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Mr. D.C.H. Uys, Minister of Agricultural Economics and Marketing, who from the start has given his full support to the publication of "Agrekon".

FOREWORD BY THE HONOURABLE MR. D.C.H. UYS,
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND
MARKETING

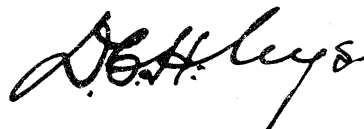
It is for me and my Department a special event to announce the publication of this first quarterly review on agricultural economic matters. It is the fruit of much thought and planning. It has long been felt that there is a need for a journal which can serve as a "shop window" in which agricultural economists and the staff of the control boards can give to interested persons an insight into the results of the great amount of research work carried out by the Department and the boards. In many instances these investigations are undertaken only for administrative and policy decisions, but when these special purposes have been served, the information, or part thereof, can be of value to other bodies and persons interested in the welfare of agriculture, which is continually concerned with involved economic questions.

I trust that the control boards will permit their officers to make their contributions to "Agrekon" in those instances where it may be of general interest to do so. Furthermore, I hope that anyone who can make a contribution, whether attached to my Department, or to a control board or any other institution, will

be rewarded by the fact that their work will find a place in an authoritative journal which is produced for the information of their colleagues and policy makers throughout the country. The writers of such articles will be allowed, where possible, to draw their own personal conclusions, without necessarily expressing the views of the Department, board or institution. Without such freedom, a contribution may become so out-dated and distorted in the process of official approval that the final result will not be of much value to the reader. Nevertheless, it is hoped that writers will exercise the utmost accuracy, objectivity and responsibility. The editorial staff of "Agrekon" will keep a watchful eye on this matter, but the ultimate responsibility will rest with contributors.

Apart from serving as a channel of expression for workers in the economic field of agriculture, "Agrekon" intends to provide its readers with a review of events of interest from an economic aspect in so far they concern the various branches of agriculture.

I wish therefore to express my confidence that this quarterly survey of our agricultural economic affairs will satisfy a long felt need, that it will serve as encouragement to the ever increasing number of workers and thinkers in the agricultural economic field, and at the same time to its readers, and especially those responsible for the administrative and policy duties in connection with the farming community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. B. H. Leys". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.