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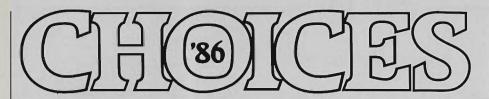
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The Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Jesse Helms speaks candidly about farm commodity policy—how the 1985 Farm Bill marks a watershed and the many legislative challenges that remain. He is interviewed by CHOICES Editor Lyle Schertz.



Richard Sexton and Terri Sexton

Richard Sexton is Assistant Professor at the University of California, Davis, and Terri Sexton is Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas and Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of California, Davis. In this second installment on the taxation of cooperatives they argue that co-op tax treatment does not harm the economy.



Richard Dunford

Richard W. Dunford, an Associate Professor at Washington State University, focuses on taxes, a topic which has seized the attention of all of us. He describes the special rules that have been applicable to farming and presents a tabular comparison of the House and Senate bills before going to conference.



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D. Gale Johnson of the University of Chicago focuses his commentary on population with particular reference to lower income countries. He describes an emerging new consensus that the effects of population growth upon economic development are very modest. They may be negative or positive, but they are far less important than other conditions created by people.



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