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To: Workers in agricultural finance  
(attached distribution list)

About a month ago Mike Boehlje called to say that the long-promised Agricultural Finance Bibliography might be especially helpful if it appeared within our lifetime (I forget his exact words, but that was the implication), and perhaps specifically useful at this time to those of you who are writing or revising textbooks in agricultural finance. Thus inspired, we finished some programming and produced the enclosed "first preliminary edition."

Thirty photocopies have been produced and distributed as shown on the attached list. I hope that you can make the enclosed copy available to other analysts and students at your institution. If you decide to shift this responsibility to someone else, please notify me so that I can keep track of the location of the volumes for referral purposes.

For statistics buffs, this volume lists 3,159 items by 1,478 authors. Items are listed under each coauthor, which resulted in 968 additional entries.

The present volume is preliminary in two important senses: accuracy and completeness. In 1975 we sent lists for checking purposes to 306 authors and received 283 replies--an incredibly good response for which we are grateful and which provided convincing evidence of the perceived need for this work. The replies enabled us to make numerous corrections and to add nearly 1,000 additional items. Updating since 1975, however, has been more of a hit-or-miss proposition.

With respect to accuracy, please be aware that authors, journals, and publishers are assigned codes, which greatly facilitates updating but which can result in incorrect listings.

At this point, therefore, we again need your help. Please return the enclosed addressed envelope with the following:

- 1) the enclosed sheet confirming receipt of the bibliography;
- 2) copies of papers and publications in the period 1975-78, except for papers in the AJAE, SJAE, WJAE (new series), Agricultural Finance Review, and Agricultural Economics Research.
- 3) corrections and additions to your entries in the present volume, if any, other than the items you are sending us now.

The next issue will be a second preliminary edition which will contain these updates and which will flag those items that we still need to receive to complete the checking process.

Please help us to maintain momentum on this project by responding promptly. Also, please set up a scheme now to send us copies of future papers and publications. Your attention to this detail is essential.

Emil Melichar

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