

THE STATE OF THE ART IN MODELLING
OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SYSTEMS

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PREFACE

People are becoming more and more conscious of the food problem and this fact is also reflected by the rapidly growing number of models dealing with food, agriculture and related issues.

The purpose of this study is to give an overview of modelling efforts in the food and agriculture area and to investigate some connected modelling problems. The choice of these problems reflects the interest of the Food and Agriculture Program at IIASA in middle and long-run agricultural macro-modelling.

Special attention is paid to models which consider the agricultural systems in their social, demographic, technological and environmental contexts on a national, international or world level.

ABSTRACT

The study is composed of two parts: at first we briefly discuss some questions of modelling the food and agriculture system over the long run, illustrating them with concrete model examples. The questions are:

- o population and economic development;
- o technological change and investments;
- o environment and agricultural production;
- o international relationships.

The second part contains short notes about the 43 models which have built the base of the study. The notes give information about the models' main characteristics, structure and applicability.

A bibliography is also enclosed listing references of papers and books which although not incorporated in this study may nevertheless be of interest to agricultural modellers.

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PART I

Some special issues of modelling in food and agriculture systems

Introduction

On the basis of the analysed models, we shall discuss some general modelling problems in the food and agriculture area. The choice of these issues is arbitrary and reflects our interest in long-run and universal aspects, rather than in short-run and particular problems. One could analyse other questions as well, but we have tried to focus on the basic ones, namely on modelling:

- 1) the interrelationships between general economic development and population growth;
- 2) the connection between technological change and investments;
- 3) relationships between agricultural production and environment;
- 4) the international economic relationships.

These are all critical points in our present modelling (and sometimes also theoretical) knowledge. None of these problems have been completely solved up to now. This has also been shown in the concrete examples of the models we analysed. In looking for shortcomings of different models, considering these topics, we tried only to clarify some difficulties without being critical, since we know that the non-complete handling of the issues is often not the modellers' mistake but a consequence of our present lack of knowledge.

1. Population and economic development

Looking at the food problem on a world level or in developing countries, population growth and its economic context is one of the basic questions.

Since the problem is well-known, and discussed often, we will not analyse it in detail. Rather we will focus only on the question of how economic development influences population growth by changing fertility and mortality rates, and how this was depicted in some concrete models.

In those models in which population is endogenously included, it is possible to describe the connection between malnutrition and mortality rates as well as changes in the fertility rates due to some economic impacts.

When modelling malnutrition, one must determine both food requirements and effective demand. To be precise, food requirements should be derived from a population model, which is detailed enough to give information about the age and sex structure of the population. Effective demand, on the other hand, should be determined for different income classes, since not only the quantity, but also the quality of food intake is different. This means that the model should include income distribution as well.

Indeed looking at changes in the mortality rates, one should also consider effects of health care systems. As we are interested in the food problem, and as this has not been emphasized in the models studied, we have dropped this question for the present, and have concentrated on the description of malnutrition and mortality rate relationships in the different models.

In the Mesarovic-Pestel model-set (26,27) the food requirements are calculated on the basis of the population model, but no income classes are introduced on the consumption side. Thus no differentiation could be made between the consumption by poor or rich. An average food consumption was compared to the requirements, and this affects the mortality in the model. The degree of malnutrition produced in this way is simpler and probably an underestimate of the malnutrition in the real system.

In SARUM world model (49) income classes are generated assuming log-normal income distribution. Food consumption is investigated in total calories and for five food groups in the different income classes. However, considering that the poor's consumer-behaviour is such that it doesn't result in their voluntarily consuming less food than necessary to survive, a lower physical threshold was set, ensuring that if the poor's consumption falls below the minimum necessary level, they reorganize their consumption pattern to restore their food intake, as far as possible, to the threshold. Since it is not always possible in reality, the model becomes incomplete in depicting hunger. Since the model does not include a population model (though some possible growth paths were simulated) no feedback effects can be described either.

The third world model, MOIRA (29) describes the food markets and consumption patterns more precisely than the two models discussed above. Consumption is determined for rural and urban population in six income classes, however this consumption is expressed only in terms of consumable protein. The model treats population exogenously, thus effects of malnutrition remain out of the scope of the investigations.

Three of the national models are important from this point of view. BACHUE - Philippines (42) includes a very elaborated demographic model, and determines nutritional requirements on this basis. Consumption is determined for rural and urban population in ten income classes and compared to the requirements. Effects on the mortality rates are also described. However, all prices are taken exogenously in the model, which means that connections between general economic development and consumption cannot be described satisfactorily.

It is interesting, that the Korean Agricultural Sector Model, (17, 44, 45) determines nutritional requirements on the basis of a very detailed demographic model and calculates food consumption for rural and urban population, but doesn't compare them. Thus neither malnutrition nor its effects were established.

The LTSM model (25) for Egypt also includes a population model, thus it would be possible to describe this problem-complex if consumption had been modelled in more detail. However, at present consumption is determined as a fixed given proportion of national

income and no income classes are considered. At this point the model could be revised, enabling it also to be used according to its original purpose - to be a prototype for developing countries.

We should also mention the Indian consumer demand projections by D.N. Basu (4) who estimated the consumption basket under some realistic assumptions. This investigation is not a part of a socio-economic model, but it can be of methodological interest - the changes in the consumption basket were a result of shifting population distribution among the expenditure classes.

Turning to modelling effects on fertility rates, one can differentiate between purely economic reasons, which can be modelled endogenously, and non-economic or not purely economic reasons with direct or indirect effects. Examples of economic reasons may be outmigration from agriculture because of unequal rural-urban income distribution, or industrialization and increased female labour participation. To the not purely economic reasons belong birth control, rural/urban migration policies and educational programs. This means that from the modelling point of view, rural/urban migration, education and population policies should also be explicitly included in the model.

In the investigated models we can find the following solutions:

Both SARUM and the Mesarovic-Pestel model-set consider this question by simulation runs assuming decreased fertility rates by effective birth controls, or as an effect of a higher standard of education, but don't include an education or migration sub-model.

The third world model we deal with, MOIRA, does include rural/urban migration caused by income differences, but does not describe its effects on fertility rates.

The national models, BACHUE, KASM and LTSM are better from this point of view. BACHUE includes migration and education models, differentiating between rural, urban, skilled and unskilled workers and investigates their effect on fertility, as well as effects of increased female labour employment and birth controls.

KASM's population model reflects effects of family planning programs, public health programs and the changes in fertility rate due to rural/urban migration. In the LTSM fertility rates are influenced by educational level, modern job opportunities for females of a child bearing age and population policy.

Though none of the above models has completely solved the problem of modelling the effects of economic development on population growth, they have produced some very good partial solutions.

Indeed, BACHUE-Philippines, for instance includes almost all relevant factors, its relative weakness stems from its relative simple economic model. Other models give perhaps better solution in the details, but are less comprehensive.

Finally, we should mention one difficulty in modelling this issue, namely the lack of data availability. Although this is

generally a burden in the modeller's job, it is particularly noticeable here as income distribution statistics are seldom available.

2. Technological change and investments

Economic models, and therefore also agricultural models of the middle and long-run must face one unavoidable difficulty, namely, how to consider technological changes. The main problem is how to depict the behaviour of technological progress in its context of economic expectations and requirements. To achieve technical improvements one needs to invest in capital, in research, in new organizations, etc. The allocation of the investments depends mainly on the expected advantages, e.g. profitability.

Even in the short run it is difficult to handle the investment allocation, when the technology or possible technology-mixes are given. Models, like CHAC (12) are able to describe a great variety of technologies (CHAC includes 2000 cropping patterns!) but only investments can be considered that become effective in the same year. In the case of short-run disaggregated models there is some possibility of identifying profitability of investments with profitability of given technologies.

In the aggregate, however, this is impossible, since the technology-mix in a given industry is continually changing, and what we can measure, is only the sum or average profitability of this changing technology. In practice, what we can measure is the profitability of investments in given production sectors, or production units, but we cannot identify the profitability of an investment in a given technology.

Thus, looking at the long-run models, one can establish that the number of different technologies taken into account fall rapidly as the time horizon increases, and the aggregation level becomes higher. Very often only fertilizer use is considered, other effects of technological development (new machines, irrigation, land maintenance, new seeds, etc.) are determined implicitly or by a trend, which is to represent all these changes without differentiating between various concrete possibilities.

The Mesarovic-Pestel (26,27) model-set includes a technological change-module, but agricultural production is only affected by gross-capital. It is planned to improve the model at this point, a Clapham-Bose type model is being built in. This model describes the usage of land resources in crop production for five cropping types. The question of how this will be linked to other parts of the M-P Model (to investments, to livestock production, water, etc.) is open and a lot of reformulation of the original Mesarovic-Pestel agricultural model will be needed, since it deals at present only with aggregate agricultural production.

SARUM (49) considers technology changes by land maintenance investments, by additional investments in social infrastructure, by decreasing availability of water, by machinery investments and by fertilizer and pesticide usage, generally assuming diminishing

returns. Fertilizer response curves were estimated for different regions of the world, as well as costs of land and water development. For some crops maximum potential yields have been estimated, mainly according to agro-climatic constraints, but also productivity increase resulting from irrigation is considered. The allocation of investments is based on the expected profitability of the different sectors, so the identification of profitability of different technology-sets is not ensured. One problem is, that SARUM does not differentiate between governmental and private investments thus it does not differentiate between these different investment decision-patterns.

MOIRA (25) considers technological changes by specifying the production curve (which relates the level of production per hectare to the input mixture per hectare) in such a way, that any shift along the curve is only possible, if production techniques change. The maximum possible yield is taken as an asymptote, to which the actual yield approaches by enlarging the input per hectare. Fertilizer use was investigated explicitly, as well as substitution possibilities between labour and capital. The capital variable represents the "level of equipment", and so covers machinery, stocks of herbicides, drainage network, etc. Thus differences between the roles of these factors can not be established, their common development represents technical change and technical progress is seen as embodied in the capital and fertilizer inputs. Capital investment decisions and decisions about fertilizer use are explained by producer's income maximizing behaviour. No special attention was paid to governmental investments.

Two of the three national models, dealt with in the previous section, describe technological changes in a very simple way. BACHUE (42) pays less attention to the production side of the economy than to the consumption side, and takes investments as exogenous. Technical changes are taken into account only by some simulation runs, investigating effects of decreasing skilled and unskilled labour demand per unit of output.

In the Martos Wuu (25) model for Egypt gross investment is considered as the remainder of output after private and government consumption, and this is allocated by using exogenous policy variables. Yield increments are taken as a function of capital increments and additional material inputs (i.e. better seeds, fertilizer, veterinary services, etc.). As mentioned above, investments allocation is exogenous. Though the additional material inputs are endogenously determined from a short-term saving function, this is taken to be proportional to the net output increment of the last year. Thus there is a feedback between economic growth and technical progress, but this is not described in more detail than discussed above.

The KASM (1,7,44,45) model pays more attention to technology change than the models above, it contains a technical change component. "The production functions express crop yields as functions of (1) conventional variable factor inputs, supplied mainly by the private sector, and (2) structural change variables, including public investments in research, resource base improvement, credit and private investment, primarily in perennial crops. The structural change variables are considered to be

function shifters of production, as well as of factor demand^{1/}. Government price policies and credit programs can be considered as well as impacts of public investments in land and water activities (irrigation, drainage, etc.). While the government's role in technological change is stressed, the private sector seems to be neglected from this point of view since private agricultural investments are exogenous.

Looking at modelling technological changes we have to discuss some agricultural sector models too.

The most direct confrontation of this problem is to be found in AGRIMOD (19,20,21). It contains a generalized Mitscherlich-Baule production function, relating yields of different crops in different land regions to machine utilization expressed in gallons of fuel per acre and to a fertilizer response curve. Labour is not included as a productive factor. Machine utilization is used in the model instead of machinery available, since it turned out, that the U.S. agriculture has reached a steady state, and it is not the availability, but the cost of operating the available machinery which is the limiting factor. The fertilizer response curve is constructed in such a way that it can represent changes resulting from the introduction of higher yield varieties, effects of improved fertilizers and changes in the soil productivity, when their specific parameters are changed. These parameters can be made time functions. Non-capital inputs are taken into account as costs. Three types of agricultural investments are considered which are used to improve the land quality (irrigation, drainage, etc.). This land improvement will also affect production if it is a change in the land category too (13 of them are considered in AGRIMOD) since it results in a shift in the land-quality distribution which in turn influences production.

In a more indirect way, technological change is considered in the model for Denmark by F. Andersen and P.E. Stryg (2). It is a recursive linear programming model, in which technical development is assumed to continue according to past trends. This assumption, and the recursive character of the model, results in changing the technical coefficients. The model endogenously generates shifts in the farm size structure, and this is also reflected by the parameters of the next period's model. Thus the parameter changes also reflect the changes in the "average technology" caused by the shift from smaller farms to bigger ones.

Another recursive linear programming model, that for the State Niedersachsen in the Federal Republic of Germany by H. de Haen (9) deals with other aspects of technical progress. It considers different farm sizes, and investigates how investment decisions (based on maximization of expected profits)

^{1/} T.W. Carroll and M.H. Abkin: A System Simulation Model for Agricultural Development Planning and Policy Analysis: The Korean Agricultural Sector Model. Paper prepared for presentation at the International Conference on Cybernetics and Society, Washington, 1976.

influence machinery availability in the farm groups. Technical progress is looked at as embodied in machinery aggregates. At any time the technology mixture of capital utilization and labour is determined by the marginal productivity of the factors and on their availability. Technical changes, other than those represented by machinery are implicitly included.

The agricultural planning models of socialist countries consider technical progress by trend extrapolation, and adjust investment, resource requirements and allocation according to this projection. This can be done in two different ways: either requirements, norms, etc., can be established, whose fulfilment has to be ensured during the planning period, or a recursive programming model generates technology mixes on the basis of the projection and optimizes them for single years as well as for longer periods.

The great variety of different approaches to model technological changes show the difficulties of solving this problem. At this point not data availability but the lack of appropriate theoretical and methodological knowledge hinders modellers' work.

3. Environment and Agricultural Production

Environment and agricultural production are strongly inter-related. Environment is a limiting factor to the agricultural production as far as the extent of arable land and different soil types, water availability for irrigation and climate are concerned. But on the other hand, excessive productive activities, e.g. overgrazing, deforestation, etc., and different agricultural techniques, e.g. fertilizer and pesticide usage, irrigation, drainage, etc., influence the quality and/or quantity of environmental factors.

In modelling this interrelationship, the limiting character is generally emphasized while the effects of agricultural technologies on the environment are usually neglected. This fact can be explained very easily if we consider, that while the first relationship has been always well known, mankind is only now becoming conscious of the full interrelationship. Accordingly, we possess less theoretical knowledge, and data in this field. This has been a great drawback for modellers and has resulted in the fact that the environment has been mainly considered only as a limiting factor when modelling agriculture. Or alternatively, when concentrating on environmental problems agriculture has been considered in a non-detailed crude way.

Looking at the models which are covered by the study, the picture is as follows:

At present agricultural production is described in the Mesarovic-Pestel model-set (26,27) by using a land-use model, also taking account of fertilizer usage and water availability. Though the loadings can be computed, the effects of agricultural technology on the environment are not modelled.

Also MOIRA (26,29) takes account of environmental limits when considering soil fertilities, irrigation possibilities and climatic conditions. When production possibilities are calculated, fertilizer usage is considered. By assuming

that management behaves intelligently enough to avoid land degradation, soil erosion, water pollution, etc., the effects of production on the environment remain out of the scope of the investigations.

This problem is very similarly treated in SARUM (49) - they also calculate the upper limit to production according to agro-climatic zones taking account of land availability, land depletion and effects of rainfall, etc., and assume that management techniques are adopted which ensure that the fertility of the soil does not deteriorate seriously and that necessary investments are met. Thus the connection between agriculture and environment remains one-sided.

Also the national agricultural sector models consider environmental limits. In the linear programming models, which optimize agricultural production according to different criteria, land availability and qualities as well as water resources are taken into account. As examples we can mention the CARD-models (14) and the Hungarian Planning Bureau models (16,28). Fertilizers and pesticide usage is considered only from the technical and cost point of view. The problem is similarly treated in AGRIMOD (19,20,21).

Models are available for two regions which focus on environmental issues. In character these regions are diametrically opposite regarding their economic development - the USA and the Sahel-zone. But their problem is common - how man deteriorates his environment. In both regions, the problem becomes more and more acute and we have to realize that countries developing in one or the other way, (as far as a worsening environmental situation can be called development!) do not seem to care much about it, at least not in their modelling efforts.

The R.f.F model (41) for the U.S. deals with the environment as the source to meet resource requirements at different levels of population, national income and technology and investigates, if the nation could produce enough food, for exports as well, if fertilizer and pesticides usage were limited. They have found that this would be possible at somewhat higher agricultural prices. The model pays great attention also to the problems of solid animal wastes. These, like fertilizers and pesticides can enter surface or ground water, causing excessive algae which can be deadly for fish and unpalatable for man. The quantities generated of these three pollutant factors are estimated as proportional to the agricultural output.

The model of the Sahel-zone by Picardi (35) describes the self-amplifying cycle of deterioration of rangelands, caused by permanent overgrazing, since the only chance for herdsmen to survive is to keep as many cattle as possible. The conclusion was that so far aid programs like veterinary services, and restocking programs have made the situation worse rather than better. The author has tried to find a solution to get out of this cycle.

As mentioned already, except for these two models, environmental consequences of agricultural production are in general not considered. It is worthwhile to mention that just the disaggregated models, which could describe this issue in more detail because

they describe agricultural technology in more detail fail to do this. The possible reasons have been discussed at the beginning of this section.

4. International relationships

International relationships are getting more and more important in our social and economic situation and especially in the food and agricultural area. Since countries have different natural endowments, climatic conditions and resources (raw materials, arable land, etc.) and since they are at different stages of economic development, they are differently specialized in their production and consumption structure as well. This fact, among others, which we don't discuss here, increases the need of international interactions. Thus not only more advantageous production structures can be formed, but also consumer's requirements can be met on a higher level. This latter fact is extremely important in the food consumption. Some countries are able to produce far over their own food requirements, some others are not able to feed their population. In this situation international trade, international food aid, building up of international grain reserves, foreign investments and technical aid etc., have a crucial role.

Indeed, this fact is reflected in one or another way in all international models included in this study.

Summarizing the situation in modelling international trade relationships, one can very crudely establish that modellers either strive after a precise description of international market mechanisms, but assume that the markets are free competitive ones, or if they relax on the free market assumptions, they neglect the description of market-behaviors and simply accounts for foreign trade in an ex-post way.

MOIRA belongs to the first group (29) as does the FAO World Price Equilibrium Model (51) and the LINK model system (3). There are however some important differences. MOIRA, dealing with only one category of food, namely with consumable protein, solves the world price for this single commodity, bringing into equilibrium total food consumption and supply. The balancing role of stock piling activities is also considered. World prices affect producers' decisions via domestic price levels.

The FAO model generates equilibrium world prices for eighteen agricultural commodities and twenty eight regions under similar assumptions. This model is, however, very simplified in describing production and consumption decisions on the national level. Since the model deals with more commodities, substitution effects have also had to be taken into account. This was done, however, with fewer commodities and regions.

The LINK-project uses a special tool in calculating world equilibrium prices, namely the matrix of market shares. This matrix describes for each country covered by the project, the shares of total imports supplied by the other countries. The economic assumptions are very similar to those of the models discussed above but there are essential differences as well. The FAO model and MOIRA deal with the foreign trade of special commodities and pay great attention to effects of price and income policies of governments. In the LINK project total trade flows are dealt with and price policies are not investigated.

To this first group also belongs the Takayama-Hashimoto model (50), which like the FAO model determines world prices for several agricultural commodities. But the model is methodologically different, the FAO model is an econometric one, the Takayama Hashimoto model uses a quadratic programming algorithm. This methodological difference has economic consequences - the monetary system of the Takayama Hashimoto model is not closed.

To the second group of models, which don't describe market mechanisms belong to the two global models: the Mesarovic-Pestel model system (26,27) and SARUM (49).

The Mesarovic-Pestel models represent world trade by a simple ex-post iterative allocation mechanism, which is able to introduce trade policy impacts, but is essentially a non-causal description. The method is basically the following: total export supplies and demands are generated region by region and the allocation occurs according to some rules but mainly according to purchasing powers. Prices are used only as a means of accounting and are not changed during the iteration.

SARUM represents world trade by a matrix of biases which reflects deviations from fixed proportions, set by observed trading patterns according to proportions of total outputs of the regions. The existence of these deviations is not explained in the model, however.

Turning to the next type of international relationship, to food aid, we can mention MOIRA, the only complex model, which investigated if hunger could be alleviated in the developing countries by food aid, financed by rich countries. It was shown that food aid in itself, can't solve the problem.

The main objective of international grain reserves is to ensure a stable grain supply. But besides that, grain reserves can play a stabilizing role with respect to the grain prices as well. The grain reserve models, included in this study [by Eaton et al (11), G. Johnson (15) and Reutlinger (140)] concentrate only on the first role of the grain reserves mentioned above, but neglect the second one.

They determine optimal grain reserve sizes, under alternative, (and sometimes rather abstract and simplified) assumptions about production and consumption, risks, etc., but don't consider how reserves affect production and consumption via prices. The other shortcoming of these models, is that they don't consider any international interactions of the stock-building process, reserves are always looked at as global or independent national ones. In such circumstances reserves have real contact neither with the real economies, nor with national policies.

The only model in our example, which explicitly deals with foreign investments even if in a very simple way, is the Kaya et al Two-Level Multination Model (17). It emphasizes the role of private overseas investments and official development assistance, which are very important for the countries (South East Asian countries, U.S.A., Australia, Japan and EEC countries) covered by the model. Private overseas investments as well as official development assistance are determined as functions of gross domestic product and exogenously fixed parameters. No attention was given to explaining these policies in more detail.

Finally we have to mention briefly the modelling efforts to depict the connections between countries of the world by input-output models. In principle, these models within their strong methodological limitations could reflect different international economic relations, discussed above in detail. There are several such projects going on, our study includes A. Bottomley's model. This model covers the world country by country by national input-output models. Three variants of the model exist, i.e. the model has 10, 20 and 60 sectoral disaggregations. Although the model contains an enormously large data base, it still lacks some appropriate data so a lot of guesswork has to be done, which can cause the results to become rather untrustworthy. The essentially static construction of the model makes the results of any projection experiments doubtful.

PART II

Some special issues of modelling in food and agriculture systems

Introduction

The notes are composed of two parts: first, major characteristics of the model are listed and these are then followed by a short discussion of the model;

Some of the characteristics require short explanations:

- o Generalization level: outlines the highest level of generalization.
- o Aggregation: outlines the representative aggregates which the model operates.
- o Usage: outlines a list of possible uses and intended or real applications of the model.
- o Time: outlines some of the following characteristics: reference years, data base, time horizon and projection periods. All models included in the study are based on annual data.
- o Validation: outlines attempts to ensure the verification and validation of the model.

The structure of some models is also depicted graphically, to give a quick and clean overview about the main relationships of the variables. A "reference model structure" (see page 15) was used to allow an easy comparison of different models. As we tried to keep the figures simple, no time lags appear, the arrows means only, which variable is used to calculate another one. Arrows crossing the dotted box around the "market part" of the figure are places where government policies can be introduced. More information about the concrete policies and the contents of the individual boxes is given in the "short discussion" on each model.

The models have been grouped as follows:

1. International and world models, and
2. National models.

Both groups have several subgroups:

- a. Economic and socio-economic models.
- b. Economic and socio-economic models focussing on the F & A system.
- c. Agricultural sector models.
- d. Agricultural commodity models. Here we have to mention that no national single-commodity models are included since they are of partial interest to our present investigations.

A list of the models is given overleaf. The numbers in brackets are the reference numbers.

I. INTERNATIONAL AND WORLD MODELS

A. Economic and Socio-economic Models:

1. System Analysis Research Unit Model (SARUM) (49)
2. Mesarovic-Pestel Model Set (26, 27)
3. Project LINK (3)
4. Kaya et al. Two-Level Multi-Nation Model for Development Planning (17)

B. Economic and Socio-economic Models Focussing on the Food and Agriculture System:

1. Model of International Relations in Agriculture (MOIRA) (29)
2. Picardi: A Model for the Sahel (35)
3. Bottomley: World Agricultural Input-Output Model (6)

C. Agricultural Sector Models:

1. FAO World Price Equilibrium Model (51)
2. Takayama-Hashimoto: World Food Economy Model (50)

D. Agricultural Commodity Models:

1. Rojko-Schwartz: GOL-model (43)
2. Schmitz-Bawden: A Spatial Price Analysis of the World Wheat Economy (47)
3. Reutlinger: A Simulation Model for Evaluating Worldwide Buffer Stocks of Wheat (40)
4. Eaton et al: A Method to Size World Grain Reserves. (11)
5. Johnson-Sumner: An Optimization Approach to Grain Reserves for Developing Countries (15)

II. NATIONAL MODELS

A. Economic and Socio-Economic Models:

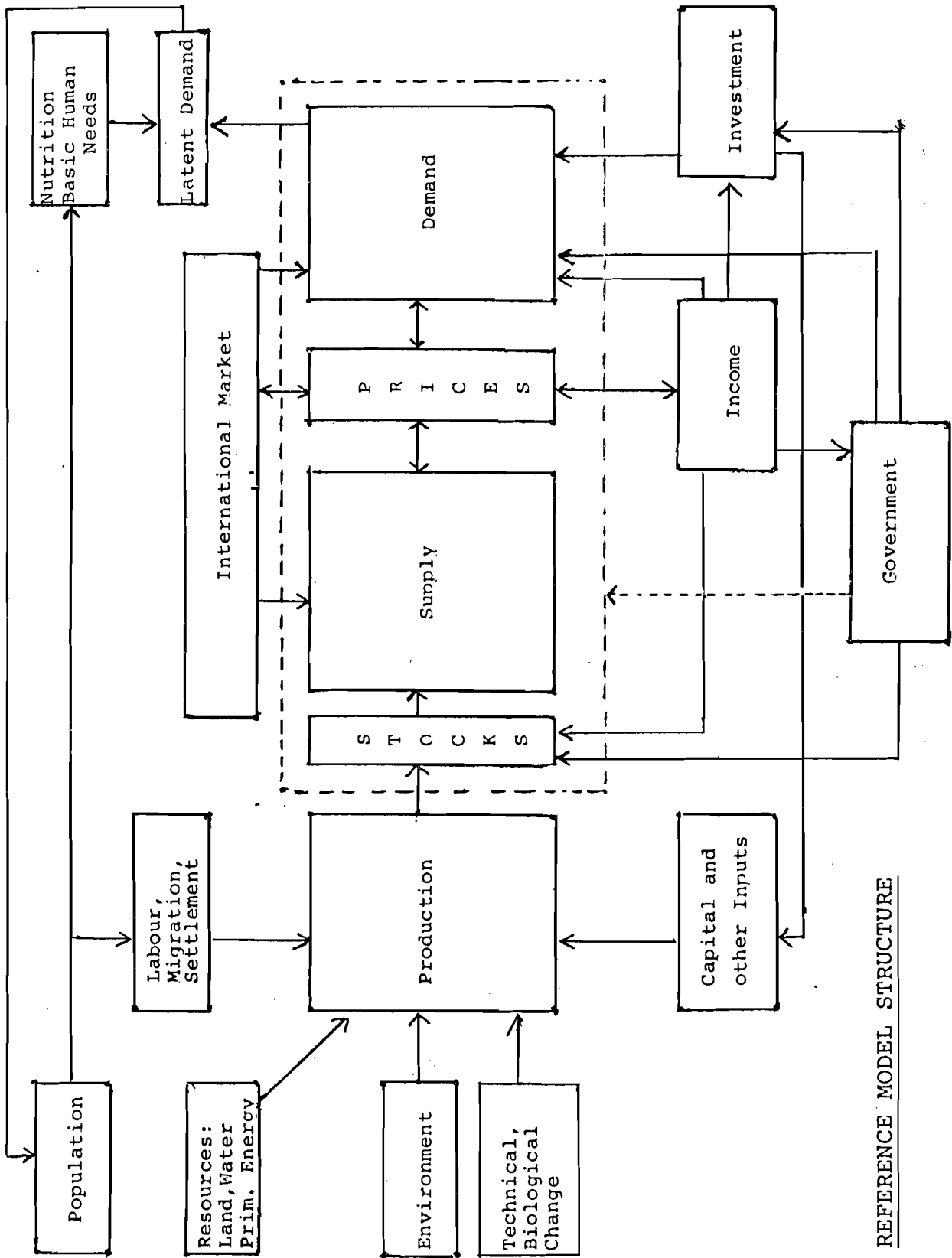
1. Rodgers et al: BACHUE - Philippines (42)
2. Martos-Wuu; LTSM - Egypt (25)
3. Ridker; R f F - Model for the U.S. (41)
4. Gupta-Bhakta: An Economic Model for Argentina (13)
5. del Rio-Klein: Macroeconomic Model for Mexico (10)

B. Economic and Socio-Economic Models Focussing on the Food and Agriculture System:

1. Rossmiller et al: Korean Agricultural Sector Model (1, 7, 44, 45)
2. Manetsch et al: Nigerian Agricultural Sector Analysis (23, 24)
3. Goreux-Manne: CHAC Model for Mexico (12)

C. Agricultural Sector Models:

1. Heady et al: CARD Linear Programming Models (14)
2. Monypenny: APMAA '74, Model for Australia (22,23)
3. Soviet Models for Optimization of National Plan of Public Purchases of Agricultural Commodities (36)
4. Hungarian National Planning Bureau Models for Agriculture (16, 28)
5. de Haen - Heidhues: Recursive Programming Models to Simulate Agricultural Development in West Germany (9)
6. Andersen-Stryg: Interregional Recursive LP Model for Danish Agriculture (2)
7. Singh, I: Recursive Programming Models for Indian Agriculture (48)
8. Pandey-Takayama: Temporal Equilibrium Analysis of Some Commodities in India (32)
9. Pant- Takayama: An Investigation of Agricultural Planning Models: A Case Study for India (33)
10. Bertele-Brioschi: The Italian Food Sector: An Input-Output Model (5)
11. Kulshreshtha-Holub: An Aggregate Econometric Model of Canadian Agriculture (18)
12. Ruch et al: A Long-term Simulation Model for French Agriculture (46)
13. Levis et al: AGRIMOD for the U.S. (19,20,21)
14. Ray-Heady: Simulated Effects of Alternative Policy and Economic Environments on the U.S. Agriculture (39)
15. Ray-Moriak: POLYSIM for the U.S. (37,38)
16. Nelson-Cochrane: Economic Consequences of Federal Farm Commodity Program (31)
17. Parikh: India in 2001 (34)
18. Basu: Consumption Pattern and Life Style in 2000 in India (4)
19. Clapham-Bose: Land Resources and Food Production Model for the Indian Subcontinent (8)



REFERENCE MODEL STRUCTURE

I. INTERNATIONAL AND WORLD MODELS

I.A. Economic and Socio-economic Models

Model: System Analysis Research Unit Model (SARUM) (49)

Coverage: World by three regions (USA; OECD plus the block of socialist countries excepting the USA, countries of the third world including mainland China).

Generalization level: Regional and global socio-economic development.

Aggregation: Three regions, ten sectors, a number of commodities, income classes (The income classes can be generated for different purposes, for different regions).

Method: System simulation, input-output, econometric.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic/stochastic.

Usage: Projection of food situation and mineral resources with slackening population growth for all regions and with continuously expanding population for the third region (predictions under other assumptions have been carried out too).

Time: Base year 1968, projections for 90 years.

Validation: Calibration, sensitivity analysis.

Short discussion: The modelling effort attempts to introduce neo-classical economic theory into the system dynamic approach. The method has been refined; SARUM is more disaggregated than the first system dynamics models: the three regions', commodity groups have been taken into account and the demand is determined for different income classes. Also an allocation mechanism was used for determining investments using the expected marginal profitability of the different sectors.

Markets are represented by changes in stocks. If stocks (defined as differences between supply and demand) are above the desired level, prices fall and if stocks are below, prices rise. World trade is represented by a matrix of biases which reflects the trading patterns between the regions, based on the proportions of their production levels and also the deviations from the proportions, thus this matrix attempts to indicate strategic, political and economic barriers of trade.

Ten sectors of the economy are included. The agricultural sector is more disaggregated than the others. The model deals with population, minerals and energy-depletion; pollution and the energy sector. The model can describe agricultural production in two alternative ways: either by grain

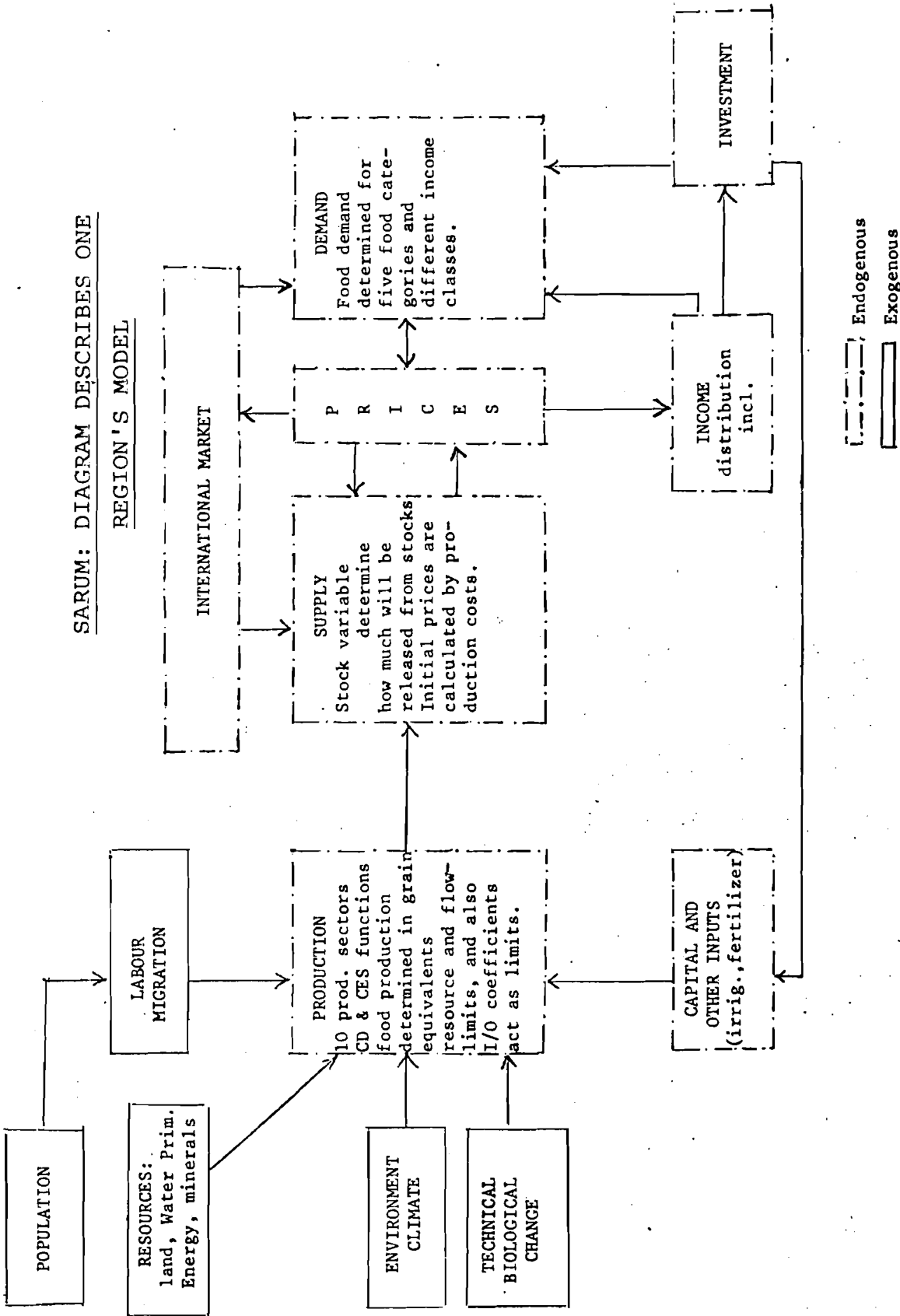
equivalents or by different commodity groups (unprocessed cereals and starchy roots, unprocessed livestock products and fish, processed livestock products and fish, unprocessed fruits and vegetables, processed fruits and vegetables). The production function is of the Cobb-Douglas type with constant returns to scale. Capital, arable land, labour, irrigation, fertilizer and disembodied technical progress are viewed as production determining factors.

Some simulation results are available but not discussed in detail.

The model contains many simplified assumptions, especially about market mechanisms. No attention is paid to distinction between private and government activities.

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REGION'S MODEL



Model: Mesarovic-Pestel Model Set. (26) (27)

Coverage: World by regions.

Generalization level: Regional and global socio-economic development.

Aggregation: Heterogenous: appropriate to time horizon, region or country and to issue under investigation. (see "usage" and "time")

Method: Multi-level, hierarchical systems approach.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Policy - and problem - oriented projection; inputs necessary for the model are specified through scenario design: for global system simultaneously or for separate regions (nation).

Time: Data base used begins with 1964 or earlier. Horizon issue-dependent (15 to 50 years).

Validation: Ex-post prediction and sensitivity analysis, attempt to increase plausibility of alternative future scenarios through consultation with experts.

Short discussion: The so-called second generation model of the Mesarovic-pestel project resulted partly from sub-regionalization of the original world model and partly from specialization on problem-bundles. Initially the model operated on ten regions; now it includes up to 25 regional models some of which are national models (e.g., USA, Canada, West-Germany, France, England, Mexico, Venezuela, Iran, Saudi-Arabia and Egypt). This subregionalization makes more reasonable policy investigations possible insofar as political units and regional units are more closely connected in the second generation models than in the earlier ones. One can also differentiate between several modules: energy, food, economy, technology, investment goods, population and some resources. Efforts to link modules on different levels of aggregation for the purpose of focusing on special issues within the world system analysis are continuing.

The Mesarovic-Pestel group's efforts in the area of food and agriculture (F & A) have two goals:
(1) to include F & A as an objective and as a constraint in global development analysis and
(2) to develop national food policy models, beginning with the USA.

The following discussion roughly describes the representation of F & A in the world model. At present food production is aggregated into total food production as a fraction of total agricultural production; food requirements are deduced from the population model and energy requirements for food production are taken into account in the energy model, etc. Feedback effects are introduced (e.g., protein and caloric deficiency affects age-specific mortality rates in the population model). For the purposes of analyzing worldwide F & A interactions it will be necessary for the modellers to introduce additional detail.

Until August 1976, two topics have been investigated: (1) land resources and production and (2) the food trade problem. The land resources and crop-production will be depicted in more detail. Much effort has been invested to develop adequate production functions. To date four different types can be used in the global model. The land resources and production model will be linked with the economic model, population model, food use model, livestock production model, climate and water model, consistent with the approach outlined above.

Since at present world trade is represented by a simple iterative allocation mechanism (year-by-year) with some possibility of introducing policy impacts, this will be described in a more realistic way.

In spite of the enormous amount of data collected by the group (e.g., over 50 agricultural trade commodities bilaterally nation-by-nation and annually from 1964 on and practically all relevant FAO material) the wellknown data gaps force certain compromises.

It is necessary to emphasize that the F & A efforts of the Mesarovic-Pestel group are still being developed, improved and comprehensive publications are rare. Therefore it is difficult to get (and give) a closed picture about the project.

Model: Project-LINK. (3).

Coverage: Thirteen developed countries, (socialist countries in one group), twelve developing countries, four developing regions, not including countries from the previous group.

Generalization level: Economies and trade relations of countries and regions.

Aggregation: Various in different models (all models are multi-sectoral macro-models).

Method: Econometric

Type of systems: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Prediction of international trade relationships assuming a) higher import absorption by Middle East oil exporting countries; b) inventory recession in the U.S., U.K. and Italy; c) higher commodity export prices for developing countries and d) constancy of world oil prices at 1973 level.

Validation: All models are estimated, ex-post predictions were carried out.

Time: Different reference years at estimation of the different models. Forecasting for the years 1967-70-71.

Short discussion: The problem of linking national models was solved by the world trade matrix, which represents the market shares, having the general element $a_{ij} = x_{ij} / \sum_i x_{ij}$, where x_{ij} is the total merchandise exports from region i to region j . In order to allow a_{ij} to change over time it was made dependent on the import price index of the country j , (i.e. on the weighted average of the export prices of all countries supplying the j -th market) and on the prices of exports from country i to country j . It was assumed, that the elasticity of the real market share with respect to relative export prices is the same for all suppliers in the j -th market. It was further assumed that the traded goods are homogeneous (i.e. in the absence of transportation cost and other trade barriers there is only one price in the world market).

No account was taken of market influencing factors other than prices and capacity utilization. (Tariffs, transportation, etc. are excluded from the investigation).

Three so-called LINK-exercises have been carried out (forecasting for the years 1969-70-71). In the first exercise, (mini-LINK) world trade was set equal to the sum of imports but the import total did not equal the export total. The question to be solved was at which level of world trade the models generate equality of imports and exports. In this exercise no price effects were examined. Price effects were introduced in the midi-LINK exercise where it was assumed that the import price index for country i moves proportionally to the index of world export prices. Thus for different levels of world trade, different world and import price indexes were used, and in this way the equality of the sum of imports to world trade was found. In the maxi-LINK exercises the matrix of trade flows was introduced, and equality of the import sum and the export sum was ensured by an iterative procedure. (In practice, the world trade matrix does not automatically guarantee this fact.)

Of course the methodology described refers to the maxi-LINK exercise.

Model: Y. Kaya, A. Onishi, and H. Ishitani: A Two-Level Multi-Nation Model for Development Planning. (17)

Coverage: Sixteen industrially advanced nations and fourteen developing countries. The industrialized countries are Japan, Australia, U.S., Canada and West-European countries, the developing countries are Asian ones. China is not included.

Generalization level: Developed and developing market economies.

Aggregation: Macro-models on GDP balances, three production-sectors.

Method: Econometric.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Projection of economic relations between industrially advanced countries and the developing countries.

Time: Data base: 1960-71, prediction for 1985.

Validation: Parameters estimated by econometric methods.

Short discussion: The first level of the model is composed of six sub-sectors: production; expenditures on real gross domestic product; profits and wages; prices; expenditures on nominal gross domestic product; official development assistance and private overseas investment.

The model is specified differently for the industrialized and for the developing countries (and some distinctions are made for OPEC-countries as well). For developing countries the model is pushed by production, for industrialized countries it is pulled by demand.

International interdependencies are represented not only by the foreign trade, but also by private overseas investments. The official development assistance (a function of gross domestic product) from the industrially advanced countries is distributed among the developing countries according to temporary fixed ratios and exogenous policy-parameters. The distribution and flow of private overseas investment is also a function of GDP (Gross Domestic Product) and different exogenous controllable policy parameters.

The second level of the multi-nation model is a series of three-sector production models. The

sectors are: agricultural production, manufacturing production and other sector productions. The two levels are connected by the GDP and by exports. (During the preparatory process of these sectoral models the agricultural situation and the interdependencies between agriculture and industry have been studied for selected developing countries in Asia.)

The second level represents simply the three-sectoral distribution of the GDP production and exports, from which the sum in the first level is included.

A forecast run was carried out, taking 1970 as base year and 1985 as target year. The oil-shock in 1973 -74 has been simulated, and after this period 1974 oil prices have been fixed. These results are discussed.

I.B. Economic and Socio-economic Models
Focussing on the Food and Agriculture System

Model: MOIRA: A Model of International Relations in Agriculture. (29)

Coverage: World by 106 geographical units.

Generalization level: Market and non-market economies.

Aggregation: Agricultural and non-agricultural sectors; consumable protein per hectare per region; per capita consumption per income class in the sectors.

Method: Econometric.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Analysis and prediction of food-economy at different policy assumptions.

Time: Data base: 1965, predictions: 2010.

Validation: Cross-section estimates.

Short discussion: The model depicts food production, demand, the channels between food supply and demand as well as buffer stocks.

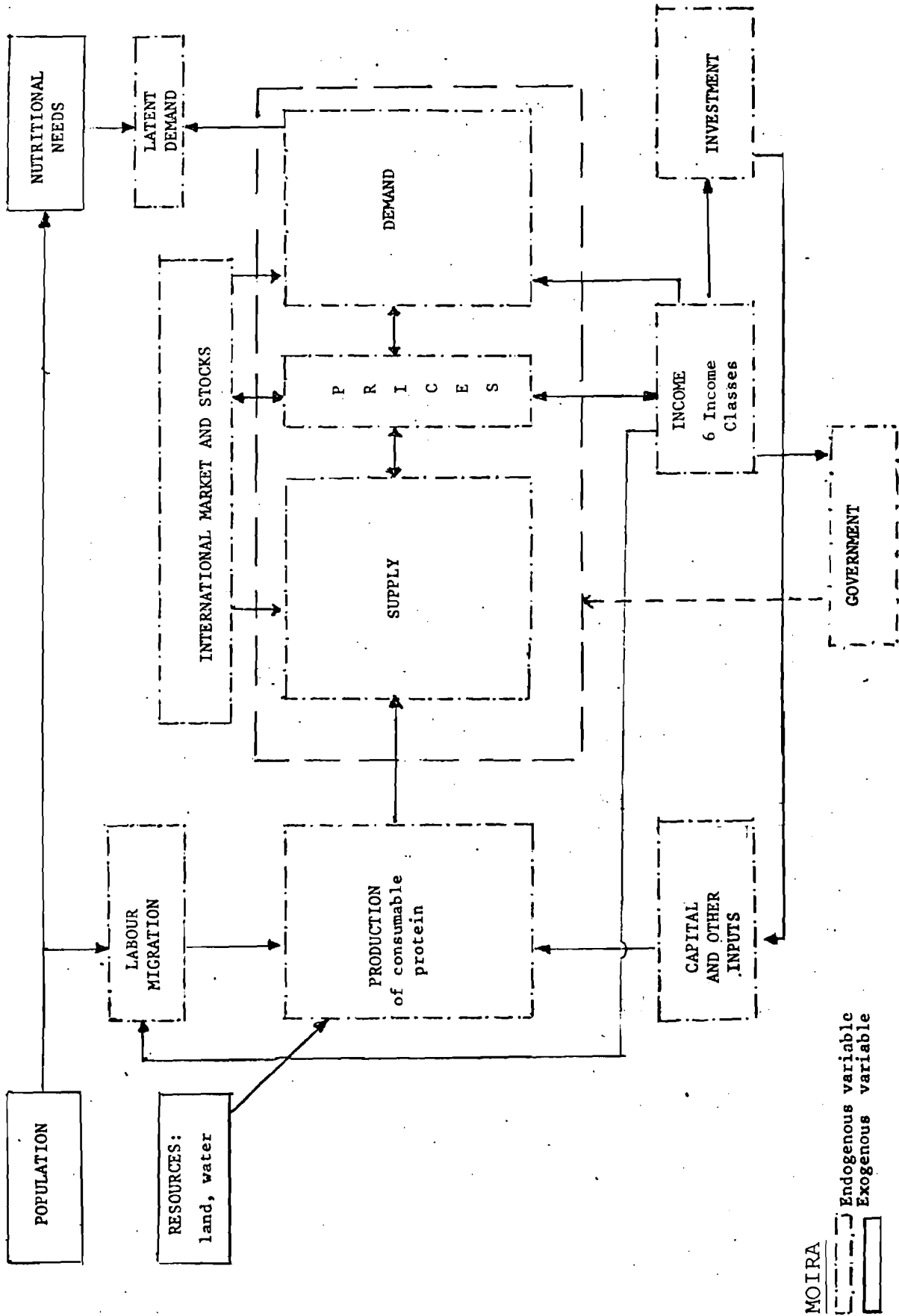
The equations of the model are directly linearizable with respect to the unknown parameters (DLUP) which ensure not only the possibility of adequate estimates but a reasonable interpretation too. Production functions are given for production of food from land. Fish production is estimated exogenously.

Production of protein is expressed in terms of a land production function and of the intensity of land use functions. The consumption function is specified in a form which takes into account different income classes. The model is able to generate equilibrium world prices from year to year under free market assumptions. The countries are linked by the common world market for food imports and exports.

Two policy alternatives were examined to find possibilities for eliminating or reducing the extent of hunger in the period 1975-2010. These policies are: [1] redistribution of the available food in the world; [2] stimulation of the food production in the developing countries. It was found that though food aid will remain an important factor in the future, the growth of food production in the developing countries at a stable, somewhat higher world market price level would bring us closer to the alleviation of hunger if a more equal income distribution could be realized.

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The main limitation of the model is that it deals with only one kind of food: consumable protein. All different food types are converted to this measure. This simplifies the economic treatment of the production and markets, but has the drawback that all operations of the model are abstract in the sense that consumable protein is produced and traded in the model, rather than specific crops and livestock products. Because of this limitation price movements of different commodities and diet structure problems cannot be described.



Model: A.C. Picardi, W.W. Seifert: The Tragedy of the Common in the Sahel. (35)

Coverage: Sahel-Zone.

Generalization level: Socio-economic structure.

Aggregation: --

Method: System dynamics.

Type of System: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Projections of alternative futures for solving social problems.

Time: Data basis 1960-70, horizon 2060.

Validation: Weak, some data used from 1960-70.

Short discussion: The agricultural model of the Sahel zone focuses on a special problem on the dynamics of pastoralism, a problem crucial to the region. A closed chain of actions demonstrates that the short-run benefits to the individual herdsman contradict to the long-run interests of the tribe. The herdsman increases his stock to ensure against hunger for him and his family.

Each individual herdsman overstocks, the range is overgrazed and as a result all must share the costs of overgrazing. These behaviours are passed on through succeeding generations so the cycle begins again. The aim of the simulation was to find a way out of this cycle.

The basis of investigations was the pastoral zone of Niger. Here it was shown that so far aid programs have made the situation worse rather than better, e.g., veterinary services, in order to decrease the death rate of the livestock have intensified the above-mentioned cycle. The authors propose a combined technical-economic-and-cultural program to solve the problem given stabilization of birth rate.

Model: A. Bottomley et al: A World Agricultural Model:
An Input-output Research Proposal. (6)

Coverage: World, country by country.

Generalization level: Economies of nations.

Aggregation: Nations, 10, 21 resp. 60 sectors.

Method: Input-output.

Type of System: Static, deterministic.

Usage: Prediction of international interdependencies.

Validation: None.

Time: Basis years different, predictions for 1980-90.

Short discussion: For each country the authors constructed 10 x 10 I/O tables, which are then disaggregated into 21 x 21 tables. Six agricultural commodity groups, fishing, three kinds of fertilizer, pesticides and processed foods and as input factors nine kinds of land are considered.

An international trade matrix is needed, which will be elaborated only for the more aggregated 10 x 10 model. Some of the difficulties in constructing such a system are noted:

1. I/O tables don't exist for all countries. Some "average" tables were constructed using existing I/O tables of countries, which have a similar economic structure.
2. The existing tables have been aggregated in different ways so they must be revised for consistency.
3. Existing tables have been constructed using different price systems.
4. All technical coefficient matrices must be updated (and the existing ones refer to different years).
5. A large problem is the lack of data which is necessary to such a disaggregated system.

Because of these problems, the system becomes increasingly unreliable.

The project is still in process. According to recent information the model will be elaborated in a 60 x 60 version.

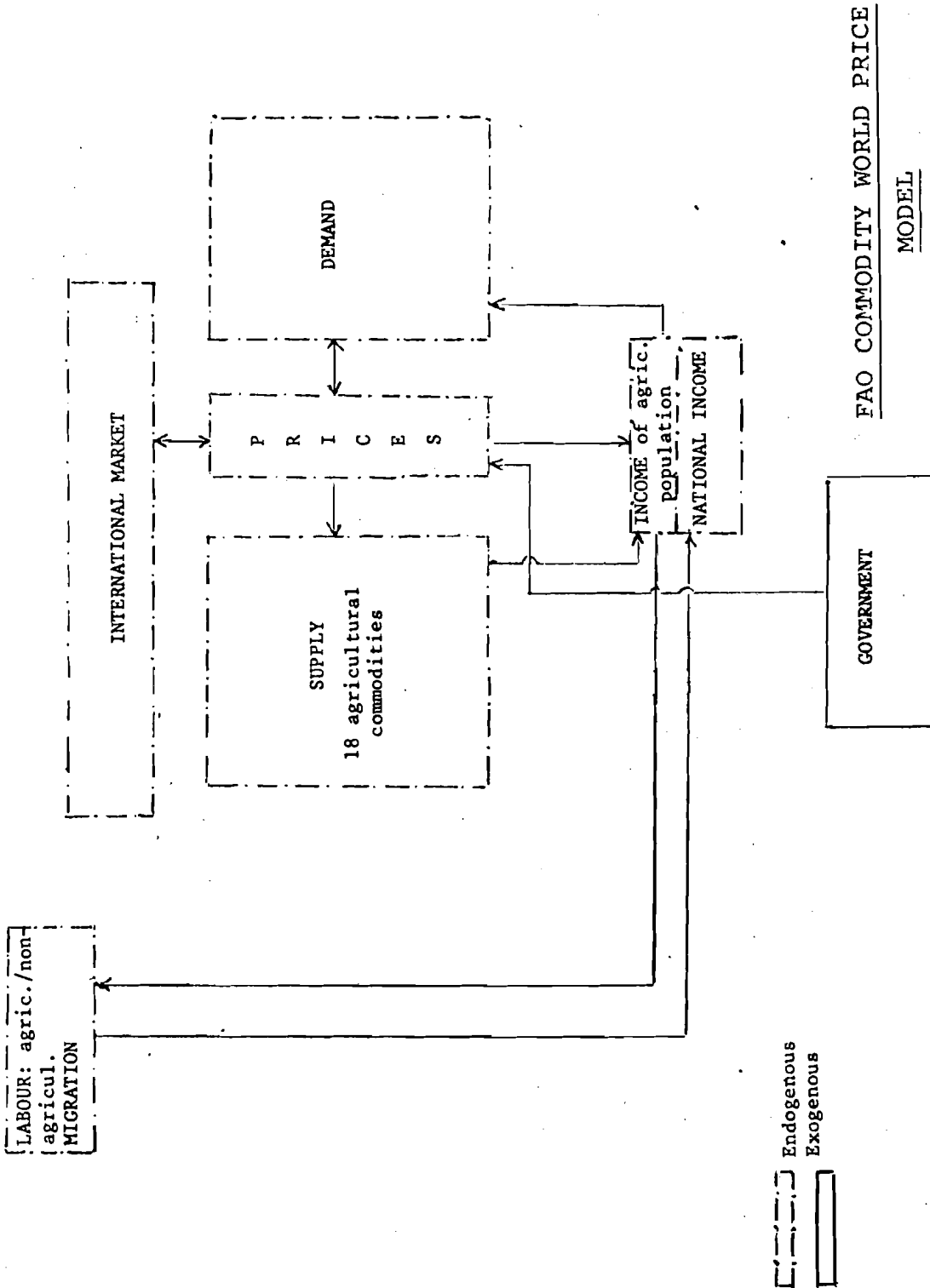
I.C. Agricultural Sector-Models

- Model: A World Price Equilibrium Model (Multi-commodity multi-region case). (51)
- Coverage: World by twenty-eight regions.
- Generalization level: Trade of commodities between regions.
- Aggregation: Supply, demand and price of 18 agricultural commodities.
- Method: Econometric.
- Type of system: Static, deterministic.
- Usage: Projection of world market equilibrium prices for commodities under free market assumptions, considering some policy changes also.
- Time: Data basis 1969-70, projections for 1980.
- Validation: Sensitivity analysis.
- Short discussion: This study was the first attempt to project world market equilibrium prices. The structure of the model is as follows:
- For each commodity and country, domestic price is determined as a function of the world market price, domestic price support levels and transportation costs. Supply, calculated on the basis of the commodities' own price elasticities, at given domestic prices induces the value added for agriculture, which in turn affects the labour transfer between agriculture and other sectors. As population is exogenously given, non-agricultural population can be calculated. Non-agricultural value added is estimated by taking into account the changed proportion between the agricultural and non-agricultural population. With an estimation of the value added for agricultural and non-agricultural sectors, one can estimate the disposable incomes. Having estimated incomes, prices and population, demand for each commodity and each country can be determined. As the sum of supply and demand on the world level is assumed to equal zero, world prices are determined as an approximation of an equilibrium. These new world prices affect domestic prices, and a new iteration begins for the same year.
- In this model only direct price elasticities have been considered; the equilibrium prices on the different commodity markets are determined independently. In another model variant (with less

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commodities and regions) cross price elasticities were also introduced. The results show that the original changes in prices were dampened. Smaller differences were caused by the introduction of income feedbacks on individual commodities.

With different model variants, eight different projections are presented. Three of them consider policy changes also, e.g., enlargement of the EEC, increased protection, and no domestic price supports. The results are discussed in detail.



Model: T. Takayama, H. Hashimoto: The Eight Agricultural Commodity and Twenty Region World Food Economy Model for 1974, and a Two-period (1973-74) Model for the Eight Commodity Two Region Case. (50)

Coverage: World by twenty regions.

Generalization level: Trade of commodities between regions.

Aggregation: Eight commodity groups.

Method: Quadratic programming.

Type of system: Static, deterministic

Usage: Prediction and simulation of trade flows in the short run, (impacts of different stock sizes on prices).

Validation: Some simple ex-post checking comparative calculations.

Time: 1973-74 cropping year, resp. 1973 and 1974 separately.

Short discussion: While constructing a quadratic programming tableau, demand and supply functions for the eight commodities have been estimated for each region. For commodities for which supply or demand functions could not be estimated, fixed quantities were used. Transportation costs are taken from other sources. Demand and supply price differences (here defined as wholesale prices and farm prices, respectively) were available for only three countries, so for other regions, U.S. differences have been used.

The demand functions have been estimated in per capita terms. By multiplying per capita amount by population size the region's level was obtained. When estimating supply and demand functions, prices were taken as exogenous. Cross-price effects were considered. For some commodities (e.g. wheat) the demand for such uses as food, feed and seed was estimated separately and then total demand was derived. (The procedure by which this was done is not clearly elaborated.) Relatively few supply equations were estimated, and those which were made, were done only as a function of the current prices.

Carry-over quantities were taken into account. Assuming different U.S. stock sizes, the model was solved for optimum prices, (five cases are discussed).

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In the two-period version of the model the carry over quantities become endogenous. The model is solved only for two regions, (USA and the rest of the world) for 1973 and 1974 separately.

The model describes a very simplified world market of commodities. If it is solved for one year, the model can't reflect any behavioral reactions. The transportation costs are not accounted for; this causes a leakage in the monetary system of the model. Those money flows connected with transportation have neither starting points nor endpoints.

I.D. Agricultural Commodity Models

Model: A.S. Rojko and M.W. Schwartz: Modelling the World Grain-Oilseeds-Livestock Economy to Assess World Food Prospects. (43)

Coverage: World by twenty seven regions (eight developed, three centrally planned and sixteen developing regions).

Generalization level: Trade relations in the grain-oilseeds-livestock sector.

Aggregation: Eleven commodities.

Method: Programming.

Type of system: Static, deterministic.

Usage: Projection of the grain-oilseed-livestock economy at exogenously given population and income growth; at continuing technology improvement, assuming normal weather, small fluctuations in stocks, and that present agricultural and trade policies will continue.

Time: Basis year 1970, projections for 1985.

Validation: None.

Short discussion: The modellers intend to construct a linear (or quadratic) programming model, from which the objective function is not yet specified. The following constraints have been laid out for each region: demand and supply equations, regional equilibrium conditions, supply-demand price equations, demand-trade price equations, price equations variable levy, and regional price equations.

All constraints are linear, most of the bounds are trend projections of exogenous variables. The model is completely static, so the area being used to produce some of the competing crops becomes a function of the current prices. It is not clear how the different price elasticities have been estimated.

The interactions between the regions are described by the trade prices (transportation costs are not mentioned) and a world equilibrium for each traded commodity. Stocks are either treated as residuals or are predetermined.

The model pays great attention to the vertical connections in grain-feed-livestock-dairy production.

Two specific questions were investigated in simulation runs:

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1. What will happen to production, consumption
and trade if the U.S. export price of grain is
fixed, and

2. what will be the result if Brazil substantially
increases its oilseed production.

Some results are available.

Model: A. Schmitz, D.L.Bawden: A Spatial Price Analysis of the World Wheat Economy: Some Long-Run Predictions. (47)

Coverage: World, by four regions and eleven countries.

Generalization level: Wheat supply-demand and price over regions and countries.

Aggregation: A. All wheat uses,
B. Food wheat only, by countries/regions

Method: Quadratic programming.

Type of system: Static, partly stochastic.

Usage: Prediction of supply, demand, equilibrium prices, and trade flows of wheat.

Validation: None.

Time: Basis year: 1965 projection for 1980.

Short discussion: The model contains estimates of the supply and demand equations and projections to 1980 of wheat supply and demand by countries, regions and predicts the wheat trading patterns and transfer costs among all countries by changing some policy parameters. The model is solved for equilibrium prices, production, consumption and trade flows by country - using a quadratic programming algorithm. Price is the equilibrating mechanism by which the solution is derived.

The model predicts the future wheat situation in each country under alternative economic and political assumptions.

- o Wheat is viewed as a homogenous commodity
- o Storage is exogenous

Demand equations are estimated for eleven geographical regions (USA, EEC, Canada, etc.), and for another four regions (including USSR and China) fixed point estimates are given. Two types of equations are specified: [1] all wheat uses are aggregated [2] only food demand is considered and other uses are added as a fixed quantity after estimation. Basis of distinction was the data availability. As demand is a function of price only, population, income and trend coefficients are multiplied by 1980 values for the variables themselves and the estimated intercept value is then adjusted.

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Supply is also estimated for 11 regions and fixed for four areas. The functions are formulated as combinations of estimated acreage and wheat yields, which were calculated and projected separately. Acreage equations were estimated by expected prices and by distributed lag formulation. For the major exporter the regressand is wheat acreage, for others, it is the ratio of wheat acreage to the total cultivated acreage. Projection procedure is the same as described for demand. Yields are estimated as a function of time and projected on the basis of trends although the results are not very satisfactory.

For the four regions production and consumption were projected by a time trend so neither demand nor supply functions have been estimated.

Transfer costs however were estimated.

Different models (with different estimations and projections) have been solved.

The basic model reflects the results of a low-yield projection, a common internal price for the EEC, and effective U.S. acreage controls. All quantitative results are detailed.

Group I models reflect results of some non-policy alternatives (e.g. changing import-export gap of USSR and China and yield changes in the countries).

Group II models reflect results of some policy alternatives, (changes in the U.S. acreage allotment and EEC target prices), the 10 models variants differ in rather an arbitrary way.

Model: S. Reutlinger: A Simulation Model for Evaluating Worldwide Buffer Stocks of Wheat. (40)

Coverage: World.

Generalization level: Buffer stocks of wheat.

Aggregation: ---

Method: Stochastic simulation.

Type of system: Dynamic, stochastic.

Usage: Optimization of values of wheat storages to stabilize world market prices.

Validation: None.

Time: Not explicitly determined 30 years.

Short discussion: The world is viewed as a unified market. Fluctuations in world consumption and prices are assumed to depend only on world production fluctuations and the extent of storage capacity. The simulation was carried out under two different storage rules. The first one provides that production in excess of 355 million tons is put into storage (to the extent that there is vacant capacity), and grain is released from storage if production is less than 345 million tons. The second rule set this lower limit at 355 million tons. The production is assumed to have a triangular probability distribution with mean 350 million metric tons. The price elasticity of demand is assumed to be lower in the case of short supplies and higher in the case of abundant supplies. Variable storage costs and discount rates have been estimated. Different storage capacities (and the costs) were considered. The simulation covers thirty years on 300 sequences of production. The benefits for consumers and producers have been calculated. Also the international allocation of costs and benefits were investigated.

Limitations of the model:

1. The mean production remains unchanged over time.
2. Demand and supply are treated statically.
3. Production is characterized only by random changes and not by systematic cycles.
4. The storage rules are crude.

Model: D.Eaton, W. S. Steele, J.L. Cohen and C.S. ReVelle:
A Method to Size World Grain Reserves. Initial
Results. (11)

Coverage: World.

Generaliza- Grain buffer stocks.
tion level:

Aggregation: --

Method: Econometric, programming.

Type of Dynamic, stochastic.
system:

Usage: Determination of the smallest maximum storage level
of buffer stocks which can provide reliable food
security. (Reliability means here the probability
at which the given reserve size will provide food
security in extreme events of productive shortfall.)

Time: Data base 1960-1974, projections for 1975-2000.

Validation: Statistic analysis of data base.

Short Buffer stocks were investigated assuming (a) free
discussion: trade, (b) perfect substitution of all grains in
reserve, (c) no transportation or distribution
barriers and (d) that reserve was global. The
supply stabilization role of buffer stocks was not
considered.

On the basis of curve fitting and statistical
analysis of past production data:

1. the expected volume of production;
2. the variability of production around the ex-
pected volume, and
3. effects of surplus or shortage in one year upon
the production in the next year, were confirmed.

Assuming the continuation of past patterns, future
production was simulated. A multi-objective linear
programming algorithm was applied to determine the
optimal size of grain reserve, which is needed
for reliable world food security. The proportions
of increasing reserve size, costs and reliability
were taken into consideration. Trade off curves
were constructed to clarify the costs of increasing
the reserve size and its effect on food security.
It was shown that the final increments are less
cost-effective than the first increments.

Model: D.G. Johnson and D. Sumner: An Optimization Approach to Grain Reserves for Developing Countries. (15)

Coverage: World, regions and countries.

Generalization level: Grain buffer stocks of independent regions.

Aggregation: --

Method: Mathematical optimization.

Type of system: Dynamic, stochastic

Usage: Optimization of reserve size assuming stochastic supply, deterministic demand, "normal" amount of foreign trade and constant price elasticity of demand.

Time: Data base 1943-1973, projections: 1968-1990.

Validation: Parameters are estimated from statistical data base but (because of the normative character of the model?) ex-post predictions were not confronted with real data.

Short discussion: The study presents a method for optimizing grain reserves for single regions, which can be countries, country-groups or the world. Though a free competitive world market is assumed, it is not explicitly considered. Foreign trade is assumed to remain always at the "normal" (initial) level.

Production is described as a stochastic process, having a multinomial distribution with expected values building an exponential trend. The distributions are assumed to be independent across the years. The consumption side of the model is based on a constant price elasticity demand function with a constant exponential rate of growth over time. Consumption, determined as above is made equal to the difference of supply and carryover of this year, while supply is the sum of production of this year and carryover from the previous year. Net welfare is maximized, specified as a function of consumption (and so indirectly of storages), volume-proportional storage costs and of a constant discount factor.

The model generates carryovers for each year according to the supply level of the year and to different probability levels of meeting demand. (Except the last year of the projected period, when storages are set zero.)

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Also an international insurance program is proposed to provide security against grain production variability. The program would guarantee that all shortfalls in the grain production of some country could be made up by insurance payments if the production was below some percentage of the expected value. It was shown that this program could reduce the size of optimal carryovers of individual regions while improving supply stability.

Some results are presented for 1975, considering a series of regions. For India and Africa also time series (1968-74) are published. The investigations were carried out in two variations: including and neglecting international insurance programs.

II. NATIONAL MODELS

II.A. Economic and Socio-Economic Models

Model: BACHUE-Philippines, Economic-Demographic Modelling for Development Planning. (42).

Coverage: Philippines.

Generalization level: Socio-economic structure.

Aggregation: Thirteen production sectors, ten rural and urban income classes, 8 categories of labour.

Method: System simulation, input-output.

Type: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Projection, simulation of policy impacts on increasing income of the poor to meet basic needs.

Time: Basis year 1972, projections for 40 years.

Validation: Sensitivity analysis

Short

discussion: The BACHUE-Philippines is the first model of ILO's planned series to be elaborated for developing countries using a prototype model, called BACHUE-1. (BACHUE is a goddess of love, fertility and harmony between man and nature in the Colombian mythology). The model simulates the behavior of the demographic-economic system of the country based on three subsystems: (1) economic, (2) labour market and income distribution and (3) demographic sub-models. It focuses on the interrelation between population characteristics and the distribution of household incomes, both directly and indirectly through demand patterns. The economic subsystem emphasizes employment and income distribution interactions. Separate labour markets are specified for urban and rural areas, for modern and traditional sectors, and for skilled and unskilled labour. Migration is modelled also. The core of the economic model is a thirteen-sector input-output system (data on 1965), which generates sectoral output and value added. Supply constraints are introduced as overall targets for total output, possible growth rates or as balance of payment constraints. The final private demand is determined by population size and structure, and checked by possible supply.

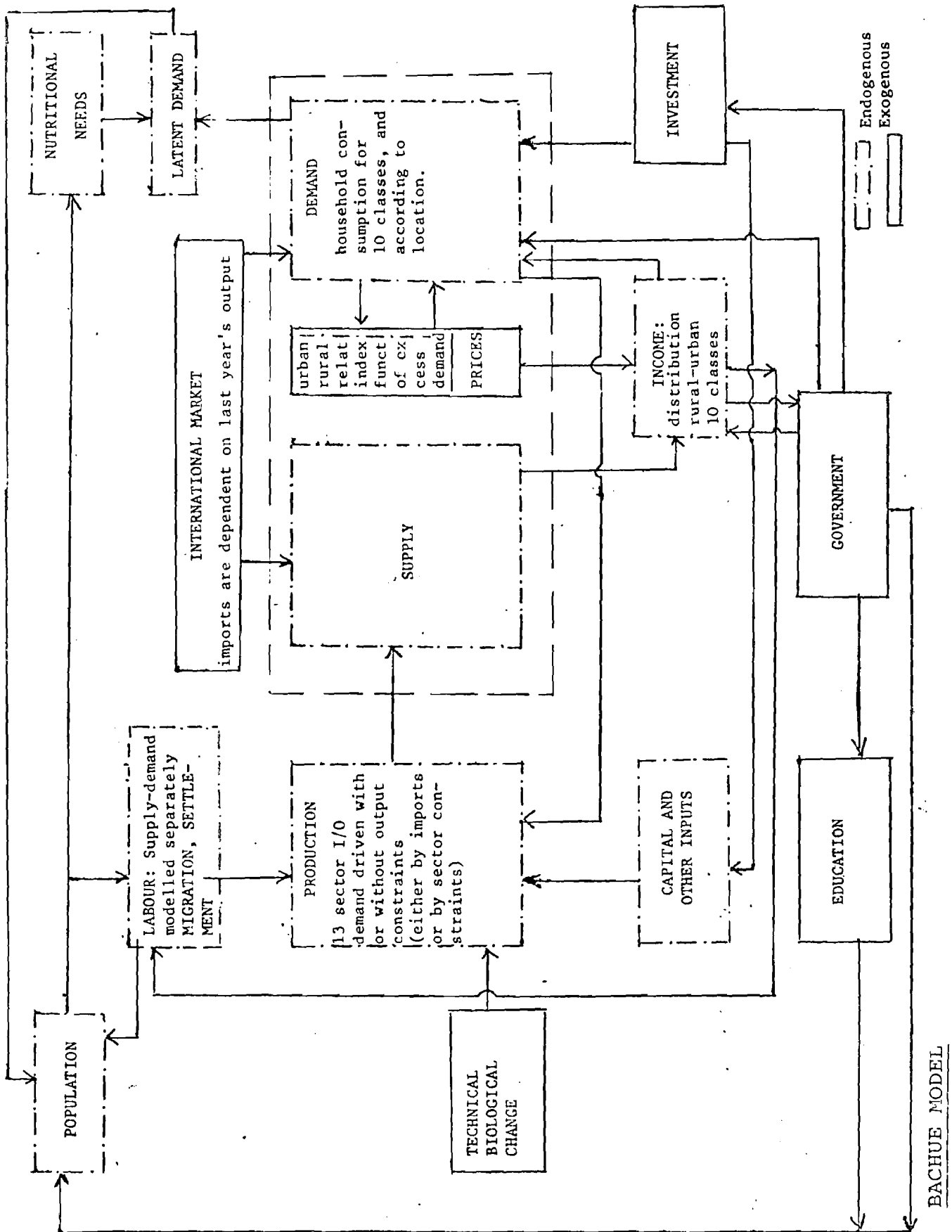
Wages and incomes are endogenous, but most prices, investments, exports and some aspects of the production process are exogenous.

The model neglects the production side as compared

with the more detailed demographic and consumption side.

Under alternative assumptions a series of projections were carried out. The alternatives covered higher and lower output rates, some food policies and agricultural development policies. Effects of educational and family planning programs, migration policies, wage subsidisation policies, technological change and government expenditures were simulated.

All results are provided.



Model: B. Martos, Wuu-Long Liu: Long-Term Socio-Economic Country-Simulation. (25).

Coverage: Egypt.

Generalization level: Economy of a developing country.

Aggregation: Seven sectors, population groups by age and sex.

Method: System simulation.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Predictions under alternative assumptions about the agricultural policies by changing economic policy variables, but not including policy instruments for a planning period.

Time: Data base 1964-69 projections for 1970-80.

Validation: Sensitivity analysis and ex-post prediction for data years.

Short discussion: The model of Egypt is able to represent the following main problem areas: agriculture, economy, labour force and employment, and population. The system of 140 equation is recursive and dynamic, however, all lags are one year in length. It is a typically supply-driven model, based on the GNP balance. The economy is divided into seven sectors: agriculture, intermediate and consumer goods industry, capital goods industry, construction, services, education and other government services. Production is determined by productive capacity, assuming full utilization. No effects of insufficient demand were considered. Total private consumption is determined in terms of population and per capita consumption. The latter is calculated as a function of the growth rate of per capita GNP, with the assumption that per capita consumption does not decrease.

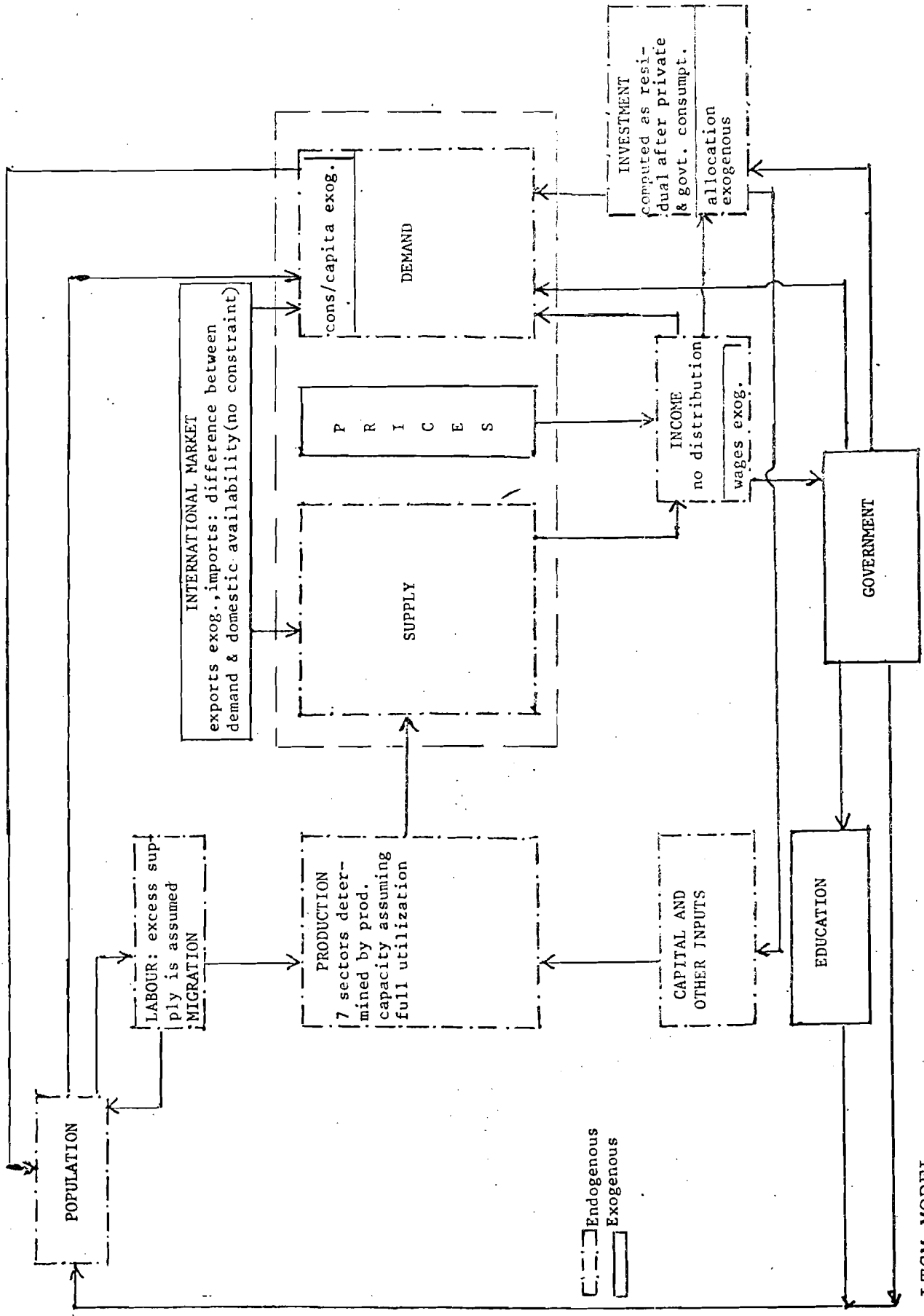
Foreign trade is described in the model in a simplified, non-causal manner. All prices are exogenous.

For the non-agricultural and modern agricultural sectors the labour market is included in the model. Employment in other sectors is handled as a residual.

The population block of the model generates population size in sex and age breakdown.

Several policies were considered: land reclamation programs, allocation of investments among sectors, growth of GNP per capita, consumption and export targets, population policies.

The simulations include: (1) quasi-continuation of past trends in the policy formulation; (2) goals of increasing employment and decreasing unemployment ratio and population growth; and (3) a development strategy to meet the increasing demand of food by increasing land reclamation. All numerical results are provided. It should be mentioned that the model is applicable only when a general labour surplus exists in the entire planning period. In their further research the authors plan to include income distribution, underemployment, endogenous prices and policy instruments as well.



Model: R.G. Ridker; Resource and Environmental Consequences of Population Growth in the United States. (Resources for the Future Model) (41).

Coverage: U.S.

Generalization level: Socio-economic structure.

Aggregation: 185 production sectors.

Method: Input-output, econometric.

Type of System: Dynamic, deterministic/stochastic

Usage: Projection of socio-economic development in four scenarios: high/low economic growth, high/low population growth. (The population growth rates correspond two resp. three children per family.)

Time: Projections up to 2000-2020.

Validation: No information.

Short discussion: RfF covers many important aspects of development, and pays great attention to environmental feedbacks. The sub-models are: Economy, Minerals and Fuels, Energy, Pollution, Congestion and Outdoor Recreation, Water, Agriculture, Urban Environmental Problems, other Environmental Concerns, and International Relations.

The agricultural sub-model, a complexly elaborated framework is designed to evaluate the resource requirements and environmental consequences considering several levels of population, income and technology. Five scenarios were specified, combining not only population and economic growth but also some technology alternatives. Some levels of fertilizer and pesticide usage, hormones and medications in animal feed were considered. For some key agricultural products, such as grains and soybeans, U.S. foreign trade was projected assuming that a) exports will continue to increase as in recent years and b) exports will increase at a slower rate. Also policy implications (of subsidisation, taxation, production control etc.) were investigated.

The core of RfF is a very detailed (185 sectors) input-output model, dynamized by allowing the technical coefficients to change over time. Final

demand is projected by using stochastic methods. The pollution is attributed to each sector by using I/O methods.

Three kinds of simulation runs have been carried out: the first type concerns the specification of the demographic and economic assumptions (changing final demand and production capacity), the second type concerns the degree to which industrial materials are recycled within the economy, and the third type is related to the average waste treatment practices employed.

Model: S. Gupta and R.D. Bhakta; An Economic Model for Argentina. (13).

Coverage: Argentina.

Generalization level: National economy.

Aggregation: Six agricultural sectors, six non-agricultural sectors, rural and urban wages.

Method: Econometric.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Analysis of the relevant forces shaping the economic development; prediction; simulation of policy changes (full employment exercises, assessment of the feasibility of the Argentina Plan).

Time: Data base 1960-1969, predictions for 1971-79.

Validation: Ex-post prediction for sample period.

Short discussion: The model is a simultaneous system of the following sub-models: agriculture, non-agriculture, consumption, price formation, exports, imports, wage determination, treatment of exogenous variables, monetary sector and national income accounting balance. Some of the equations are alternatively specified for purposes of analysis or prediction. For predictions some new equations have been specified to reduce the number of exogenous variables.

"The model defines the national income identity and thus [posits the] equality between savings and trade gaps at current prices.... The model does, of course, allow presentation of the two gaps at constant base period price, with GNP deflator as residual... the ex-ante "saving gap" and "trade gap" have been equalized by reallocating resources via price changes."

Agriculture is divided into two subsectors: livestock and crops (subdivision for livestock: cattle herd, cattle slaughter, residual; and for crops: wheat, corn, sorghum and others).

As cattle cycles are of great importance for Argentina, the model considers it in two alternative ways: a) taking into account only connections between cattle prices and age-structure of the stock. b) taking into account connections with corn and fodder prices as well.

One purpose of modelling crop production was to

investigate how much land is to be brought under cultivation for a given crop considering its profitability vis-a-vis other crops and total availability of land. The study discovered that labour has had practically no impact on the level of agricultural outputs.

Consumption is determined for specific items and broad grouping in terms of total and private consumption.

For six groups of agricultural products export equations were estimated, mainly as functions of production and domestic consumption of the products.

Prices were determined for eight sectors, mainly as functions of the general price level. This is explained in terms of last year's quantity of money and changes in nominal exchange rates.

All projection results as well as the estimated equations are published.

Model: A.B. del Rio and L.R. Klein: Macroeconomic Model Building in Latin America: The Mexican Case. (10).

Coverage: Mexico

Generalization level: National economy

Aggregation: Three sectors, foreign trade of ten special commodity groups, wage and non-wage incomes, private and governmental investments, rural and urban population.

Method: Econometric.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Analysis of special features of Mexican economy, predictions under two different assumptions about the behavior of the federal government; (deflationary or expansionary policies).

Time: Data base 1950-69, projections for 1971-76.

Validation: Ex-post prediction for 1968-70.

Short discussion: The main problem-areas included in the model are the following:

1. Internal and external sources of instability;
2. The dominant role, played by the federal government;
3. The general unevenness in economic life (like rural versus urban production, uneven income distribution etc.);
4. Demographic and economic effects of high population growth;
5. The effects of proximity to U.S. markets;
6. The process of creating capacity through capital and technological imports;
7. The comparative shorter decision-making periods, simple economic organisms and behaviour vis-a-vis the developed countries.

The model is a simultaneous system of 143 equations of which 40 are behavioral. Each behavioral equation is linear. The model can be split up into the following submodels: generation of aggregate demand (domestic and foreign), generation of value added output, capital formation, creation of

Short
discussion:
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capacity, demographic processes and labour supply, income distribution, and price formulation.

One finding of the study is that the creation of capacity and the amount of idle capacity are crucial problems for Mexico. The amount of idle capacity is cyclic. Potential and idle capacities have been estimated for rural and urban sectors.

Actual value-added outputs of the three main sectors (primary, secondary and tertiary) are demand determined. Production is generated by a tri-sectoral input-output model. (The modellers plan to introduce a subdivision of 110-115 sectors).

The agricultural sector and agricultural products are neglected both in the production and consumption blocks, but the export of three agricultural products, (cotton, coffee and sugar) is modelled. Great attention is paid also to government activities and labour supply-migration problems. Thus the agricultural issue is handled more indirectly than directly in the model.

Because of the lack of data the model fails at estimating income distribution. Thus consumption functions are simple and don't reflect the different behaviors of consumers who have wage and non-wage incomes.

Two long-term simulations were carried out: with high economic growth and low growth, respectively. The former one included more public investments, larger imports and smaller exports.

Results are available.

II.B. Economic and Socio-Economic Models
Focussing on the Food and Agriculture System

Model: G.E. Rosmiller et al: Korean Agricultural Sector Analysis and Recommended Strategies 1971-85 (KASM) (1) (7) (44) (45).

Coverage: Republic of Korea.

Generalization level: Socio-economic structure.

Aggregation: Sixteen aggregated economy sectors, four agricultural subsectors, four land categories, nineteen agricultural commodities, twelve factor inputs, rural and urban population.

Method: General system simulation (input-output, recursive programming, econometric).

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Projection and analysis of policy variations:
1. based on the government plan;
2. based on improved allocation of resources among programs with higher food grain price;
3. based on allocation of resources among programs, consistent with a free market policy regarding the price of domestic and imported food grains.

Time: Base year 1969, projections for 1971-85.

Validation: Sensitivity tests. Some experiences are available on "clarity and workability" of the model.

Short discussion: The major components of the model are as follows:
1. a population and migration component, which describes the agricultural and non-agricultural labour supply by age and sex groups.
2. a crop technology change component, which contains production functions to express crop yields as functions of both conventional factor inputs and structural change variables.
3. a resource allocation a production component, which is a block-recursive linear programming model of the farmer's resource allocation decisions. This block, which is very disaggregated, operates on seasonal production activities to allow double cropping and labour constraints of peak seasons. However, this block is also always computed for a one year period. By maximizing

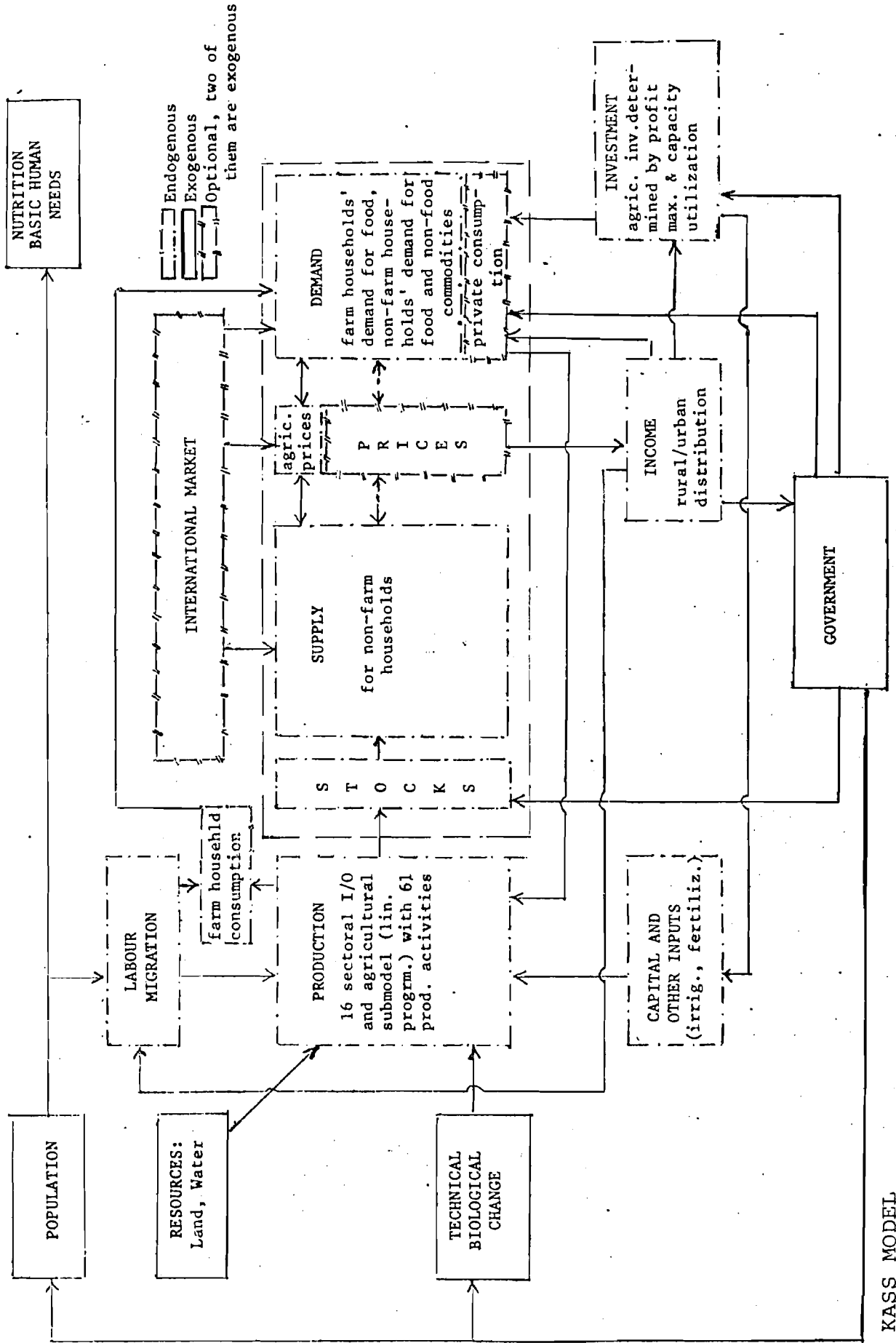
profits, two special restrictions are taken into account: the farmer's risk aversion and his restricted flexibility.

4. a demand-price-trade component determines the demand of agricultural population as a function of the last year's prices and present income (assuming subsistence behaviour of farm families), thus current food price results by the confrontation of supply and food demand of the non-agricultural population. This component is more aggregated than the production component. World prices act as limits for domestic price variations.

By use of the population component, nutritional requirements can be computed, but they are not compared with the effective demand.

5. the national economy component is a sixteen sectoral I/O model from which coefficients corresponding to agriculture can reflect its structural changes.

On the basis of the simulation results different strategies were developed for the Korean government. Some of these have already been applied. The model is highly dynamic and non-linear in some equations. Because of the weakness of the data base a lot of guesstimates were used.



KASS MODEL

Model: T.J. Manetsch ed: A Generalized Simulation Approach to Agricultural Sector Analysis with Special Reference to Nigeria. (23) (24).

Coverage: Nigeria.

Generalization level: Socio-economic structure.

Aggregation: Two regions, ten sectors, nine commodity groups, population classes by age, sex and occupation.

Method: General system simulation, (input-output, econometric).

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Projections assuming different policy-sets;
1. export tax-policies and,
2. public expenditures.

Time: Data basis 1953-65, projections for 1983.

Validation: Ex-post prediction for 1959-67, sensitivity analysis.

Short discussion: The model contains about 2000 equations in a building block system. The blocks consist of an agricultural block for Northern Nigeria, an agricultural block for Southern Nigeria, a population block and a block for the rest of the economy. The latter block expresses the effects of different agricultural policies to the whole of the economy, and indeed, this links the two agricultural submodels.

Both Northern and Southern Nigeria are divided into four crop regions. The submodel of the Northern part of the country deals with cattle and annual crops in terms of production, land-labour allocation, marketing, modernization, consumption and budget. For the Southern part perennial and annual crops are determined, (land allocation, modernization, agricultural marketing, production, processing, price generation). In both regions these activities are depicted for a number of crops. Demand for agricultural and non-agricultural commodities in each region is determined as a function of the disposable income per capita and of price elasticities. Population is generated by the population model.

On the basis of rural-urban income differentials migration is determined. This affects the labour

supply in both the agricultural and non-agricultural sectors.

The parameters of the models are partly a priori, partly estimated and partly provided by the researcher's judgement (guesstimates).

The rest of the economy block is a ten sectoral I/O framework, and has been developed later in greater detail. To get a better operational model, the table is elaborated for main and residual crops and differentiates for small industry and small trade services. The I/O table's base year is 1959.

The population block is aggregated by age groups, sex and occupation.

Two types of agricultural policies were simulated:

1. export-tax policies for influencing the producer prices of export crops;
2. impacts of public expenditures.

The model has 22 distinct investment variables, which serve either as policy inputs or as control variables. About 20 controls are available to determine regulation of commodity prices, tax rates and production input subsidies. By allocating different combinations of public resources to the investment variables and by giving alternative values to the regulatory variables, further non-trivial policy runs have been planned.

The main weakness of the model stems from the lack of data. It contains no capital market. There are only rural and urban income classes included, so the nutrition problem cannot be analyzed in detail.

Model: L.M. Goreaux, A.S. Manne; Multi-Level Planning: Case Studies in Mexico (12).

Coverage: Mexico.

Generalization level: Agriculture, economy and energy sector.

Aggregation: Of the agricultural submodel: 4 regions, 33 crops, more than 2000 cropping activities (according to regions, calendars of cultivation practices by crops, classes of land by soil types, modes of irrigation and degrees of mechanization).

Method: Multi-level linear programming.

Type of system: Static, deterministic.

Usage: Planning of optimal price policies, trade policies, employment programs, investment allocations.

Time: 1968, 1974.

Validation: none.

Short discussion: The overall project included modelling activities for different spheres of Mexico's socio-economic development. Four models have been elaborated. DINAMICO: a multi-sector multi-skill model; EXPORTA, a multi-sector model for optimal growth and export policies; ENERGETICOS, a process analysis of the energy sectors and CHAC, a programming model of the agriculture. Both sectoral models have regional submodels. These specific models can be linked to the DINAMICO.

Only the CHAC model is discussed here. (The model takes its name from the Mayan rain god). CHAC, a sectorwide model, describes total national supply and use of the principal short-cycle crops for one period. (Livestock, fisheries and perennial crops are included in the I/O table of DINAMICO).

Production is determined by region and by crop. Factor prices are partly exogenous, partly endogenous. Demand for land, labour and water are defined at seasonal intervals. Commodity prices are endogenous. The market is competitive, however, some monopolistic features, export quotas, upper and lower limits (e.g. exogenous export and import prices, etc.) can be introduced. The market is cleared up by maximizing the sum of the producer and consumer surplus. Demand is a linear function of price and per capita income. Cross price

elasticities are not considered.

CHAC concentrates mainly on the technological, allocation and investment problems. No risk, or other undeterministic factors are taken into account. Processing is not included. CHAQUITO, an aggregated version is also available.

Policy simulations were run with foreign exchange premiums, changes in interest rate, changes in wage level, and subsidies on chemical inputs, etc.

The model is of great importance from the methodological, as well as the practical point of view. Some compromises in the modelling work resulted in a loose system of models of different levels. Different submodels contain various levels and are differently disaggregated. A more serious problem is that the accounting system is not uniform (DINAMICO is a total accounting system in value terms, CHAC is not total accounting and includes physical terms).

The structure, aggregation levels, and policy simulations of the model enable its application in the planning process.

II.C. Agricultural Sector Models

Model: The Programming Models of Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD models). (14)

Coverage: U.S.

Generalization level: Agricultural production.

Aggregation: Ca. 100 regions, 15 crops, and 4 livestock products.

Method: Programming.

Type of system: Static, deterministic.

Usage: Analysis, projection and policy simulation.

Validation: None.

Time: Date of 1940-70, solutions for 1965, 1975, 1980 and 2000.

Short discussion: All of the CARD models (except one) are large linear programming models. The smallest has 960 equations and 2700 variables, and the largest 10,000 equations and 75,000 variables.

The models generally contain more than 100 producing regions, 20 - 30 consumer regions, 3 - 15 commodity groups, some models also have water supply regions (50) and soil quality classes (3). All models assume free market equilibrium, a condition which is relaxed in cases of policy simulations. Prices are calculated independently of the models. The first group looks for optimal production allocation by maximizing net revenues or minimizing production costs without taking account of different government policies. The second group of models simulates some policy impacts, referring to different spheres of agriculture and has predictive features too.

The prototype model assumptions:

1. N unique, spatially separated but interdependent production regions.
2. All producers in a specific region must produce the same (homogenous) products (or product mixes). Quality is uniform in each region.
3. In a specific region all producers have the same input-output coefficients.
4. Input-output coefficients are constant.
5. Different types of land uses can be substituted

at a constant rate within each region.

6. Total production is limited only by the fixed quantities of land available.

7. All producers are profit maximizers.

8. Production period is one crop year. Consumption must be met from current production.

9. Consumption is determined exogenously.

This basic model, based on 1954 data optimizes crop allocation. The constraints are available land and minimum required production for each crop. There are two extensions for 1965:

(a) population growth rate was changed, thus affecting crop requirements and labour availability;

(b) more crops and areas were included.

The following models have differing assumptions:

Land qualities and crop production: solved for 1965

Three land quality groups and consumer regions were introduced. Transportation costs were considered in the objective functions. Crops acreage constraints, government quotas and some effects of price changes were also investigated.

Within the previous model framework, Aggregate effects of government policies were examined for 1965. Emphasis was placed on estimating government costs under different land retirement programs. Government price supports and expenditures for reducing production and retiring land not under specific acreage quotas were the alternative policies tested. Shadow prices were also considered.

The capacity, interregional adjustment and land use

model, 1975 projection, includes specific conditions for technical change, population growth (demand), feed requirements for livestock production (this latter constraint had been omitted in the previous models). The model allows technical improvements in different areas.

The adjustment in crop and livestock model for

1954 and 1965 differs with respect to previous models. Livestock is detailed (4 groups). A distinction is made between crop producing areas and livestock-producing, product consuming regions. Interregional competition not only among crops but among crops and livestock groups is reflected in the model.

The model incorporating farm size and land classes for 1965. Three groups of farm sizes and three land qualities are introduced. This results in additional constraints of costs of fertilizer, pesticides and irrigation. Labour and capital constraints become important, particularly division of labour requirements between seasons and family labour.

Trade offs in farm policies: 1975 projection.

Three price levels (low, medium, high) and four retirement programs (zero, max. 25%, max. 50% and max. 75% of land can be retired) thus 12 policies in all are analyzed.

Farm policy and rural income and employment model

for 1975. The task is how to solve the problems of irrigation and decreasing employment in rural areas. Alternative government farm policies were analyzed to determine their effects on farm income and on employment and income generation in rural areas. The policy alternatives have been the following: free market conditions, land retirement conditions and the so called bargaining power alternatives (farmers versus national commissions with appropriate powers).

Water demand, land use, farm policy models on basis of 1940 - 70, projection to 2000.

This is the first model to include water resources. Because water supply and consumption areas can be different, the transportation submodel includes water transfer activities. This fact is taken into consideration also when optimizing resource allocation. Nine alternative policies (of water price levels and land retirement programs) were investigated.

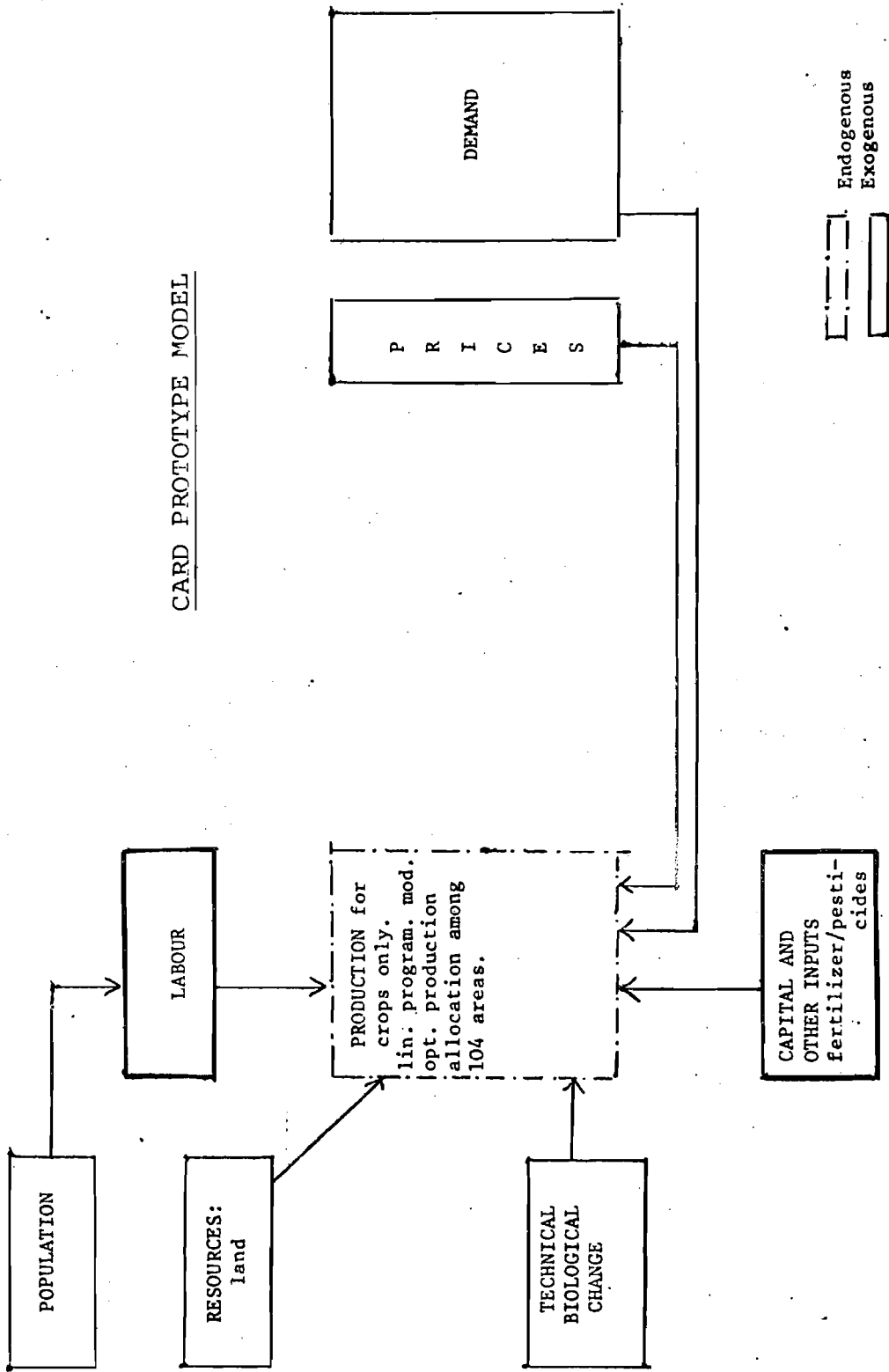
Environment quality and land and water use for the year 2000. Introduced restraints also on nitrogen, phosphate, pesticides and soil loss. Under these assumptions the questions, investigated are the following ones:

1. If U.S. have enough land and water resources to meet food needs if environmental quality restraints are imposed.
2. Which is the optimal spatial allocation.
3. Optimal selection among alternative producing technologies.

Quadratic programming model of spatial equilibrium
for 1965. Omitting assumption 9 of prototype
model the objective function becomes a quadratic
one.

Transport problems for U.S. grain projected for 1980,
formulated for 48 states.

CARD PROTOTYPE MODEL



Model: J.R. Monypenny: APMAA 1974: Model, Algorithm Testing and Application. (22, 30)

Coverage: Australia (New South Wales).

Generalization level: Agricultural production.

Aggregation: 19 production activities, 3 farm size groups.

Method: Linear programming.

Type of system: Static, deterministic.

Usage: Planning optimal allocations of crop production and livestock production under different policy alternatives.

Time: Data base: 1967-71, solution for 1974.

Validation: Sensitivity analyses.

Short discussion: The APMAA (Aggregative Programming Model of Australian Agriculture) model is not completely elaborated yet. APMAA 1974, a prototype model, is estimated on data of New South Wales. The project will later include other states.

The model depicts the supply side of the agricultural production on the basis of representative farms of different types and sizes. The objective function maximizes farmer's profit with respect to behavioral, financial and resource constraints. Production, financial and resource activities and changes in the behavioral constraints are also included in the model. The behavioral constraints depict the farmer's perception of production risk. Production includes ten kinds of cropping activities, seven kinds of livestock and two kinds of pasture characteristics. Prices, yields and variable costs are exogenous.

The model is strictly deterministic, also in description of farmer's reaction to risks. Little attention was paid to model effects of changing weather conditions. In fact, only the simulated slump in the price of wool indicates that Australian agriculture is very susceptible to weather changes.

Plans have been made to confront supply with an exogenous demand via a transportation model. The model does not include any connections between agriculture and other sectors of the economy, but according to a recent proposal, it may later be linked with regional input-output models.

Model: Models for Optimization of National Plan of Public Purchases of Agricultural Commodities. (36)

Coverage: Soviet Union.

Generalization level: Agricultural production.

Aggregation: Certain number of regions and commodities.

Method: Linear programming.

Type of system: Static, deterministic.

Usage: Construction of optimal plan for public purchases of agricultural commodities by maximizing profitability.

Time: One planning period (not explicitly given).

Validation: None.

Short

discussion: Three model variants will be discussed, on the basis of their formal specification. Since the first variant can be considered as a base model, it is analysed more thoroughly and only differences are shown of the other variants.

The model includes the following groups of constraints: for all products a fixed target for public purchases is predetermined which has to be met; for all other purchases a minimum target is prescribed. Both kinds of targets have to be reached region by region.

The third group of constraints ensures that each region's sales do not exceed its production. Further there are constraints which guarantee the value added for each region, taking into account gross income, production costs and a coefficient, which represents the expected efficiency determined differently for different regions. The objective function expresses overall profitability of production, which is to be maximized.

The second variant takes account of available resources of the regions. As in this model the target of public purchases is represented by a lower bound and not by a fixed quantity, the sum of all sales, and not the sales beyond public purchases, are bound. This allows for a more flexible proportion of different uses than in the first variant. Other constraints as well as the objective function are the same as before.

Short
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In addition to the constraints included in these models, the third variant considers investments and also their required efficiency, the resources available in each region as well as their overall sum.

Finally we have to mention that the model discussed above is a part of the system of agricultural planning in the Soviet Union. Other linear programming models of this system deal with production allocation, investment allocation, transportation, etc.

- Model: National Planning Bureau Models for Agriculture.
(16, 28)
- Coverage: Hungary.
- Generaliza- Agricultural production.
tion level:
- Aggregation: Agricultural production according to the types of
organization forms (state farms, cooperative
farms, private and household plots), soil cate-
gories, cropping patterns, most important crop
and livestock varieties.
- Method: Linear programming.
- Type of Static, deterministic.
system:
- Usage: To aid decision making on resource allocation, on
production structure, on regional allocation of
production and on policy instruments.
- Time: According to the planning period 1976-80 for the
terminal year, respectively embedded into a long
range (15-20 years) plan.
- Validation: None.
- Short The model depicts 45 crops, 15 livestock products
discussion: 48 energy and maintenance activities and 3 types
of fertilizer on the production side. It is
possible to include processing too. The constraints
refer to commodity, resource, input, financial
balances and to technological changes.
- The resource requirements are calculated under the
assumption of fixed coefficients. These as well
as other coefficients of the models are adjusted
figures which are based on the trend of technological
development and judgement of the present situation.
The inputs are represented by fertilizer, labour
(annual or peak requirements), machinery, buildings,
feed (according to main feed types), and water.
The available resources for agriculture or its
sectors, regions and products, are mostly given
in physical units. In certain cases the lower
bounds of their usage are also restricted. For
example, a certain level of employment must be
given to the members of the cooperative farms (or
minimum requirements of commodity production.)
The non-agricultural sectors as well as the con-
sumers' and industrial demand are handled exo-
genously.

The foreign trade is represented by import and export variables, separated according to Western, Socialist and Third World markets. The foreign trade in inputs is not considered. By use of upper and lower bounds foreign trade variables are also restricted. The stock changes are modelled too.

The model uses a set of different prices (producer prices, export prices, etc.). All prices are fixed and exogenous.

In the objective function the main agricultural policy goals are expressed, as:

- maximization of gross domestic product from agriculture,
- maximization of national income from agriculture,
- maximization of foreign balance of payment,
- maximization of hard currency earnings from agriculture,
- minimization of production expenses with a required level of production and positive balance of payment.

Further research deals with embedding this kind of model into long-range planning. A framework which includes 3 five-year periods has already been constructed. As before, production is determined for the terminal years of each period, however, investment will be allocated simultaneously for the whole period year-by-year. This simultaneity means that the optimization covers not only direction and measure of actions but also the distribution of these actions in the time. The appropriate connections between periods are ensured by equations referring to the investment and resource allocation in time.

The main characteristics of these models are that they concentrate on investigation of material and financial means required for achieving given targets using sensitivity analyses.

Model: H. de Haen and Th. Heidhues: Recursive Programming Models to Simulate Agricultural Development; Application in West Germany. (9)

Coverage: State Niedersachsen, FRG.

Generalization level: Agricultural production.

Aggregation: 4 regions, 2 farmsize groups.

Method: Recursive programming.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Analysis of agricultural development assuming two levels of marginal propensity to consume.

Time: 1949-65

Validation: Ex-post prediction, however, for some variables there exist no comparable observations.

Short discussion: The Gottingen group elaborated four recursive programming models which differ in the aggregation level and problems analyzed. The later models, however, can be viewed as improved and extended versions of the earlier ones. The first model refers to farms (Heidhues, 1966), the second to farm groups, (Steiger, 1968), the third to a single state (Niedersachsen de Haen, 1971) and the fourth is a national agricultural sector model (DFG-Team). Here we will discuss only the regional model by de Haen. In this model the state is divided into four regions, and in each of them two farm-size groups are considered. The model has the characteristic of a micro-economic analysis, which is applied at the aggregate level. Particular attention is paid to the competitive situation of various production areas, to capital accumulation and mechanization, and to employment and income generation. The decision-makers in the model are farmers, who make their decisions within constraints which hold either for the farm or farm-size group or for the region or for the state.

The farmers decide about crop and livestock production, savings and investments, loans, cash holdings, etc. The past and future are connected by the expectation mechanism, the base on which farmers operate. Because of this mechanism the model is dynamic; realizations of the last year (in part) determine the expectations (and decisions) of the current year. The results provide a better

Short understanding of regional production patterns,
discussion: technological developments in the period under
cont. investigation, and income and capital accumulations.

Model: F. Andersen, P.E. Stryg: Interregional Recursive LP Model Used in Forecasting Danish Agricultural Development up to 1985. (2)

Coverage: Denmark

Generalization level: Agricultural production.

Aggregation: Four farm size groups, eleven regions, all relevant production activities.

Method: Recursive programming.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Prediction of production and changes of farm size structure, according to the new conditions caused by the new EEC agricultural policy.

Time: Data base 1956-70, projection for 1970-85.

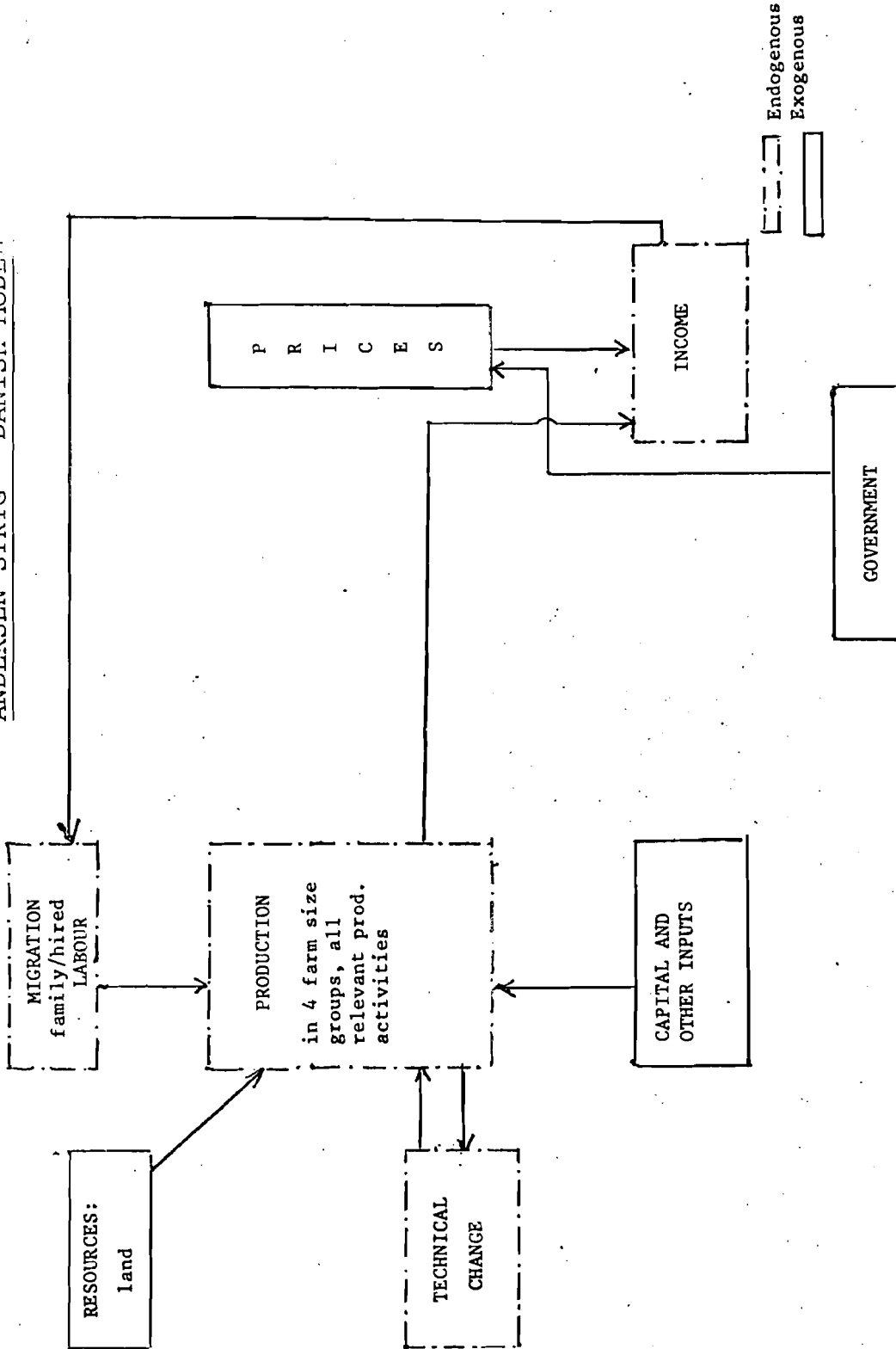
Validation: Ex-post prediction for 1956-70.

Short discussion: The model is an attempt to describe the probable regional development of the agricultural structure and production. It operates on regions and different farm size groups on three-year sub-periods, where the results of one subperiod affect the technical coefficients and bounds of the next period. (For example, the technical coefficients for a given sub-period t are equal to the average resource capacities and size of production per farm in sub-period $t-1$.)

The most interesting feature of the model is the endogenous depiction and projection of the development of farming structure (number of farms and their acreage distribution), caused by the competitive strength of the farm groups and by the outmigration into other industries. These changes are restricted by regional constraints concerning the re-allocation of acreage among farm size groups (i.e. by some flexibility constraints).

The exogenous data of the model are projected on trends which assume continuation of the most current economic growth rate. This rate in turn determines the factor prices, the regional incomes and labour uses per activity. Taking account of the EEC market agreements (which determine product prices); and assuming that technical development will continue at the same rate as in the past, etc., projections were carried out.

ANDERSEN-STRYG - DANISH MODEL



Model: I. Singh: Recursive Programming Models of Agricultural Development (48)

Coverage: Punjab (India).

Generalization level: Crop production.

Aggregation: 11 crops.

Method: Recursive programming.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Estimation and analysis of resource usage, production patterns, technological change, factor productivity and factor proportions.

Time: 1952-65

Validation: Ex-post prediction.

Short discussion: The model includes the following elements:

1. Annual objective functions: expected net cash revenue from crop sales, (defined as the expected revenue from crop sales minus costs of inputs and investment charge for resources). This function is maximized by optimal allocation of resources.
2. A technology matrix represents the input-output structure of home and cash consumption, farm production, investments, etc.
3. A technical constraint structure represents the regional resources and financial limitations.
4. A behavioral constraint structure represents farmers' reactions to the results of earlier cropping and investment choices.
5. A set of feedback functions relates the parameters of the current programming problem to previous decisions, giving the model its dynamic character.

The model was applied in static, comparative static and dynamic ways. The model was applied dynamically to simulate economic history, to simulate policy alternatives, and to project into the future. Great attention was paid to the effects of the "green revolution".

The model is based on annual data, but certain seasonalities (e.g. labour use) were investigated as well.

The model is more appropriate to simulate technological changes than policy alternatives.

Model: V.K. Pandey, T. Takayama: Temporal Equilibrium Analysis of Rice and Wheat in India. (32)

Coverage: India.

Generalization level: Supply and demand of 2 commodities, but generalizable to the whole agricultural sector.

Aggregation: Two commodities.

Method: Quadratic programming.

Type of system: Static, deterministic.

Usage: Planning of concrete alternatives to develop a suitable temporal price and allocation model, incorporating demand, supply and price variables with constraints on prices and land to provide a temporal solution in terms of optimal consumption, production, year-to-year carryover quantities and equilibrium prices, with imports and exports.

Validation: None.

Time: Data base: 1955-56, 1968-69.
Solution for 1968-72.

Short discussion: The goal is to maximize the intertemporal net social revenue (expressed by a function of market price, storage costs, carryover quantities, demand, supply, discount rate connected with storage) for each commodity and each year.

The constraints are as follows: supply feasibility, no excess demand, equilibrium infra-temporal price, equilibrium intertemporal price. (Demand is defined as per capita availability!) In another model variant some modifications were considered (1) upper/lower bounds on prices, (2) limit of price differentials between the products, (3) land availability restrictions.

Three alternative policy simulations were carried out, and results are presented.

Model: S.P. Pant, T. Takayama: An Investigation of Agricultural Planning Models, a Case Study of India's Food Economy. (33)

Coverage: India

Generalization level: Supply and demand of two commodities, but generalizable to the whole agricultural sector.

Aggregation: 14 regions, 2 crops.

Method: I/O, programming.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Planning by simulation of effects of different supply quantities with and without government storage policies.

Time: Data base: 1965-70, solutions for 1971-72, 1975-76.

Validation: None.

Short discussion: Four connected models are discussed as possible tools for planning the agricultural development. All are illustrated for two commodities, wheat and rice.

1. The input-output model is based on assumptions regarding growth of GNP and investment. The rate of growth is given by the government plan for 1965-70 and 1970-75. The model considers three other hypothetical growth rates. Corresponding to each growth rate two levels of investment are assumed.

The aggregate demand was allocated to sectors and the sectoral allocation of the macro-investment was based on derived expansion ratios. Using the Leontief-inverse-matrix, the final demand vectors (with different alternative estimates) generate the domestic output for the various sectors and alternatives.

The programming model tested the feasibility of the derived food-grain production estimates.

2. The linear programming analysis investigates the optimal allocations of the two commodities. The objective function minimizes the sum of total costs of production and transport costs. The model's constraints are total land availability, regional upper bound on acreages for each crop, minimum regional demand for each crop and region.

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A comparison of I/O with the program results shows that the optimum of the linear programming model does not reach the level of the I/O growth model, thus the agricultural extension programs of regions must be pushed by governments.

3. The spatial equilibrium analysis, as a further step in the procedure of planning, determines absolute and relative price levels of the inter-regionally traded agricultural commodities.

The problem is solved by the quadratic spacial price equilibrium model. The analysis assumes:

i. All the consumers have their own utility function.
ii. All the producers have their production feasibility set.

iii. The output of each producer is transportable to each region, and

iv. relations of local production and local uses to local price are known for each region, given the trade functions and factor costs. The model determines: (a) absolute price in each region, (b) quantity of exports and imports of each region, (c) which region exports, imports, (d) volume and directions of trade. The demand functions have been estimated, with regressand per capita consumption (assumed to equal per capita availability!) and with regressors: per capita income and price (deflated wholesale price).

Estimation is based on all of India, and assumes that parameters are the same in all regions as well. These assumptions were tested and accepted. Supply is treated as a fixed point estimate on three different levels generated (a) by the linear programming model, (b) by the I/O model, and (c) by the I/O modification.

4. Spatial and temporal equilibrium analysis: the method is the same as at the model of Pandey Takayama, but combined with the spatial equilibrium model. Six regions are taken into account. Demand and supply are treated as in model 3 above. Additional assumptions: Government's storage target is known, storage costs are constant, upper limit for storage capacity and minimum level for procurement for storage are fixed and known. Optimal solution is given over space and time for consumption, distribution, prices and storage. Different model-variants with different supply quantities, with and without government storage policies are discussed.

Model: U. Bertele and F. Brioschi: The Italian Food Sector: An Input-Output Model. (5)

Coverage: Italy.

Generalization level: Food sector.

Aggregation: Thirty-two food subsectors.

Method: Input-output.

Type of system: Static, deterministic.

Usage: Analysis of I/O relationships.

Time: 1972.

Validation: None.

Short discussion: The thirty-two subsectors of the model are considered in four categories: primary sectors, (agriculture, fishing, mining); food industry for animals; animal-breeding and food industry for human beings.

Each of the thirty-two sectors is given by means of three tables:

1. The first table assigns input variables to industries.
2. The second table relates industries to output variables.
3. The third table partitions output variables among different uses.

This modelling effort resulted in a very disaggregated input-output table and collection of large amount of statistical data not available before.

It is of great importance that the model deals with physical (rather than financial) interrelationships within the food sector.

Model: S.N. Kulshreshtha, V. Holub: An Aggregate Econometric Model of Canadian Agriculture. (18)

Coverage: Canada

Generalization level: Agricultural sector.

Aggregation: 3 commodity groups.

Method: Econometric.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Prediction of the most probable future situation of the sector.

Time: Data base: 1946-71, prediction for 1980.

Validation: Ex-post prediction for sample years.

Short discussion: The model contains the following blocks: field grains, non-grain crops, livestock, and aggregated block of them, income determination, and farm employment blocks. It is a system of 27 linear equations, from which 7 are identities. The model describes both supply and demand adequately. Exports and prices for the included products are considered. No relationships of other sectors of the economy are considered. The model does not adequately deal with capital variables. It contains only two exogenous capital variables and no investment functions. Technological change is represented by an index, showing the ratio of all agricultural output to all inputs. A very simple weather index is used. Some dynamic characteristics of the model, like impact multipliers, stability, etc., were investigated.

Model: J.M. Ruch, A. Monfort, G. Winter: Un modèle agricole à long terme de simulation. (46)

Coverage: France.

Generalization level: Agricultural production.

Aggregation: Four commodity groups

Method: Econometric.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Prediction of the most probable situation of French agriculture and simulation of some variants resulting from changes in the agricultural price policy.

Time: Data base: 1960-73, projections till 1985.

Validation: Weak, parameter estimation on manipulated time series.

Short discussion: The model contains three simultaneously connected blocks: demographic, capital, and production revenue. They determine agricultural population, demand for credit and investments and agricultural production. Agricultural production is the sum of production of (1) cereals, (2) perennials and other vegetables, and (3) livestock, (beef, veal, milk and other products).

The most detailed block is that of capital and investments. Because of uneven data availability, the different blocks are based on different years and have different periodicities. The data of the population block refer to six year periods, the production block to four-year periods, and only the capital block possesses an annual data base. This unevenness requires that when connecting two different blocks one has to interpolate or extrapolate. Similar procedures are required when projecting.

Model: AGRIMOD: Development of a Dynamic Simulation Model of Food Production for the U.S. (19, 20, 21)

Coverage: U.S.A

Generalization level: Agricultural sector

Aggregation: 10 commodity groups of crops, 5 product groups of livestock, 13 types of land, 3 kinds of fertilizer and investments.

Method: Econometric, programming.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic

Usage: Analysis of the implications of alternative policies on food supply; identification of the impact of possible natural resource and energy constraints on the food supply and on prices; evaluation of the effects of policies relating to the import and export of food and resources; assessment of the long term impacts of policies on diets and nutrition.

Time: Data base: 1955-1970; prediction for 1990-1995.

Validation: Ex-post prediction for the sample period.

Short discussion: The model consists of seventeen submodels fully integrated in four major sectors connected by three markets.

The input sector model consists of three submodels: (a) The investment model describes government, private monetized and private non-monetized investments. Total monetized agricultural investment is keyed to total national investment which is exogenous. (b) The fertilizer industry model is dynamic and describes the production of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, taking account of prices of raw materials and changes in technology. (c) The land model has two levels. At the first level, 13 types of land are modelled as capital stock variables; the second level contains the crop location-specific disaggregation of arid and humid cropland.

The farm input market consists of two submodels: (a) The farm input demand model, which is an optimal resource allocation model, specified as a non-linear programming problem. (b) The model of market for inputs to crop production determines equilibrium prices and quantities of non-capital stock inputs (i.e. fertilizers, pesticides, etc.)

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The crop production sector contains a model which determines the total annual production of each crop in each region taking into account not only the input factors, traded on the previous market but also the impact of weather and climatic change. Labour is not included as a productive factor.

The crop market is essentially the wholesale farm commodities market. This contains the following submodels (a) consumer demand model, (b) livestock producer's demand model (c) government policies, stockpiles and carryovers (d) export-import model (e) crop market. Of these submodels the third one is of great importance since it includes a set of alternative structures that correspond to different policy objectives and different mechanisms for achieving them.

The food supply sector consists of the following submodels: (a) fish supply model (b) livestock products supply model (c) food processing industry model and (d) food supply model.

The retail food market consists of the (a) consumer demand model and of the (b) retail food market.

Demand functions are specified for seventeen products considering direct and cross price elasticities.

The consumption analysis sector generates average per capita consumption measured in calories and grams of protein per day, disaggregated by income levels. Farm wage rates as well as GNP per capita are exogenous.

In all the three markets described by the model, equilibrium prices are determined assuming perfect competition, while exports and imports (with the only exception of imported sugar) are exogenous.

Neither simulation results nor some submodels' results are yet available.

Model: D.E. Ray and E.O. Heady: Simulated Effects of Alternative Policy and Economic Environments on U.S. Agriculture. (39)

Coverage: U.S.

Generalization level: Agricultural sector

Aggregation: 6 commodity groups (livestock, feed grains, wheat, cotton, tobacco and soybeans)

Method: Econometric.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Projection, analysis of implications of alternative policies, (free market, changes in input prices and production elasticities, changes in price support levels, limitations on acreages).

Validation: Ex-post prediction for sample period.

Time: Data basis for estimation 1932-67, prediction to 2000.

Short discussion: The model covers U.S. agriculture by seven sub-models. Six of them represent commodity-groups (livestock, feedgrains, wheat, soybeans, cotton, and tobacco) and the seventh one is a national level accounting block which operates as a super-ordinated connection unit.

The sub-models are composed of three recursive blocks: pre-input, input and output. The endogenous variables are acreage and resource demand, commodity production, supply, demand, price and gross income. Policy variables are exogenous.

The production functions are of the C-D type, estimated by the factor-share method. These are the only functions where coefficients are not constant for the whole time span, but only for 10 year periods.

The demand is directly dependent on current prices. The supply depends indirectly on last year's prices through resource demand and production.

With the same model alternative futures were simulated from 1975 to 2000. (Published by Th. M. Reynolds, E.O. Heady and D.O. Mitchell, Card Reports 56, 1975). The most probable future scenario and maximum future efficiency were investigated. The former scenario involved two runs, including and neglecting government

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subsidy programs. The efficiency-variation involved five runs with increased productivity, farm size efficiency and more efficient production due to changes in the location of crop production.

Simulation results are discussed in detail.

Model: D.E. Ray and T. F. Moriak: POLYSIM: A National Agricultural Policy Simulator. (37, 38)

Coverage: U.S.

Generalization level: Agricultural sector.

Aggregation: Four crops (feedgrains, wheat, soybeans, cotton) and seven livestock groups: (beef, hogs, sheep and lambs, chickens, turkeys, eggs and milk).

Method: Simulation from base estimates.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic

Usage: Analysis of alternative agricultural policies, simulated by the model (free market policy, acreage set aside policy, loan rate policy, target price policy, government stock management policy or any combination of these).

Time: Data basis not homogenous (estimations derived from various sources) projections till 1980.

Validation: As "outside" estimation results are used, the validity of the model depends on them.

Short discussion: POLYSIM is a recursive system of eleven product-submodels in addition to an aggregating block and a block of equations, representing government activities. (Through these equations policy alternatives can be induced.) With the exceptions of identities and variable levels determined by physical relationships and indexing procedures, the causal relations are tied together with the use of elasticity estimates. These elasticities represent the influences of changes in supply and demand shifters and changes in relative prices. All non-price related supply and demand shifters are exogenous and fixed. Since the short-run and the long-run responses of supply and demand to a price change are often different, the construction of the model enables the use of cumulative price responses through adjustment coefficients.

Both supply and demand are dependent on some base estimates of themselves, which can be either the previous year's value or some projection, taken as baseline data. (The baseline projections are provided by the user.) Through this construction the model always generates values, which are comparable to the baseline values.

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Crop prices depend only on the percentage of change in calculated crop supplies and the base supply. (Supply contains production, imports and carry overs.) Livestock prices are determined by the production levels. Domestic demand depends only on price changes.

By estimating total cash receipts, total production expenses and government payments, net farm income can be calculated.

One great advantage of the model is that it is capable of simulating several different farm policies without changing the program.

The model focuses on supply-demand relations, considering mostly price effects, but neglecting the production and consumption processes in the sense that neither input factors such as labour and capital, nor income effects on the production and the consumption sides are included.

The model doesn't explicitly describe connections between the agricultural and non-agricultural sectors.

Model: F.J. Nelson and W. Cochrane: Economic Consequences of Federal Farm Commodity Programs, 1953-72. (31)

Coverage: U.S.

Generalization level: Agricultural sector.

Aggregation: Crop and livestock subsectors.

Method: Econometric.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Analysis of different time paths generated by the model which represent the historical economic policies and an assumed free market development. The question investigated: what would have happened if no government policy measures had been introduced.

Time: 1953-72.

Validation: Ex-post prediction.

Short discussion: A simultaneous econometric model (59 equations) was used to generate the time series of some selected variables for the past. The main task of the model was how farmers would react to alternative government policies. The production side is very thoroughly elaborated. Supplies have been affected by risk and uncertainty also. An interesting feature of the model is that farm technological change is treated endogenously.

Those farm programs analysed include: price support, acreage diversions, land retirements and foreign demand expansions. When simulating the free market case, the corresponding policy variables take their appropriate zero values.

The model is solved for endogenous supply, demand and prices simultaneously.

Great attention is paid to the analysis of the implications of results (quite a few are now available.) The main use of the model is "to learn from the past".

Model: K. S. Parikh: India in 2001 (34)

Coverage: India.

Generalization level: Agricultural sector

Aggregation: 14 commodity groups, rural-urban population.

Method: Econometric.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Projection of food situation.

Time: Projections for 2001.

Validation: None.

Short discussion: The study was directed at the question of whether India can meet its food demands in 2001. To answer this question the model determines the demand at different population growth rates, urban-rural distributions, and production possibilities without assuming political or unexpected technological changes.

Prediction on consumer demand: Starting with two population projections the urban-rural distribution of the population is determined by an urban growth model. Projections of per capita expenditures are elaborated for four variations, (with high and low population growth; high and low economic growth). Knowing the differences in per capita expenditures between urban and rural population and assuming that the Engel-curves remain unchanged in the following 30 years. the modellers have estimated the demand for 14 commodity groups for the four population/economic growth situations.

Prediction of agricultural production: Knowing the current irrigation and crop yield response to fertilizers on the crop areas; and assuming that present cropping patterns will continue and that irrigation will be the same as planned for 1980, the modellers have estimated the minimum amount of fertilizers required to produce the outputs desired. The results suggest that even in the most pessimistic case (high population and low economic growth) the amount of fertilizers required to meet the consumer demand can be produced.

Model: D.N. Basu: Consumption Pattern and Life Style:
2000 A.D. (4)

Coverage: India

Generaliza- Consumer demand for food.
tion level

Aggregation: 14 expenditure classes, 28 commodity groups.

Method: Econometric methods.

Type of Dynamic, deterministic.
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Usage: Prediction of the changes in the consumption
basket of Indian people, under alternative
assumptions of population and economic growth.

Time: Data base 1964-71 projection till 2000.

Validation: None.

Short To get a real picture about consumer patterns,
discussion: the population has been divided into rural and
urban population and into fourteen monthly per
capita expenditure classes.

Correspondingly eight scenarios have been investi-
gated for 2000. The number of people in each
class and their per capita expenditures was
estimated at high/low population growth, high/low
economic growth and increased/decreased income
inequality between rural and urban population.
Assuming that the consumption pattern of persons
in a particular expenditure class remain unchanged
in the period investigated, relative prices of
different goods and services don't vary signifi-
cantly over the period and effects of other
variables (as household size, lag in adjustment
between income and expenditure, etc.) are not
significant, the average per capita (and aggre-
gated) monthly consumption was estimated for
28 items per income class.

Thus the difference between the current consumption
basket and the projected one is the result of
shifting of population distribution among the
expenditure classes. Changes of tastes are not
considered.

Model: W. B. Clapham, Jr. and R. Bose: Land Resources and Food Production Model for the Indian Subcontinent. (8)

Coverage: Indian Subcontinent.

Generalization level: Crop production.

Aggregation: 10 regions, 5 crops, 5 cropping patterns.

Method: (Partly statistically based) dynamic simulation.

Type of system: Dynamic, deterministic.

Usage: Projection of agricultural production at different levels of investment in land.

Time: Data base: 1969-73, projections for 30 years.

Validation: Parameters are partly estimated.

Short discussion: Appropriate to the Mesarovic-Pestel system the model has connections (as input or as output variables) to other blocks in this framework, namely with the economic, population, food use, water, climate and livestock models.

In the land resources and food production model the subcontinent is divided up in ten regions. The crop production is represented by five crop types and by five cropping types (irrigated, dry, double cropping, etc.). At this level of aggregation 10 blocks are built.

The blocks are the following:

1. Land overview: describes relationship between land use and land potential.
2. Land maintenance: calculates amount of investment necessary to maintain status quo and amount of land maintained at each level.
3. Land development: describes changes in land use from less intensive to more intensive.
4. Land stewardship: describes losses of agricultural land due to failure of society in maintaining it in production capacity.
5. Urbanization: describes losses of land as a function of population growth.
6. State variable management: block contains the accounting functions.
7. Allocation of land and fertilizer: is done by regions and by crops.

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8. Production function block: determines the amount of production of crops.

9. Forage.

10. Timber production.

This specification of crop production model is intended to be used in the Mesarovic-Pestel global model.

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