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DIRECTOR'S PREFACE

This is the second of a series of books embodying the results of our "Concurrent Study of the Operation of the Agricultural Adjustment Act." It deals with the specific programs under which certain of the broad powers conferred upon the Secretary of Agriculture by the Agricultural Adjustment Act were applied to the tobacco industry and with the Kerr-Smith Act which supplemented it so far as tobacco was concerned.

Tobacco is a commodity whose producing, marketing, and processing situation and institutions depart markedly from those analyzed in the preceding volume in the series—*Wheat and the AAA*. This fact, together with differences in the background and philosophy of the respective authors, results in considerably divergent conclusions as to the efficacy of the program and value of the results obtained. In both volumes the appraisal is limited to a single commodity field. Here Mr. Rowe undertakes, on the basis of a careful analysis of the results of two years of operation, to evaluate the several procedures as possible methods to be employed in a more permanent planning program for the stabilization of the tobacco growing industry. Broader economic and social effects upon other groups and upon our economic system as a whole will be discussed in a separate volume after the present series of commodity studies has been completed.

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