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FOREWORD

This publication presents the major discussions of the twenty-third national public policy conference, held September 17–21, 1973, at Gull Lake, Brainerd, Minnesota. The conference was planned by the National Public Policy Education Committee and designed to assist extension workers who deal with agricultural and public policy problems. One hundred nine representatives from 47 states, the United States Department of Agriculture, and other interested agencies participated in the conference.

The conference provided an opportunity for exchange of experiences and ideas. Few individuals in attendance are likely to think the same as before about the subjects discussed and the methods of conducting public policy education. The intellectual self-renewal resulting from the discussions at the conference will have far-reaching impacts on public policy education in the states and counties of the United States.

The purpose of this report is to extend the benefits of the conference beyond the participants. The report will be made available not only to state and county extension personnel but also to teachers, students, and others interested in increasing understanding of public policy issues. The need is greater than ever before to develop intelligent and responsible citizens who can make informed choices and participate effectively in solving the problems that confront our society today.

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