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- 1963 Economic Development • Foreign Trade and Aid Issues • Evaluation of Agricultural Programs • Improving Policy Education Programs
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- 1965 Emerging Foreign Policy Issues • New Directions: Trade, Aid, Farm Policy • Politics and Agricultural Policy • Human Resource Development Issues
- 1966 Meeting World Food Needs • The Food Marketing System • The Crisis in Cotton • Breaking the Poverty Cycle • Helping People Solve Public Problems
- 1967 Southeast Asia Policy Alternatives • Response to World Food Outlook • Policies for Commercial Agriculture • Minimum Family Income Proposals • Community Development Policy
- 1968 Extension Public Affairs Programs • United States' Role in World Affairs • Agricultural Policy Alternatives • Rural Poverty
- 1969 Successful Extension Programs • Inflation and Economic Growth • Competitive Structure for Agriculture • Foreign Trade and Development • The Changing Structure of American Society
- 1970 The University's Role in Public Policy Education • Policy Issues for the Seventies • Income Maintenance Programs • Environment and Quality of Life
- 1971 Who Makes National Policy? • Struggle for Control of the Food System • Where Will People Live and Work?
- 1972 Current Economic Policy • Who Will Control Agriculture? • Rural Development • Property Rights and Land Use • Policy Education
- 1973 Energy Policy Issues • Policy Education Methods • Land Use Policy • Agricultural and Foreign Trade • New Policy Perspectives and Dimensions
- 1974 State of the Economy • Food Policy • Energy Issues • Land Use Policy and Planning • Improving the Performance of Government
- 1975 The U.S. Economic System • Energy and Transportation • World Food Issues • Domestic Food and Farm Policy • Public Policy Education in Perspective
- 1976 The U.S. Political Economy • Food and Agricultural Policy • Impacts of Judicial and Regulatory Decision Making • Energy Policy
- 1977 Federal Policy Process • U.S. Energy Policy • World Food — U.S. Policy Choices • 1977 Food and Agriculture Legislation • Agent Training and Leadership Development
- 1978 Food and Nutrition Policy • Policy Options for Small Farms • International Agricultural Trade • The Land-Grant System and Public Policy

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FOREWORD

This publication reports the major discussions of the twenty-ninth National Public Policy Education Conference, held September 17-21, 1979 at Provincetown, Massachusetts. The 120 participants represented most states, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and other public agencies.

The Conference was planned by the National Public Policy Education Committee to stimulate and challenge extension workers responsible for public affairs programs to do a better job in policy education. This should ultimately lead to intelligent and responsible choices by citizens aimed at solving local and national public problems.

This year's conference focused on a single topic, "Controlling Inflation Without Excessive Recession." Specific objectives were: (1) to provide information on policy issues related to inflation; (2) to explore different approaches for controlling inflation; and (3) to share ideas and experiences in policy education dealing primarily with inflation and its impact upon the economy.

The Farm Foundation, following its policy of close cooperation with the State Extension Services, financed the instructional staff and the transportation of one individual from each Extension Service, as well as publication of this report. It will be made available to state and county extension personnel, to teachers and students and others interested in increasing understanding of public policy issues dealing with inflation.

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