

PREFACE

The Netherlands Society for Agricultural Science has for many years put out an agricultural journal (*Landbouwkundig Tijdschrift*). In the 65th Volume, which will be published this year, as well as in all the others that have so far been published, the articles are mainly written in the Dutch language.

Owing to the restricted use of this language many data are published, that are inaccessible to foreigners.

Netherlands agricultural standards are very high. In the field of tropical agricultural research the Dutch scientists have a wide experience. The society feels, as more and more international contact is made, that it is essential for the advancement of agricultural science that Dutch agriculturists publish in a universal language.

Until the present time Dutch agricultural scientists have had to send their publications for foreigners to journals abroad.

In order to overcome shyness and inspire more of our scientists to write articles in English, we have put out this journal, called "The Netherlands Journal of Agricultural Science".

This journal will be readable for everyone. It will contain papers on the entire field of agricultural science. The only restriction will be that the contents will not be confined to a regional scope, but will include material that will be of importance for foreigners.

In my opinion this journal will not only meet the needs of the Dutch agriculturists but also those of the foreign scientists. It will enable them to understand better the research work of the Dutchmen.

I sincerely hope that this journal will stimulate its readers to such an interest that its publication will be proved to be a worthy undertaking.

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