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FOREWORD

This publication reports the major discussions of the tenth national agricultural policy conference planned by the National Committee on Agricultural Policy and sponsored by the Farm Foundation. Eighty-nine representatives from 49 states, the United States Department of Agriculture, and other interested agencies participated in the conference.

This report supplements the material included in the proceedings of the nine previous policy conferences. The purpose of these annual policy conferences is to assist extension workers who deal with agricultural policy problems through: (1) presentation of timely and useful information and (2) discussion of 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 Center for Agricultural and Economic Adjustment, Iowa State University, assisted the National Committee in developing the program for the conference. It also provided copies of a newly published series of leaflets entitled "The Farm Problem—What Are the Choices?" for use as resource material by conference participants, who spent one day during the conference in small work groups analyzing and evaluating alternative approaches for solving the farm problem.

The Farm Foundation, following its policy of close cooperation with the state extension services, assisted in developing the program for the 1960 conference, financed the instructional staff, provided a portion of the necessary expenses of those in attendance, and agreed to make this report of the conference available to all the states.

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