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A Price-Support Policy for Farm Commodities
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Foreword

This is the fourth annual statement reporting the major discussions of important agricultural policy subjects at a national public policy conference sponsored by the Farm Foundation. Representatives of forty-four states and the United States Department of Agriculture participated in the discussions.

The subjects are intriguing—they stimulate argument—they feature the daily press—farmers want to know more about them. We all need to be better trained in how to handle discussion groups. This must grow into extension teaching of public affairs gradually and carefully.

This publication serves to supplement and to add to the discussions of other subjects presented in the reports of the three previous conferences. The Foundation, following its policy of close cooperation with the state extension services, provided a portion of the necessary expenses of those in attendance, financed the instructional staff, assisted in stimulating the committees to develop their respective programs, and agreed to make this report of the conference available to all the states.

F. W. Peck, *Managing Director*
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PART I

*Expanding Outlets
for American Farm Products*