

## ABSTRACT

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Economic development of tropical agriculture. W. W. McPherson (Ed.). University of Florida Press. 1968.

This book contains papers presented in a series of seminars given on the University of Florida campus between January and November 1966 by some distinguished agricultural economists.

In the introductory paper W. W. McPherson summarizes main features in the present status of tropical agriculture in relation to economic development. In Chapter 2, J. C. H. Fei and A. C. Chiang present a theory of economic stagnation and they examine its causes. In the next chapter, A. Gaitskell discusses the importance of agriculture in economic development. In Chapter 4 Professor E. O. Heady discusses the processes and priorities in agricultural development. R. A. King (Chapter 5) deals with product markets and economic development. Glenn L. Johnson illustrates a paper on factor markets and economic development by examples from Nigeria (Chapter 6). Harry G. Johnston (Chapter 7) considers trade preferences and developing countries. In Chapter 8 M. R. Langham illustrates the use and discusses possibilities and limitations of a dynamic linear-programming model for analysis at the farm level (with particular reference to British Honduras).

Some case studies are presented in Chapter 9-11. V. W. Ruttan proposes a strategy for increasing rice production in South-East Asia. A. Gaitskell contributes two papers on problems of policy in planning the Indus Basin Investment in West Pakistan and on agricultural planning problems in Africa South of the Sahara. J. P. Gittinger (Chapter 12) writes about planning characteristics of low-income agriculture. J. W. Green looks into the organization for local development in those countries (Chapter 13) and advising on development organization (Chapter 14). In the final chapter A. J. Coutu discusses the role of United States Universities Abroad.

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