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FOREWORD.

THE Division has commenced a systematic study of agricultural economic conditions in the maize triangle. It is obvious that the whole area cannot be covered by a single inquiry and various parts thereof will, therefore, have to await their turn. Moreover, fluctuations in climatic, economic, and other conditions render it necessary to spread such an inquiry over a period of at least two or three years. In this bulletin Dr. J. C. Neethling, to whom the inquiry has been entrusted, presents a review of his findings during the first year of the inquiry. It is hoped, in due course, to submit a more comprehensive report based on the work of several years. Although this report covers only a year's work and, therefore, only a portion of the triangle it is, nevertheless, considered sufficiently valuable to justify publication in bulletin form. It will give maize farmers a good insight into the work done by the Division and also help to pave the way for further reports and for investigation in other areas.

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