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"Beginning a New Century," "Almost Everything Starts on a Farm," "Unfinished Miracles," "That We May Eat," — all are expressions that have meaning to those of us in agriculture as we look back over the year 1975. We are truly at a major milepost as we contemplate the work, achievements, hopes, dreams and aspirations of the scientific agriculturalist to this date.

This year marks the beginning of the second century of continuously funded agricultural research in this nation, and July 4, 1976 marks the start of the third century of our nation's government. We note that agriculture was important to the early lawmakers when public funds were teamed up with private industry in the land-grant university system to produce the world's finest example of how to produce so much food and fiber with so few people actually engaged in farming the land.

Now we must learn how to use the benevolent resources of this great state and nation to bring the greatest benefit to the greatest number of people in this world.

I look forward to this challenge with much optimism. Never in our history have so many young people in the colleges of agriculture looked forward to commencement day with the thought of becoming involved in agriculture as a profession. This state and nation cannot and should not expect to feed the world single-handedly, but our knowledge, technology and the willingness of these bright young minds to extend the frontiers of agricultural research will someday make hunger only an unpleasant memory.

1976, the first year of forever . . .

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**On The Cover:** This design recognizes the start of the second 100 years of continuous funding for the nation's agricultural experiment stations, and identifies with the United States' Bicentennial year.

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