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FOREWORD.

THE problems connected with maize production and marketing are undoubtedly both serious and far reaching and the present seems an opportune time to take stock of the situation.

In the accompanying memorandum an attempt is made to portray the Union position, the production of other maize-producing countries, and the results of marketing through voluntary co-operative channels.

During the past few months numerous schemes have been advanced for improving maize prices; such as export bounties, subsidies, price fixing and compulsory control, and it was thought advisable to include a survey of schemes of a like nature attempted in other countries; and in some cases an analysis of the probable effects if similar efforts were made in the Union.

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