

**DETECTING SOYBEAN COMMERCIAL CULTIVARS WITH
SPECIFIC ADAPTATION ON A BROAD AREA OF ARGENTINA**

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Cultivars choice depends on..



- 1. Commercial availability
- 2. Yielding potential (RECSO score)
- 3 Yield stability

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- To assess new cultivars performance, multi-environment trials (MET), like the Argentinean **RECSO** are useful, and have a double scope:
 - i) obtain a yield **ranking** between varieties (comparative trial), and
 - ii) check each variety yield stability between environments (network of trials).

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Methods and materials

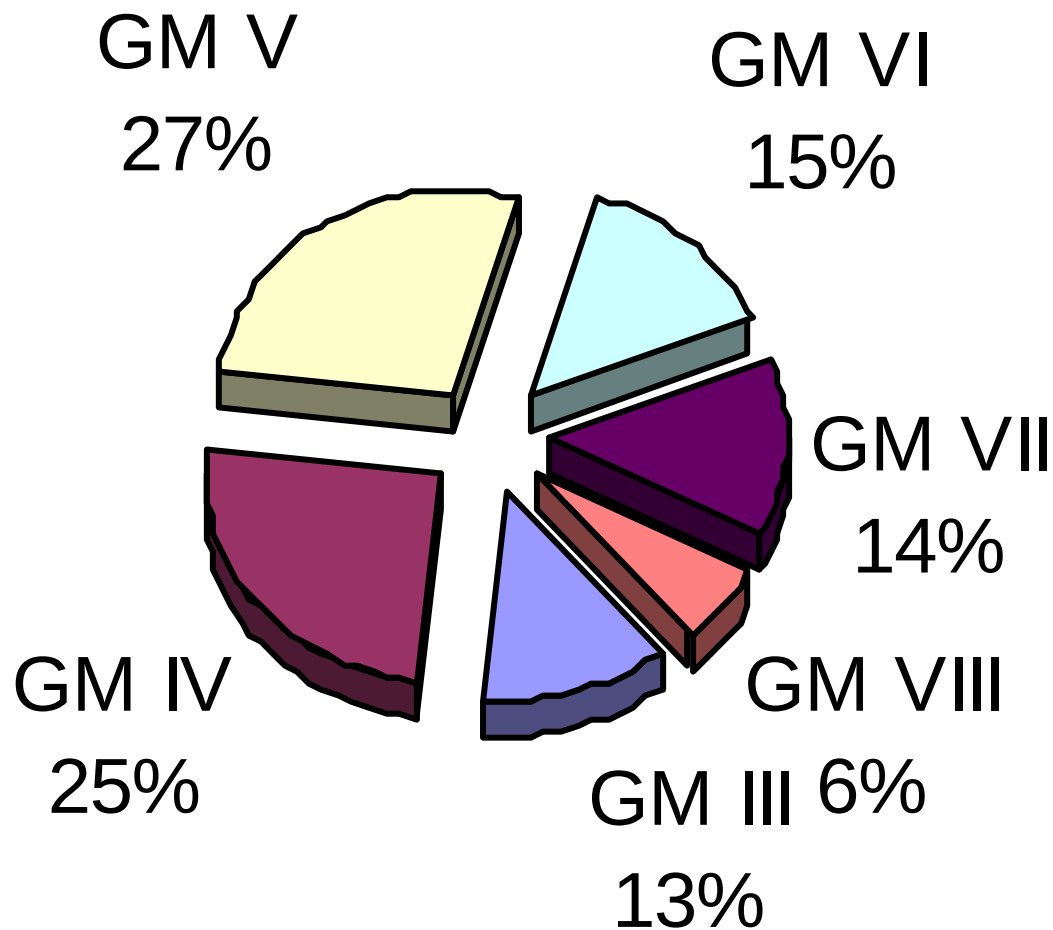
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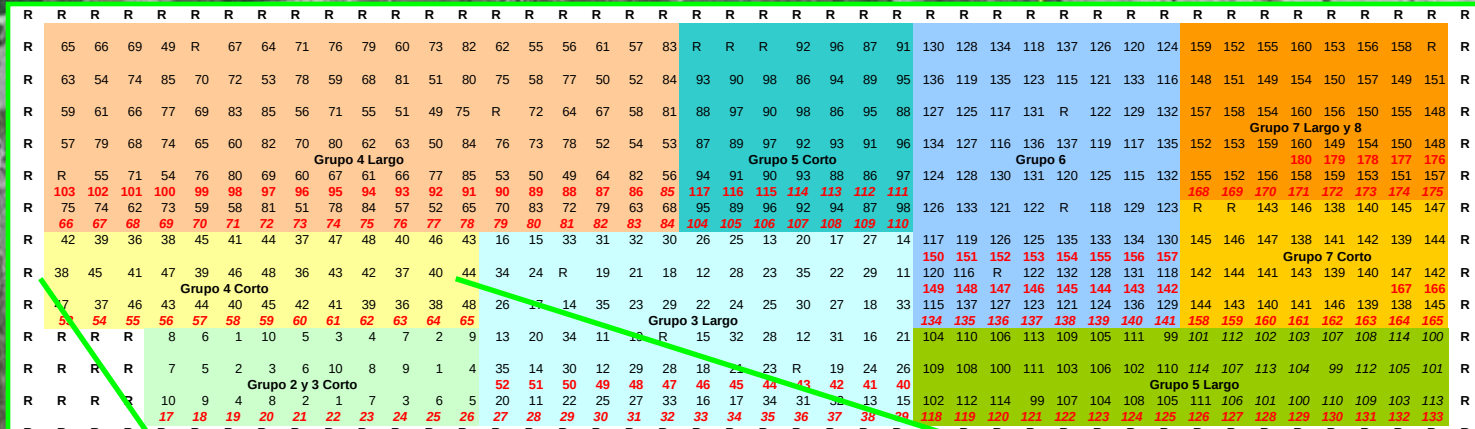


Materiales y métodos

413 **cultivars**

from MG III to VIII





42	39	36	38	45	41	44	37	47	48	40	46	43
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Yield stability, again methodology



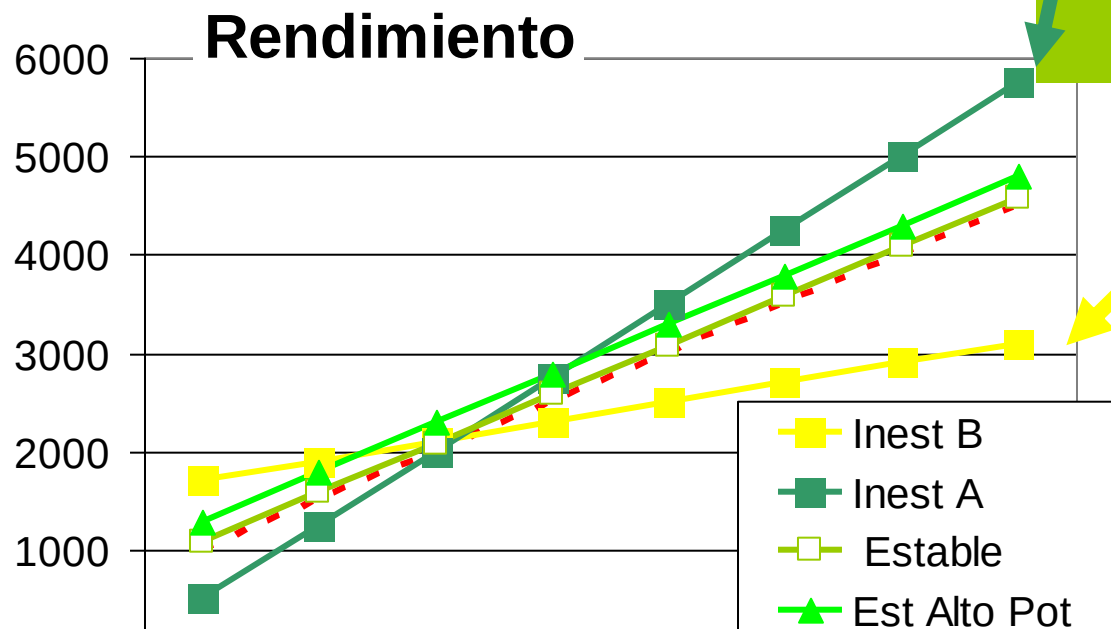
- Within the Finlay y Wilkinson (1963) approach:
 - An individual linear regression FOR EACH CULTIVAR is performed, where ITS OWN YIELD in each environment (Y axis) is related to the all-cultivars-average yield in that environment (X axis).
 - We also check the hypothesis for the slope being equal to one ($b=1$).



Those cultivars with a slope=1 are stable and with a broad adaptation



When the yield slope is >1 , cultivars are called unstable with HQ environments' adaptation "race horses" type



When the yield slope is < 1 , cultivars are "extra-stables" with LQ environments' adaptation, "work horse" type

Better than unstable or extra stable? With specific adaptation

What are we looking for: a friendly table for agricultural professionals that include not only varieties YIELD POTENTIAL but also YIELD STABILITY...

- Data in the output:
 - Variety/Cultivar
 - N (number of environments where it was sown)
 - **b**, slope, INDICATING THE YIELD STABILITY
 - **RY**, relative yield (an average of all the RY the variety's achieved)
- Table can be ordered by **increasing “b”** showing three categories: i) those adapted to low-environments (dryland with water deficits), ii) those stables, and iii) those adapted to irrigation
- **We highlight in bold font: RY > 102%**



Traditional INTA E Ríos tab



- MG III as an example



Variedad	N	<i>b</i>	RR
ACA 360GR	17	0,87	95,9
NA 3933RG	10	0,88	97,3
DALIA 390	17	0,89	104,9
DM 3500	11	0,91	101,0
DM 3700	22	0,94	104,6
NA 3731RG	13	0,95	102,4
AZUL35RR	12	0,96	102,4
SPS 3800	15	0,99	91,8
FN 360	11	1,05	104,7
A 3302RG	17	1,07	98,0
SP 3900	15	1,08	104,2
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Then (Conclusions)



- Plus than commercial availability and yield potential, yield stability should be taken into account for the cultivars' choice.
- Which are the selected cultivars, is not the main notice here
- Even though it is simple and very explicit, the Finlay-Wilkinson method for assessing yield stability is not new
- Our proposal is to give **a new way** to show the results making them useful for the on farm assessments
- This presentation could have been named “re-styling the Finlay y Williams model output”!!!!



Thank you!!!
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