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- 1981 Government Programs and Individual Decisions • Public Support of Research and Extension • Agriculture in the 1980s • Methodology of Public Policy Education
- 1982 Domestic Economic Policy • Federal Government Role in Resource Management • Trade Policy • Financing Government Under Tight Budgets • Food Policy
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FOREWORD

This publication reports the major discussions of the 39th National Public Policy Education Conference held September 18–21, 1989, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The 122 participants represented most states, the United States Department of Agriculture and other public agencies.

The conference is held to improve the policy education efforts of those extension workers responsible for public affairs programs. This, in turn, should help citizens faced with solving local and national problems make more intelligent and responsible decisions.

Specific objectives were: 1) to provide timely and useful information on public issues; 2) to explore different approaches to conducting public policy educational programs; and 3) to share ideas and experiences in policy education.

The Farm Foundation, following its policy of close cooperation with the state extension services, financed the instructional staff for, and the transportation of one individual from each extension service to, this conference, which is planned by the National Public Policy Education Committee. The Foundation also financed publication and distribution of these proceedings, which are made available to state and county extension personnel, teachers, students and others interested in increasing understanding of public policy issues.

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