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## FOREWORD

This publication reports the major discussions of the eleventh national agricultural policy conference, held September 12-15, 1961, at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton, Georgia. As in the past, the conference was planned by the National Committee on Agricultural Policy and sponsored by the Farm Foundation. Eighty-nine representatives from 48 states, the United States Department of Agriculture, and other interested agencies participated in the conference.

The purpose of these annual policy conferences is to assist extension workers who deal with agricultural policy problems through discussion of: (1) timely and useful information and (2) effective techniques for presenting this information to groups. The exchange of experiences and ideas at these conferences is designed to broaden the knowledge of participants, stimulate their thinking, and extend their horizons, thereby increasing their competence in dealing with the complex and multiple aspects of agricultural policy issues.

The report of the conference is being made available in the hope that it will be useful not only to state and county extension personnel but also to teachers, students, and others interested in agricultural policy questions.

The Farm Foundation, following its policy of close cooperation with the state extension services, assisted in developing the program for the 1961 conference and financed the instructional staff, transportation of one delegate from each state, and the publication of this report. The Center for Agricultural and Economic Adjustment, Iowa State University, and the Agricultural Policy Institute, North Carolina State College, provided funds for developing the sessions on international trade and American agriculture.

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