



FORECASTING OF BANANA PRODUCTION IN INDIA: AN ARIMA APPROACH

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ABSTRACT

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Forecasting models were helpful for managing and decision making in planning for the future effectively. This paper attempted forecasting univariate time series of banana production in India, the proposed Auto Regressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) algorithm appears more powerful than traditional models. Used 69 years data banana production (1951-2019) in India and applied time series ARIMA model. This paper forecasts of banana production in India for the year 2020-2025.

KEY WORDS: Time series forecasting, ARIMA, banana production.

INTRODUCTION

Among the Fruit crops, banana (*Musa sp.*) is one of the significant tropical fruit crops and plays key role in the economy of many developing countries. These Fruit crops generate employment in particularly rural areas as well as overall economic growth. After the wheat and maize production, banana is the fourth most important food commodity in the world. Banana contributes to the food security of millions of the people in majority of the developing countries.

Normally, univariate time series is an order of observations of the same random variable at different times. Usually, time series data fluctuating based on the time and other influential parameter. The objective of the univariate time series data is to predict upcoming values of the given variable and its behaviour in the past trend. Time series model (ARIMA) are used to forecast methodology by using the past data to forecast the upcoming with help of recognizing the trend and patterns within the data.

Khan *et al.* (2008) and Qureshi (2014) used forecasted models for mango production of Pakistan. Rathod *et al.* (2011), Narayanaswamy *et al.* (2012a), Narayanaswamy *et al.* (2012b) and Pardhi *et al.* (2016) used multiple linear regression analysis to study the effect of agricultural inputs and weather parameters on agricultural and horticultural crops. Naveena *et al.* (2014) applied different type of time series models to predict the coconut production of India. Swathi and Nafeez (2016) attempts to study the pattern of *Rabi* cereals

production, using ARIMA in Andhra Pradesh. Nafeez Umar and Zeeshan (2019) applied ARIMA models to study and measure the volatility of selected emerging indices of Muscat Securities Market (MSM).

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Yearly data on production (000' MT) of banana crop from 1951-2019 in India were collected from www.indiastat.com. Of the 69 yearly data used in ARIMA model and check the performance of ARIMA (p, d, q) models based on the residual errors. The Statistical Packages R-Programing and SPSS were used for modelling and forecasting banana production time series in India. The Hyndman-Khandakar algorithm for automatic ARIMA modelling were used for identifying the appropriate ARIMA (p, d, q) model.

The three important stages of building of ARIMA model is identification, estimation and diagnostics checking of the models. Initially, identification of 'd' (Number of differences) is necessary to make a non-stationary to stationary. Commonly, Augmented Dickey Fuller test us utilized to test the stationary. In the estimation stage, the parameters are estimated and identified employing maximum likelihood techniques. Finally, the auto arima function in R programing uses a combine's unit root tests for stationarity checking, minimisation of the Akai'e Information Criteria (AIC) and Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) to obtain the ARIMA model. It is providing many variations of algorithms of ARIMA (p, d, q) models.

The general ARIMA (p d q) model is

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$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} - \epsilon_{t-0} - \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2} \dots - \theta_q \epsilon_{t-q} + \epsilon_t$$

where, p is the order of autoregressive process, q is the order of moving average process and d is differencing the series ti make it stationary.

Diagnosis of the model

A) Normality test-Jarque-Bera test

We can check the normality assumptions using Jarque-Bera test, which is a goodness of fit measure from normality. This test based on Kurtosis (k) and Skewness (s). It is given by

$$JB = \frac{n}{6} \left(s^2 + \frac{(k-3)^2}{4} \right) \sim \chi^2_{(2)}$$

where, ‘n’ is the number of observations. Since sample from a normal distribution have expected skewness of zero and expected excess kurtosis of zero.

B) Stationary test-Augmented Dickey-fuller (ADF) test

One of the common assumptions in time series techniques is that the data are stationarity. To make sure existence of stationarity, the following stationary test Augmented Dickey-fuller test (ADF) were applied in the study.

$$\Delta \lambda_t = \alpha_0 + \alpha_2 t + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta \Delta \lambda_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

where, λ_t denoted the yearly production of the crop at time t. β is the coefficient to be estimate, k is the number of lagged terms, t is the trend term, α_2 is the estimated coefficient for the trend, α_0 is the constant and ϵ is white noise.

C) Adequacy of the model-Ljung-Box Q statistics

The model is diagnosed using the Ljung-Box Q Statist to check the overall adequacy of the model.

$$\sigma_n = nr(nr + 2) \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{r_i^2(e)}{nr - 1}$$

Where $r_1(e)$ is the residual autocorrelation at lag 1 nr is the number of residuals, n is the number of time lags includes in the test. For time series model to be adequacy,

p-value associated with Q statistics should be large (p-value > 0.05)

D) Accuracy of the model-Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE)

For the residual analysis, and test the accuracy of the comprehensive model, we used the Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE), it is given by

$$MAPE = \frac{100}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{y_i} \right|$$

where, y_i is the actual observation for time period t and \hat{y}_i predicted value for the same period time t and n is number of observations.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The summary statistics of production of banana in India presented in Table 1, which shows the minimum production is 1629.00 MT and maximum is 30808 MT, the banana yield production are highly heterogeneous as coefficient of variation, it is given by 103.78 per cent (Table 1). To check the auto correlation assumptions in ARIMA model, The Ljung-Box- test is used, it is found that the 15.996 (p > 0.05), which indicates strongly suggest that we accept the assumptions that there is no autocorrelation among the residuals of the ARIMA model. For normality test used Jarque -Bera test, it is observed that 17.53 (p > 0.01) which refers to accept the normality assumption that the residuals are follows normal distribution (Table 2).

Table 1. Descriptive statistics of banana production in India

Descriptive statistics	Banana production (000'MT)
Minimum	1629
Maximum	30808
Mean	9721.57
Median	4767.00
Standard Deviation	9367.10
Kurtosis	0.24
Skewness	1.25
Coefficient of Variation (%)	103.78

Table 2. Normality and stationary test of banana production

Test	Value	p-value
Jarque-Bera (JB) test	17.53	0.0025 (p>0.01)
Augmented Dickey Fuller (ADF) test	4.294	0.0100 (p<0.05)
Ljung-Box test	15.996	0.0666 (p>0.05)

Table 3. Forecast production of banana -ARIMA

ARIMA (p d q)	AIC value	R-Square	MAPE
ARIMA (0 1 2)	1175.356	0.999	4.39
ARIMA (0 1 4)	1176.768	0.997	6.29
ARIMA (1 1 2)	1177.108	0.998	5.80
ARIMA (2 1 0)	1178.731	0.997	5.29
ARIMA (3 1 2)	1178.742	0.990	4.36

We observed that the residuals are follows normally distributed, So it can be said that the banana production time series data good fitted for the model, again the Histogram of the residuals of banana production is also normally distributed (Fig. 1). In ARIMA model, to check the stationarity of time series banana production series, Augmented Dickey Fuller test is used. From this unit root test is, it is clearly shown stationarity condition satisfied at the difference order one.

An ARIMA model was built using Hyndman-Khandakar algorithm for automatic ARIMA function in R-software for banana production. Analysed various combinations of Time series ARIMA models, the best selected ARIMA model based on Low Akai Information Criteria (AIC), Low Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) and High R-square value to forecast the banana production in India is ARIMA (0 1 2) with AIC value is 1175.356, High R-Square is 0.999 and Low Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) is 4.39. When we compared other models the AIC values and the R-Square values, not much variation among the values. The only object is the MAPE is vary from the ARIMA models.

For the forecasted of banana production in India, we predict in the year 2020 to 2025. We observed continuous growing banana production in India from 2020 to 2025. In the year 2020 we predict 31264 MT with 95 per cent confidence level (Low = 242478, High = 38249)

(Table 4 and Fig. 2). Finally, considering all of the formal and graphical test, it is obvious that the fitted mode ARIMA (0, 1, 2) is best fitted model for forecasting banana production in India.

CONCLUSION

Time series models is used for patterns in the past data of variable and uses that information to forecast the upcoming values. To select the best model for forecasting the banana production in India, we used several criteria of selection of the fitted models such as High R-Square, Low AIC value and Low MAPE value. In this present study, we forecast of the banana production in India for the year 2020 to 2025. The fitted ARIMA (0 1 2) model for banana production in yearly basis. These forecasting models might be used to take a decision to a researcher, policy makers. Fruits products and Businessmen covering the whole India. This time series model is very helpful for farmers, organizations for future trends.

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Table 4. Predicted values of banana production by ARIMA (0 1 2) with 95% control limits

Year	Forecasted banana production (000'MT)	95% CL Low	95% CL High
2020	31264	24278	38249
2021	32008	21726	42290
2022	32752	19452	46051
2023	33496	17242	49749
2024	34240	15013	53467
2025	34984	12723	57245

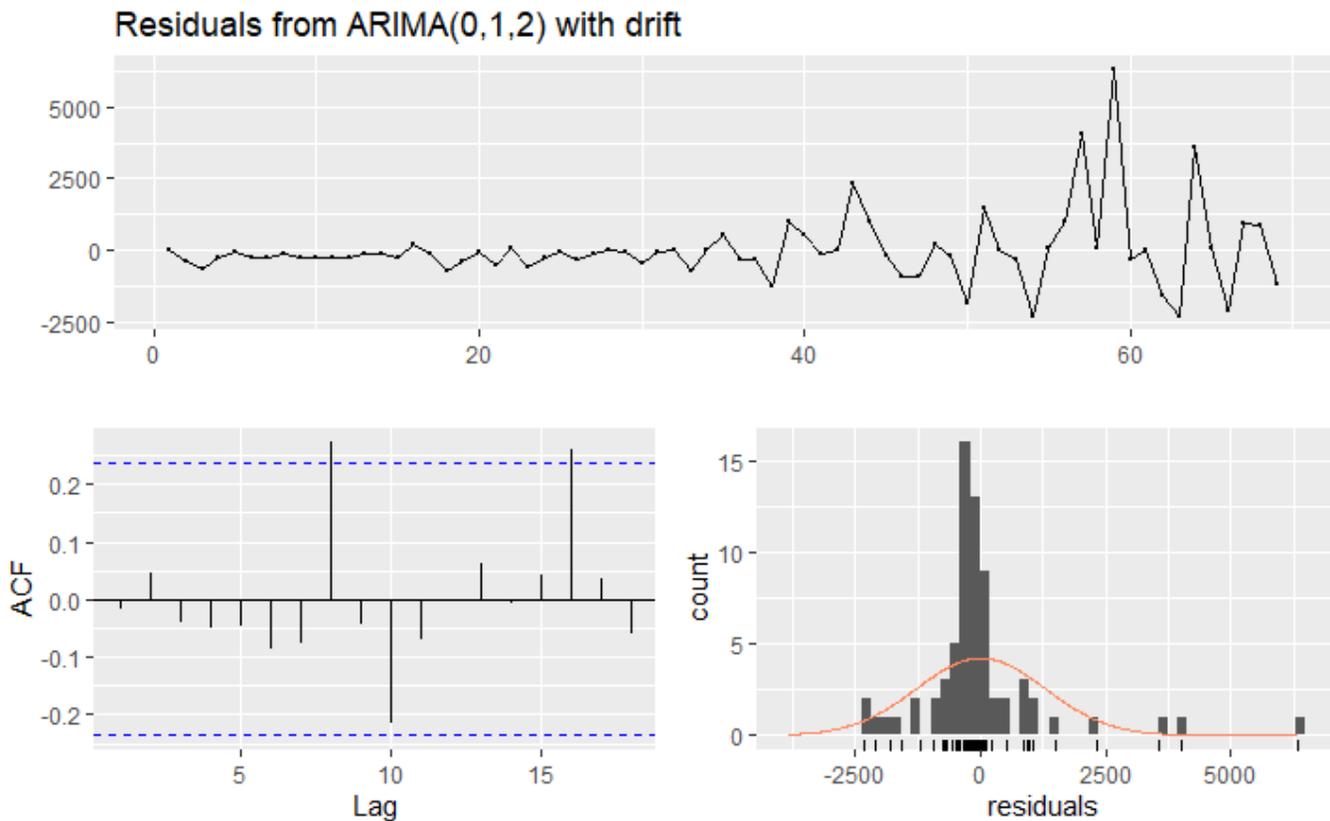


Fig. 1. Residual analysis from ARIMA (0 1 2) model.

Forecasts from ARIMA(0,1,2) with drift

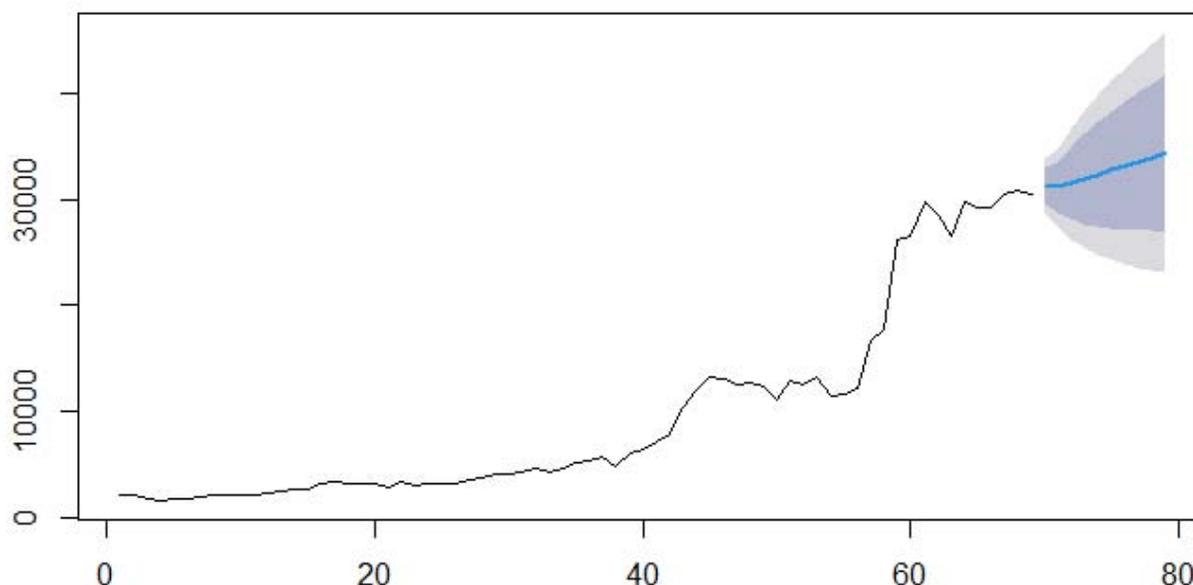


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