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The papers are grouped under the following major headings:
(1) Characteristics of agricultural systems in emerging nations;
(2) Research to devise and adapt innovations;
(3) Education and development of human resources; and
(4) Establishing indigenous institutions to serve advancing agriculture.

The authors of the individual papers are renowned for their contributions to research and education in agriculture and are identifiable with agricultural development abroad. The importance and fundamental role of a productive agriculture in the social and economic development of emerging nations is well documented. The editor, Dr. Albert H. Moseman, Director for Agricultural Sciences, The Rockefeller Foundation, and the other individuals who served with him in organizing the symposium, have performed a signal service for agricultural planners in emerging nations by bringing together and recording the observations and suggestions of such a large group of well-informed individuals.

This should be a valuable resource book for all persons concerned with agricultural development in emerging nations.

Selected references are provided on each of the major headings of the text.

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