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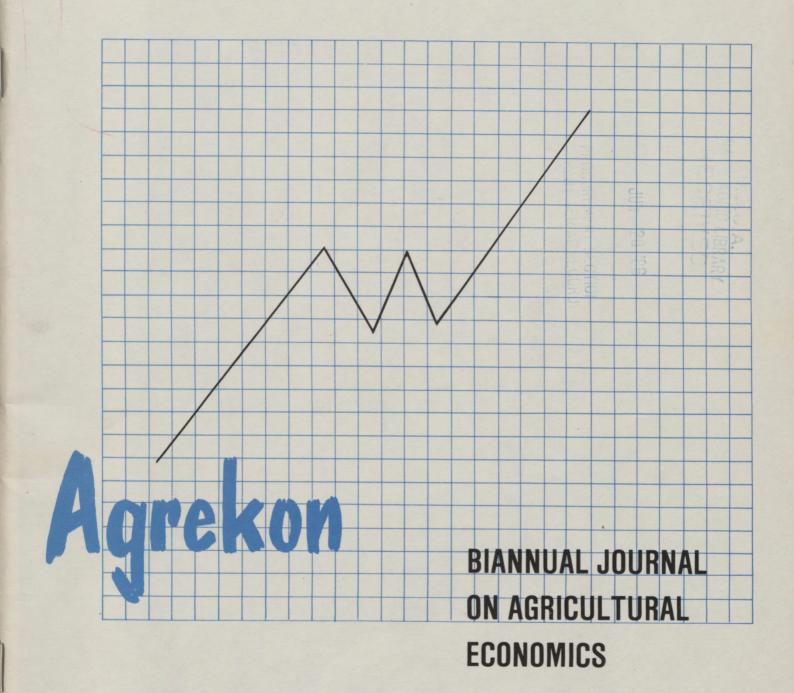
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ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS AND NOTES

EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. In future a column in Agrekon will be devoted to a regular feature under the title of "Announcements, comments and notes". The objects wil be:
 - (a) To offer readers the opportunity of commenting on articles appearing in Agrekon. It is hoped that this will stimulate exchange of views and opinions.
 - (b) To enable Editorial and other announcements of an agricultural-economic nature to be made.
 - (c) To enable contributors to publish in the journal short notes on findings and summaries of research results.
- 2. Contributors submitting articles to the journal are requested to enclose an accompanying abstract limited to 150 words in length. These abstracts will be published together with the articles. The publication of such abstracts is in accordance with the practice followed by many scientific and professional journals the world over.

3. The Editorial Committee has decided to cease the publication of the statistics which to date have been appended in each issue of Agrekon. These statistics are obtainable from several other sources as well as the Directorate of Agricultural Economic Trends, Private Bag X246, Pretoria, 0001.

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- 4. The S.J.J. de Swardt Agrekon Prize for 1983 with a prize-money of R300,00 has been awarded to Prof. W.L. Nieuwoudt and Mr G.K. Chadwick for their article "Plant sizes and locations in the South African sugar industry" which appeared in the April 1983 edition of Agrekon.
- 5. The Editorial Committee of Agrekon, in consultation with Mr S.J.J. de Swardt has also instituted a S.J.J. de Swardt Agrekon Prize for the best debutant article. The Editorial Committee trusts that younger and less experienced agricultural economists in particular will thereby be encouraged to write for the journal.