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1. Problems of Dry Farming.
2. Agricultural Prices: Problems and Policies.
3. Institutional Credit for Agriculture.

This issue also includes the Rapporteurs' Reports on each of these three subjects. We are glad to note that a very large number of Papers has been received on the third subject. The President of the Conference on the recommendation of the Rapporteurs has accepted 96 Papers for discussion at this Conference. Out of these, 29 Papers have been published in full in this issue along with Summaries of the remaining 67 Papers. We regret that it has not been possible to print all the Papers in full because of the heavy cost of printing. We apologise to the authors whose Papers could not be printed in full. We are thankful to the Rapporteurs for sending their Reports covering the important points contained in the Papers and also highlighting the issues for discussion.

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