

PREFACE

This publication contains mainly papers presented in full or in summary in a Barley Symposium held in conjunction with the Lincoln College Farmers' Conference of May 1982. A technical session and a farmers' session were held.

With the Symposium Chairman's introduction, the six papers of the farmers' session and one technical paper have been published by Lincoln College in the Conference Proceedings. With some differences in editing and with the permission of the Conference Organising Committee, this material is included in the present publication. The major change is that three speakers contributing to both sessions have each combined their papers into one. One research paper has been added, and two of the review papers of the technical session have been expanded further than expected by the editors, one of them with the help of two English authors. Edited versions of most of the discussions following each group of papers, and a bibliography of barley in New Zealand, have been included.

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We go to press with excellent prospects for a successful harvest of an expanded barley area in 1984, and for continued exports of malting and feed barley.

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