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## PREFACE

The publication of "Peanuts - Culture and Uses" in 1973 brought into print a comprehensive text covering the peanut industry from production to utilization. In the intervening decade since the book emerged from the pens of the acknowledged authorities within the peanut industry, significant changes of major importance have occurred within all segments of this industry. Thus, in November, 1977, Mr. Astor Perry, then President of APREA, appointed a 5-member committee and charged them with the responsibility of making recommendations on revision and/or reprinting the book, "Peanuts - Culture and Uses." Their recommendations, published in the 1978 Proceedings of APREA, concluded that a revised book should be published. In 1979 the editors were selected. The chapters appearing in this book were written during 1980-81.

In the compilation of any book, choices must be made regarding the material and topics to be included or deleted. It has been our objective to bring selected basic information forward from the out-of-print "Peanuts - Cultures and Uses," to update those areas related to production, marketing and processing, and to present new topic areas not previously covered. The editors accept sole responsibility for the topics selected but solicit suggestions from the readers regarding topic areas for future editions or revisions. As always, with any work of this size, there will be omissions and errors that will come to light after publication. It is hoped that these oversights will not detract from the wealth of information presented by the authors within this volume.

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