

## PREFACE

This publication contains a number of review papers (Papers 1-12, 17-20) and a number of more subjective papers (Papers 13-16). All were solicited by the Agronomy Society and summaries were presented to a Lucerne Symposium organised in conjunction with the 1981 Lincoln College Farmers' Conference. Edited versions of the discussions, which took place following most of these presentations, have been added. A bibliography of lucerne in New Zealand was prepared independently by the Rural Development and Extension Centre, Lincoln College and has been included as a valuable contribution.

Terminology regarding lucerne grazing, generally follows the form adopted by the British Society of Animal Production and under consideration by the N.Z. Society of Animal Production (Hodgson, J. 1979. Nomenclature and definitions in grazing studies. *Grass and Forage Science* 34: 11-18). Deviations from this form include; utilisation being synonymous with degree of defoliation, and spelling duration being synonymous with resting period (see Glossary).

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