

Foreword

The Netherlands Journal of Agricultural Science usually contains papers on agricultural research by Dutch scientists. Occasionally particular issues are published for symposia. This special number was instigated by the Department of Agricultural Economics of the Tropics and the Subtropics of the Agricultural State University at Wageningen.

Papers on socio-economics tended to be published at irregular intervals, since the majority of research results published in this Journal are on applied biology.

It was thought purposeful to draw together some research papers on agricultural economics. The theme is the Economic Transformation of Family Farming. To emphasize the international character of research effort in the economics of agricultural development some well known foreign agricultural economists were invited to join. We have pleasure in welcoming their papers. The contributions thus present a world-wide picture with studies from Africa, the Caribbean, India, Western Europe and South America.

The Editors