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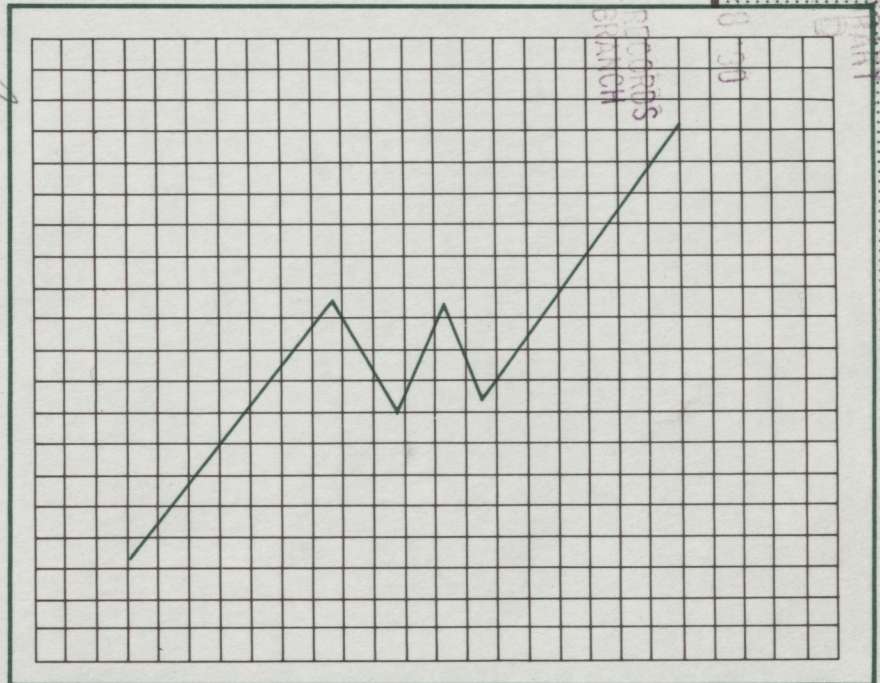
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS AND NOTES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### S.J.J. DE SWARDT AGREKON PRIZE

The S.J.J. de Swardt Agrekon Prize for 1988 with a prize-money of R1 000 has been awarded jointly to Mr P.A. Donovan and Prof W.L. Nieuwoudt for their article "A model for agricultural commodity R+D" which appeared in the February 1988 edition of *Agrekon* and Prof. J. van Zyl, Mr H.J.G. Nel and Prof J.A. Groenewald for their article "Agriculture's contribution to the South African economy" which appeared in the June 1988 edition.

Mr S.J.J. de Swardt, former Secretary of Agricultural Economics and Marketing, was responsible for the foundation of the S.J.J. de Swardt Agrekon Prize in 1962. He made a bequest to the Department for the award of prizes for meritorious contributions in the field of agricultural economics published in *Agrekon*.

The Editorial Committee of *Agrekon*, in 1984, in consultation with Mr De Swardt also instituted the S.J.J. de Swardt Agrekon Debutant Prize for the best debutant article with a view to encouraging younger and less experienced agricultural economists in particular,

to write for the journal. During 1988 no articles qualified for the Debutant Prize.

### AEASA RESPONSIBLE FOR AGREKON IN FUTURE

*Agrekon*, which is regarded as the mouthpiece of the agricultural economist and is published by the Department of Agriculture, is going to be the responsibility of AEASA (Agricultural Economics Association of Southern Africa) as from 1 April 1990. The February 1990 edition of *Agrekon* will already be handled by AEASA.

AEASA has in time grown to become the strong and vital association that it is today and it is therefore quite appropriate for them to take over *Agrekon*. This is furthermore in line with the privatisation initiatives of the Government.

The name *Agrekon* and the S.J.J. de Swardt Agrekon Prize will, however continue to exist.

The Editorial Committee wishes AEASA every success in their new endeavour and trusts that *Agrekon* will go from strength to strength.