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## PREFACE

I have tried in this book to provide an analysis of agricultural policies in a form suitable for students of agriculture, for practitioners in farming and for other persons interested in agricultural planning. The more important factors influencing agricultural policies are described against a background of changing techniques of production and of changing demands from the buyers of agricultural products. I have concentrated mainly on the recent history of the United Kingdom but I have also drawn illustrations from other countries, in order to show the operation of agricultural policies, and of economic forces, in differing contexts.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

<i>E.J.</i>	<i>Economic Journal</i>
F.A.O.	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
<i>I.C.A.E.</i>	International Conference of Agricultural Economists
<i>J.A.E.</i>	<i>Journal of Agricultural Economics</i>
<i>J.R.A.S.</i>	<i>Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society.</i>
<i>J.R.S.S.</i>	<i>Journal of the Royal Statistical Society</i>
R.I.I.A.	Royal Institute for International Affairs
O.E.E.C.	Organisation for European Economic Co-operation