Working with Product Mapping and Mapped History Overview

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There may be times when the history read in from the historic data file will not produce an appropriate forecast. For example, you may have a seasonal product that does not have enough data history for a seasonal forecast. Perhaps you need to forecast a new item that is replacing an existing item, or you are launching an existing item in a new location or warehouse. In these cases, you can use *mapped history* to generate a *forecast history* that Forecast Pro can use to generate a more suitable forecast.

The *forecast history* is the history that Forecast Pro uses to generate the forecast. If you have not mapped any history, the *forecast history* is the history Forecast Pro read in from the historic data file. With *mapped history*, you map additional data (the mapped history) to the actual history to create a forecast history that is different from the actual history. To clarify,

Forecast History = *Mapped History* + Observed History

If *mapped history* is not defined, Forecast Pro simply uses the observed history to generate a forecast. That is, the *forecast history* is equal to the observed history.

Product mapping is a good way to generate forecast history values. When you map a product's history, the *Map from* item's *forecast history* is the *mapped history* that is used to generate the *Map to* item's *forecast history*. You may also define *mapped history* by reading in values, as described below.