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Foreword

Agricultural research and technology transfer policy will be a major subject of debate in the 1990 Farm Bill. The debate will likely focus on the level and type of Federal appropriations for and the planning and control of agricultural research and extension. This report addresses the central issues in that debate. It was requested as part of a larger study examining emerging agricultural technologies and related issues for the 1990s by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the House Committee on Agriculture.

Although the study will not be completed until later this year, some findings from the study, provided in this report, are relevant to specific legislation regarding agricultural research and technology transfer that will be debated and acted upon in Congress.

In the course of preparing this report, OTA drew on the experience of many individuals. In particular, we appreciate the efforts of the project's consultants and contractors and the assistance of all the workshop participants who spent two days in September discussing issues and policy alternatives. We would also like to acknowledge the help of the numerous reviewers who helped ensure the accuracy of our analysis. It should be understood, however, that OTA assumes full responsibility for the content of this report.



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