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How the Political Process Works

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Alternative Methods of Stabilizing Farm Income
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Foreword

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

The subjects are timely—they stimulate thinking—they are featured by the agricultural press—extension needs to study them—farmers want to know more about them. We all need to be better trained in how to present this sort of subject matter to discussion groups.

This publication supplements the discussions of other subjects presented in the reports of the four previous conferences. Thus, a valuable series of reports dealing with subjects that bear upon the well-being of farm people is being accumulated.

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 developing the program, and agreed to make this report of the conference available to all the states.

Joseph Ackerman, *Managing Director*
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PART I

*Taxation in Relation to
Changing Demands for Services*