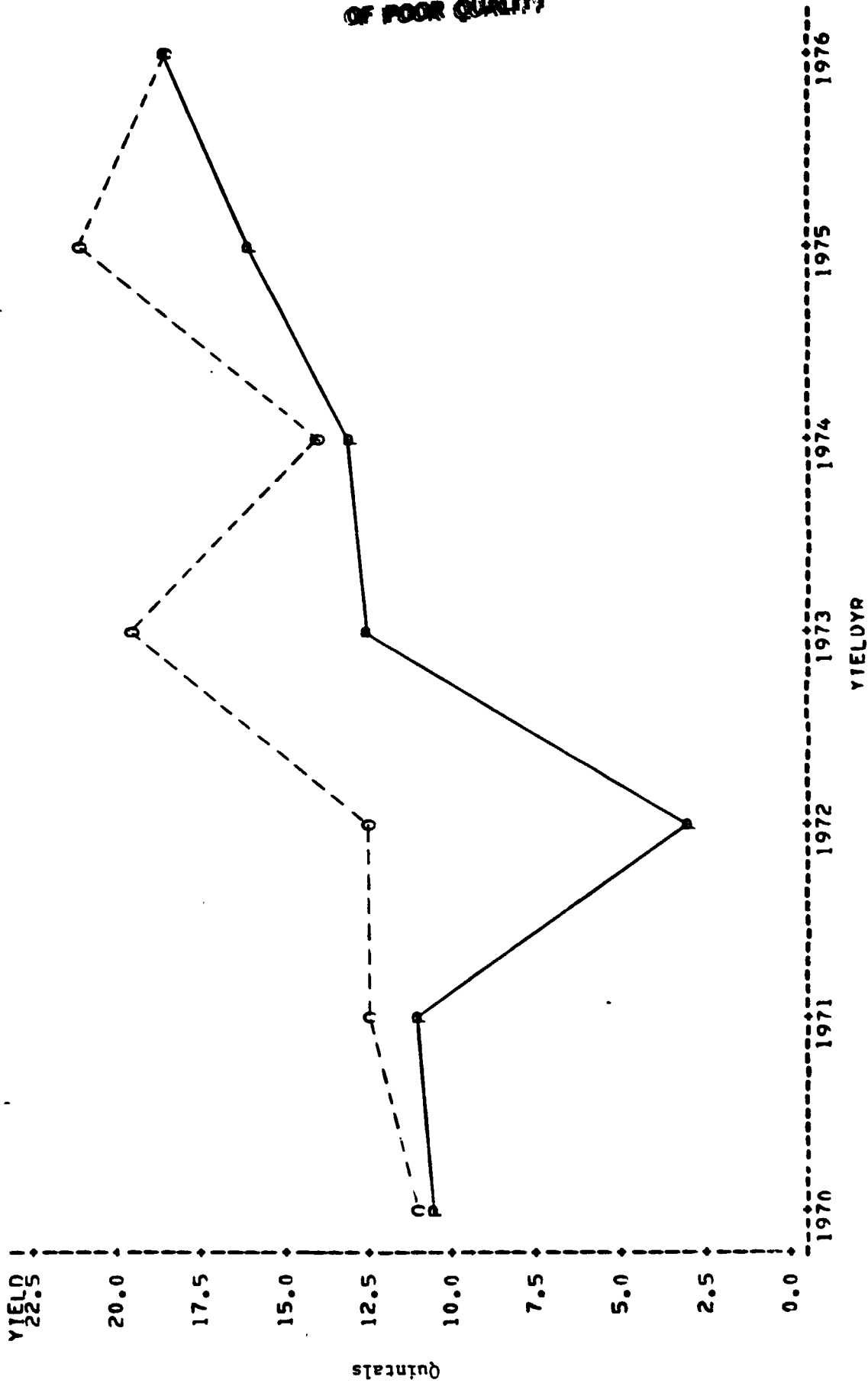
Table 8. Results of Jackknife Test for Cordoba Wheat Model.

CORDOBA BOOTSTRAP RESULTS--TEST OF MODEL 1970-1976

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Figure 10. Province of Cordoba Wheat Model.

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 BETA1   13.1074   1964   YFLDYL   11.9279   OBSYIELD   13.88   R5Q   0.542517   PDER   0.779399   DFRES   15   MSRES   2.64646  
 13.5213   1970   1971   11.6037   10.28   0.566305   0.200225   16   2.66504  
 13.5087   1972   1973   9.3563   9.75   0.550041   0.265945   17   2.60414  
 13.8561   1973   1974   11.1964   16.11   0.551444   0.527053   18   2.46724  
 13.8674   1974   1975   11.2643   11.39   0.501534   0.223651   19   3.34424  
 1975   10.6576   11.67   0.502949   0.208652   20   3.21572

BETA2   0.229697   HETA5   0.012625   CONRTR2   0.152195   CONRTR3   0.6668   CONRTR4   0.36186   CONRTR5   0.3030  
 0.235359   0.015834   0.015834   0.114802   0.6875   0.09960   1.5992  
 0.233480   0.015527   0.191097   0.136659   1.4478   0.56396   1.8943  
 0.234126   0.015358   0.35047   0.208865   2.2838   0.72615   0.8908  
 0.271868   0.019595   0.8841   0.201825   0.9591   0.29909   1.5284  
 0.272207   0.019654   1.8874   0.191825   1.3347   0.49450   1.5723

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Table 9. Results of Jackknife Test for Entire Rios Wheat Model.



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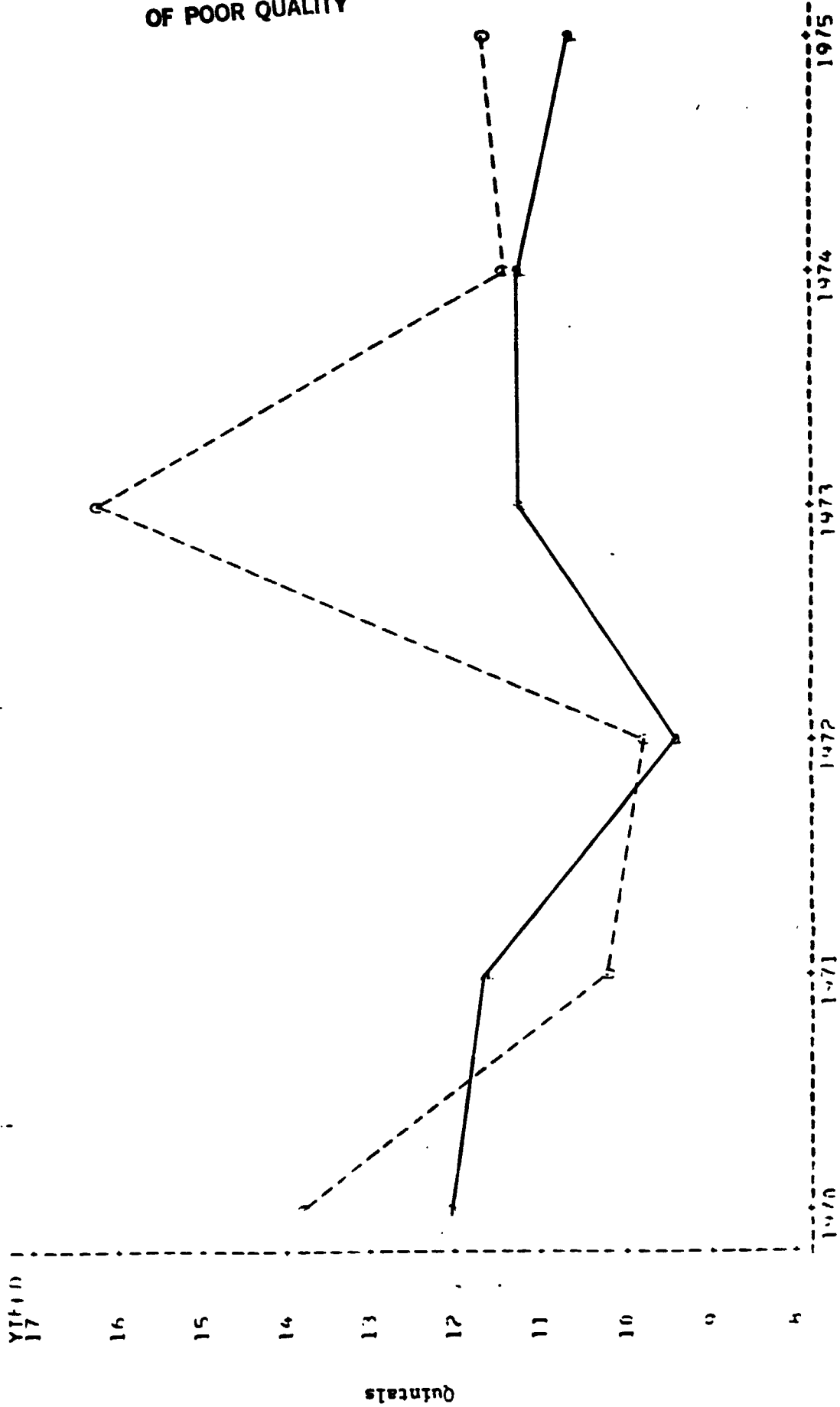


Figure 11. Province of Entre Rios Wheat Model.



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LA PAMPA HOOTSTRAP RESULTS--TEST OF MODEL 1970-1976

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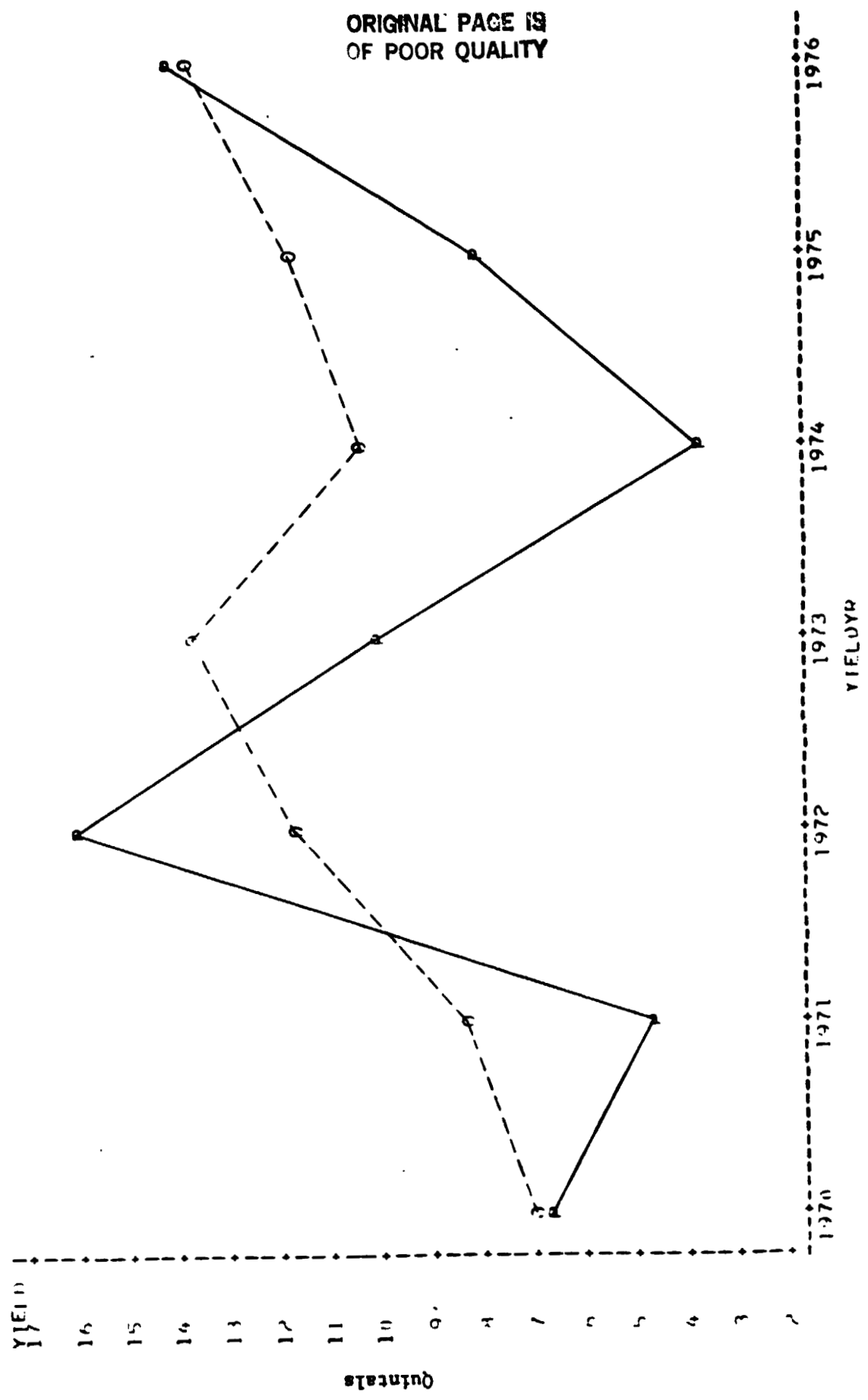


Figure 12. Province of La Pampa Wheat Model.

S T A T I S T I C A L A N A L Y S I S S Y S T E M 16:01 MONDAY, JANUAR													
BETA1	HFG(MD)LYP	ENDMDLYR	YIELDYR	YIELD	OBSYIELD	R50	PDER	MSRES	MSRES	CONRIR3	CONRIR4	CONRIR5	RUNNU
14.1592	1950	1967	1970	16.4210	17.03	0.716705	0.8074	14	3.11587				
14.2163	1950	1971	1971	16.0666	14.92	0.735255	0.3717	15	2.62771				1
14.1362	1950	1972	1972	10.2094	15.36	0.730644	2.4984	16	3.47771				2
14.3034	1950	1973	1973	14.1556	19.27	0.651933	0.3327	17	3.47907				3
14.4530	1950	1974	1974	23.0585	15.93	0.581830	28.7969	18	4.61214				4
14.1349	1950	1975	1975	15.5277	23.01	0.554184	0.6271	19	4.73861				5
14.4251	1950	1976	1976	15.2777	20.14	0.497853	0.5433	20	6.97634				6
14.5165	1950	1977	1977	10.9645	16.41	0.475850	1.8411	21	7.70584				7
14.4090	1950	1977	1977	15.2686	20.15	0.403816	0.5976	22	8.44353				8
BETA2	BETA3	BETA4	HETA5	CONRIR1	CONRIR2	CONRIR3	CONRIR4	CONRIR5	CONRIR5	CONRIR5	CONRIR5	CONRIR5	CONRIR5
0.184260	1.57831	0.159807	-0.52689	14.1592	0.4179	0.5704	0.173735	1.09979	1.09979	1.09979	1.09979	1.09979	1
0.146317	1.58218	0.160741	-0.55619	14.2163	0.3321	0.7278	0.186060	0.60432	0.60432	0.60432	0.60432	0.60432	2
0.183307	1.56932	0.156522	-0.52575	14.1362	-3.6012	0.4703	0.171979	-0.96796	-0.96796	-0.96796	-0.96796	-0.96796	3
0.071470	1.59038	0.154560	-0.49395	14.3034	0.1431	0.3945	0.182597	-0.86797	-0.86797	-0.86797	-0.86797	-0.86797	4
0.092640	1.65130	0.207117	-0.39258	14.4519	0.2455	0.7704	0.232404	-0.35729	-0.35729	-0.35729	-0.35729	-0.35729	5
0.101803	1.69138	0.245107	-0.07712	14.1349	0.2667	0.3947	0.253641	0.46387	0.46387	0.46387	0.46387	0.46387	6
0.116084	1.69732	0.265626	-0.16421	14.4251	0.2534	0.5743	0.301179	-0.31638	-0.31638	-0.31638	-0.31638	-0.31638	7
0.133845	1.75903	0.304299	-0.13388	14.6165	-0.3004	-3.8724	0.427799	-0.09300	-0.09300	-0.09300	-0.09300	-0.09300	8
0.120422	1.40440	0.330620	-0.14880	14.8090	-0.2973	-0.6644	0.410640	-0.31828	-0.31828	-0.31828	-0.31828	-0.31828	9

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Table 11. Results of Jackknife Test for Santa Fe Wheat Model.

SANTA FE BOOTSTRAP RESULTS--TEST OF MODEL 1970-1978

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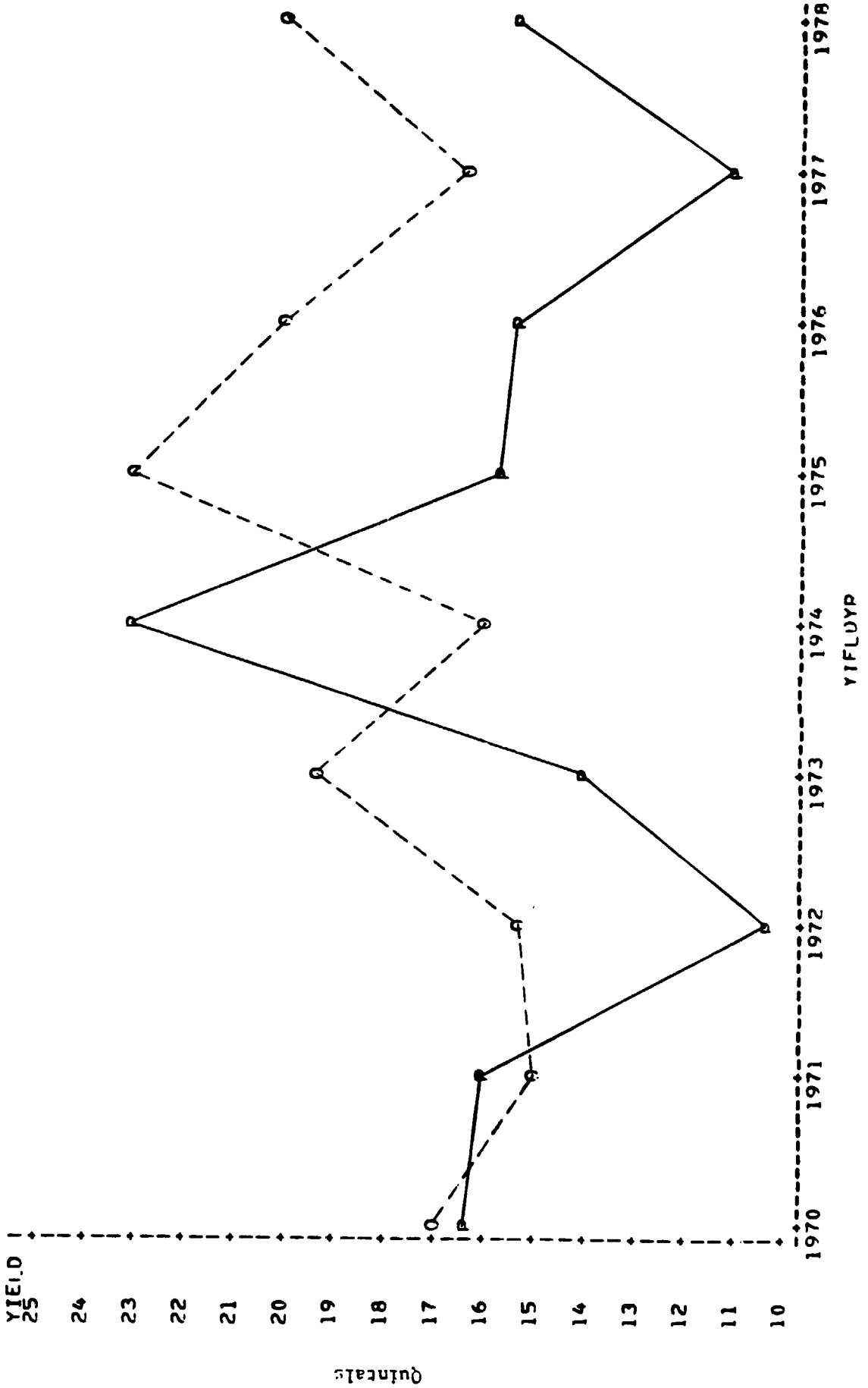


Figure 13. Province of Santa Fe Wheat Model.