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The five articles in this issue were selected from thirteen manuscripts reviewed for publication. One paper was invited by the Editorial Board to supplement the topics discussed in the selected articles. The invited paper did not undergo the review process used in selecting the articles.

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Shortly before this fifth volume of the *Journal of Agricultural Cooperation* was published, the *Journal* received one of two educational program excellence awards from the international Association of Co-operative Educators. The award was presented "in recognition of superior achievement for an educational program that significantly advances cooperative education."

Many persons have contributed to the *Journal* during its first five years and are responsible for the excellence recognized by this award. I especially want to express my appreciation to three individuals.

Roger Ginder from Iowa State University, the *Journal*'s "father," wrote the proposal for the *Journal* that was approved by AIC's Executive Committee in 1985. He currently serves as chairman of the editorial board. Jeffrey Royer, now at the University of Nebraska, established high standards for the *Journal* as editor of the first three volumes while he was at USDA's Agricultural Cooperative Service. And Emerson Babb, University of Florida, has built on this excellent foundation during the first two years of his editorship.

In addition to Roger, Jeff, and Emerson, 14 persons have served on the editorial board, 66 have authored journal articles, and 89 have served as reviewers during this first five years.

The *Journal* is a true example of the value of cooperation! I look forward to the continued contribution of these and other cooperative educators and researchers in future volumes.

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