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# FORECASTING

## PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE

A comprehensive introduction to the latest forecasting methods using R. Learn to improve your forecast accuracy using dozens of real data examples.



## 1. Getting started

[OTexts.org/fpp3/](http://OTexts.org/fpp3/)

# Forecasting by maggots



## Clay model of sheep's liver

Used by Babylonian  
forecasters approximately  
600 B.C.

Now in British Museum.

# Forecasting by hallucination



Temple of Apollo,  
Delphi, Greece

# Forecasting by hallucination



## Forecasting and the law

Anyone who consults a soothsayer on account of curiosity of the future will suffer capital punishment.

*Codex Theodosianus 9.16.4*



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“We’re going to be opening relatively soon ... The virus ... will go away in April.”

(Donald Trump, February 2020)