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### AGRICULTURE IN A TURBULENT WORLD ECONOMY

#### SETTING THE STAGE

1. Forces shaping the future: The most important forces: Growing population, use and misuse of natural resources, technical and institutional change, changes in human capital, etc...
2. Growing interdependencies and uncertainties: Are interdependencies and uncertainties growing? What changes come from political, economic, trade and market, technological and other forces?

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4. The pressure on natural resources: Economic growth versus ecological stability: protection of soils, waters, minerals and forests. Erosion and salinity. Energy. Market and non-market problems. Legislation.
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## AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

6. People in rural societies: Social differentiation in rural areas. Local participation in decision-making. The changing role of women.
7. The food chain markets and trade: Distribution of income and wealth in the food chain. Growing international trade. Multi-national firms, product and financial markets. Interdependence of national and international policies. Stability of world agriculture.
8. The structure of agriculture: Adjustments of farms, regional economies, national agriculture and food chains. Interface farm/non-farm economy. Rural development.

## CONCLUSIONS

9. Policy and research for the future.