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Food and Population: Priorities in Decision Making

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Foreword

This publication contains the papers, with their discussion, presented at a group of meetings on population and food which formed a part of the XVIth International Conference of Agricultural Economists, held in Nairobi, in August 1976.

The subject falls within the general area of *Decision-Making and Agriculture* which formed the theme of the conference and the title of the Conference Proceedings volume published jointly by Nebraska University Press and the International Association of Agricultural Economists. However, because the group of sessions on population and food formed a coherent and substantial body of material with its own particular interest, it is being published separately here.

The first part of this book contains papers which review the food and population situation in the light of available general evidence and the results of case studies of particular countries. It also contains papers which demonstrate, and attempt to identify the causes for, the diversity of views on this subject.

The second part of this book consists mainly of the country case studies, most of which were developed from those presented at a seminar held in Rome in December 1975 under the joint sponsorship of the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE), the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA).

The programme of the conference, including that for the group of sessions concerned with Food and Population was organised by Professor T. Dams, University of Freiburg. The preparation for publication of the papers and of the report of the discussion was begun by the late Mr K.E. Hunt, former Director of the Agricultural Economics Institute, Oxford University and completed by Dr. G.J. Tyler of the same Institute.

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PLENARY SESSION

Achieving a Balance Between Population and Food:
Priorities in Decision Making