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This 1991 volume of the *Journal of Agricultural Cooperation* is the first to be published by the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. It is, therefore, an appropriate time to reaffirm the purposes of the Journal as they were expressed six years ago when the first issue was published. They are to:

- Encourage basic and applied research on issues of importance to cooperatives and their members.
- Provide a marketplace for the exchange of cooperative research results and thinking among academics, cooperative leadership, and cooperative membership.
- Provide a means for a rigorous review of thought and writings on cooperative topics.

NCFC is pleased to assume the responsibility of working with the academic community to publish this journal on agricultural cooperation.

This volume is the third and final volume to be edited by Emerson Babb of the University of Florida. I want to express my appreciation to Emerson for his leadership in guiding the Journal during this time. In the six short years of its existence, the Journal has received national and even international recognition by the academic community. I am confident that the Journal's new editor, Jim Rhodes of the University of Missouri, will build on this excellent foundation during the years of his editorship.

In addition to the nine members of the Journal's editorial board, 30 other researchers served as reviewers for this volume. I look forward to the continued contribution of these and other cooperative educators and researchers in the years to come.



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