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The National Council of Farmer Cooperatives continues to strengthen its efforts to promote agricultural and cooperative research, and publishing the *Journal of Agricultural Cooperation* is a key activity in this effort.

Clearly, the *Journal*, in its seven years of publication, has made a significant contribution in encouraging research on cooperative topics and in exchanging research results among individuals in universities, cooperatives, and government.

This eighth volume contains five articles on a wide variety of cooperative topics, an invited paper by Randy Torgerson on the mission of the Agricultural Cooperative Service, and a classic reprint by Aaron Sapiro on his California plan of cooperative marketing. Two reaction papers follow both the invited paper and the classic reprint.

In this 1993 volume, Jim Rhodes, from the University of Missouri, has continued his outstanding work as *Journal* editor—a job that requires dedication, a wellspring of expertise in both research and publishing, and many hours of work. Those of us at NCFC greatly appreciate his contribution.

I also want to thank the nine members of the *Journal's* editorial board, the authors who contributed articles to this issue, and the twenty-four cooperative researchers who reviewed all submitted manuscripts. I look forward to further contributions from these and other cooperative researchers and educators as NCFC continues to work with the academic community in the publication of this journal.



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