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This publication reports the major discussions of the fifteenth national agricultural policy conference, held September 14-16, 1965, at the University of Illinois conference center at Robert Allerton Park, Monticello, Illinois. As in the past, the conference was planned by the National Committee on Agricultural Policy and sponsored by the Farm Foundation. One hundred one representatives from 46 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.

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