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Paul W. Barkley and Denise M. Rogers

Paul W. Barkley, a professor at Washington State University, and his former graduate advisee, Denise M. Rogers, focus on what happens in small towns when their population increase. By surveying people who moved into eight towns in the Palouse region of Washington State, they found that new people come to small towns and take existing jobs; not to create new ones.



Bruce Babcock and Andrew Schmitz

Bruce Babcock is a Ph. D. candidate at the University of California, Berkeley. Andrew Schmitz holds the George W. and Elsie M. Robinson chair in Agricultural Economics at Berkeley. Their article illustrates why when considering alternative national policies it is important to consider effects on consumer prices, as well as federal expenditures. Programs may involve small federal expenditures may, in fact, be more costly to Americans and involve more transfers from taxpayers—as consumers—than do other programs with larger federal expenditures.



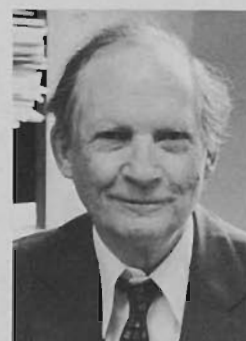
Derwent Renshaw

The Agricultural Counselor of the Delegation to the United States of the Commission of the European Communities, Derwent Renshaw states forthrightly the European view of the struggle between the United States and the European Community over agricultural markets. He suggests that the U.S. decline in the share of export markets is largely due to a loss of its own competitiveness.



Dale E. Hathaway

Dale E. Hathaway, an observer and participant in U.S. policymaking as a former university professor, Under Secretary of Agriculture, and now a Washington Consultant, argues that prospective GATT negotiations, while important, will not tackle three conditions that inhibit growth in world and U.S. agricultural trade—slow world economic growth, unstable exchange rates, and excess production capacity in world agriculture.



D. Gale Johnson

Professor Johnson of the University of Chicago focused on population in the last issue of CHOICES. His commentary in this issue deals with trade negotiations. He emphasizes the importance of high farm prices in the U.S. and in the EC as the basic difficulty. In turn, he argues that EC protection of agriculture is no longer any greater than our protection of U.S. agriculture.