

BACKGROUND: *Forecasts are predictions, conjectures, or calculations of future conditions, trends, or occurrences. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for assigning the heading **Forecasting**, the subdivision **-Forecasting**, headings of the type [...] **century-Forecasts**, and phrase headings for special types of forecasts.*

1. General. Assign the heading **Forecasting** to general works on predicting or calculating future conditions, trends, or occurrences, including works that contain a broad range of forecasts about the future to which more specific headings cannot be assigned. *Example:*

Title: Can the future be predicted?
650 #0 \$a Forecasting.

2. Methodology. Use the free-floating subdivision **-Methodology** under **Forecasting** or under headings for specific types of forecasting for works that discuss methods of predicting or calculating future conditions, trends, events, etc. *Example:*

Title: Methods in futurology.
650 #0 \$a Forecasting \$x Methodology.

3. Special. Use the free-floating subdivision **-Forecasting** under names of countries, cities, etc., and under topical headings for works that contain predictions or calculations of future conditions or occurrences in these places or pertaining to these topics. *Examples:*

650 #0 \$a Agriculture \$x Forecasting.
650 #0 \$a Construction industry \$z Michigan \$x Forecasting.
651 #0 \$a Great Britain \$x Forecasting.
650 #0 \$a Hospital utilization \$x Forecasting.

Phrase headings have been established for many special types of forecasting, for example, **Business forecasting**, **Housing forecasting**, **Economic forecasting**, **Weather forecasting**, etc.

Continue to use these headings rather than the free-floating subdivision **-Forecasting** under those topics. Do not, however, establish new phrase headings of this type unless a heading for the topic does not exist and cannot be established for use with the free-floating subdivision **-Forecasting**.

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4. Centuries. Establish editorially headings of the type [. . .] **century–Forecasts** for works that predict conditions, trends, developments, events, etc., during the century, for example, **Twenty-second century–Forecasts**.

Assign these headings only to works that discuss predictions or calculations in relation to an entire century or a large portion of it. *Example:*

Title: Fashion in the 21st century.
650 #0 \$a Fashion \$x Forecasting.
650 #0 \$a Twenty-first century \$v Forecasts.

Do not assign a heading of the type [...] **century–Forecasts** to works that project or predict developments during a brief period of time in the near future. *Example:*

Title: Florida citrus fruit production trends, 1988-1995.
650 #0 \$a Citrus fruit industry \$z Florida \$x Forecasting.
[*not* 650 #0 \$a Twentieth century \$v Forecasts.]

5. Assignment of headings. To works on forecasting, assign a heading for the specific type of forecasting being discussed and additional headings, if appropriate, to bring out the most important topics covered in the work. *Examples:*

Title: Methods of forecasting development processes of the technological revolution.
650 #0 \$a Technological forecasting \$x Methodology.

Title: Immigration : the future flow of legal immigration to the United States.
651 #0 \$a United States \$x Emigration and immigration
\$x Forecasting \$v Statistics.
650 #0 \$a Refugees \$z United States \$x Forecasting
\$v Statistics.

Title: New prospects for medicine.
650 #0 \$a Medicine \$x Forecasting.
650 #0 \$a Medicine \$x Research.

5. Assignment of headings.

Examples: (Continued)

Title: Christianity 2101 A. D. and beyond.

650 #0 \$a Christianity \$x Forecasting.
650 #0 \$a Twenty-second century \$v Forecasts.

Title: Forecasting volcanic events.

650 #0 \$a Volcanic activity prediction.

Title: The future of South Africa : a survey among leaders.

651 #0 \$a South Africa \$x Politics and government
\$y 1978-1989 \$x Public opinion.
651 #0 \$a South Africa \$x Economic conditions \$y 1961-1991
\$x Public opinion.
651 #0 \$a South Africa \$x Social conditions \$y 1961-1994
\$x Public opinion.
650 #0 \$a Elite (Social sciences) \$z South Africa
\$x Attitudes.
650 #0 \$a Public opinion \$z South Africa.
651 #0 \$a South Africa \$x Forecasting.

Title: Global challenges for the next century.

650 #0 \$a Social prediction.
650 #0 \$a Economic forecasting.
650 #0 \$a Twenty-first century \$v Forecasts.

Title: Local flood warning and response systems.

650 #0 \$a Flood forecasting \$z United States.
650 #0 \$a Natural disaster warning systems \$z United States.

Title: Early election projection : the Iowa experience.

650 #0 \$a Election forecasting \$z Iowa.
650 #0 \$a Television in politics \$z Iowa.
650 #0 \$a Voting \$z Iowa.