FOREWORD

This annual summary of Illinois Agricultural Statistics presents a summary of the various reports prepared and published by the Illinois Cooperative Crop Reporting Service plus selected other data series of general interest. Data for the years 1975-79 and 1980, when available, are presented for most items.

Official State estimates are included in this summary for all data items. In addition, crop reporting district and county estimates are included for major crop and livestock items.

Some of the estimates presented in this publication were prepared from State financed surveys. Funds and personnel in the Illinois and United States Departments of Agriculture are pooled in the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service in order to better serve the needs of those interested in agricultural statistics.

The Crop Reporting Service wishes to express its appreciation to the many thousands of farmers and business firms who contribute every year to provide the basis of our estimates. Only the faithful service of the corps of reporters and other cooperators makes these estimates possible.

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