large surplus quantities of food stuffs.

Chapters include a history of experimental work on marginal land, the extent of marginal land, improvement of the land, increasing soil productivity and methods of utilizing increased productivity. There are numerous illustrations of types of land, original vegetation and grasses. The book in general is a clear and practical view of agriculture as Britain faces it, and should give any reader, regardless of his field, an insight into the human problems toward which experiment and research are aimed.

PRODUCTION OF FIELD CROPS


The fourth edition of Wolfe and Kipps' Production of Field Crops is a carefully revised and up-to-date successor of the widely-used classroom and reference text for the beginning course in field crops first published in 1924.

Of particular value in the current edition are new chapters on the history of American agriculture (the initial chapter), and on Grassland farming. Another significant change is a new, separate chapter on rice which is placed along with the other chapters on grain crops in Section II of the book. Further revision has substituted many more recent references for many which were cited in the earlier editions. In so doing, the authors have, in effect, rewritten some of the chapters to assemble a vast store of new information reported by investigators throughout the country.

The authors, however, have continued to follow essentially the same outline adopted by the American Society of Agronomy in the early 1920's which was used in the preparation of the first edition.

Chapters in Section I continue to deal with the more generalized aspects of production common to most crops, covering in 19 chapters such subjects as the economic aspects of crop production, adaptation of crops, the value of good seed, fertilizers and lime, preparation of the seedbed, tillage, harvesting and storage, pasture and meadow management and crop rotation. Section II with separate chapters on the major crops or crop groups covers grains, legumes for seed, forage crops, root crops, fiber crops, tubers, sugar plants and stimulants.

SOILS AFFAIRS

MEETINGS

Soil Science Society of America and American Society of Agronomy, Nov. 16-20, Baker Hotel, Dallas, Tex.

National Collegiate Grain Judging Contest, Nov. 24, Kansas City, Mo.

International Collegiate Crops Judging Contest, Nov. 28, Chicago, Ill.

PLANS FOR ANNUAL MEETING TAKE FINAL SHAPE

A total of 336 scientific and individual papers will be presented during the five-day program at this year's meeting of the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America. Society officers predict the meeting in Dallas Nov. 16-20 will be the largest in the history of the two societies.

In addition to the papers, 70 other events are scheduled, including special business meetings, divisional sessions, committee reports, panel discussions, tours and meetings of affiliated groups.

The general meeting of the ASA will be held Tuesday morning, Nov. 17. Speakers on the general meeting program include Thos. Kommedahl, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio, and Hugh M. Comer, Avondale Mills, Sylacauga, Ala.

At the SSSA meeting Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 17, R. M. Saltler, chief of the U.S. SCS, and H. J. Harper, director, Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Ardmore, Okla., will be the speakers.

SOILS TOUR PLANNED FOR NOV. 16 BY SSSA DIVISION V

A one-day field trip to study soils in the Blackland Prairie region of Texas will be held on Nov. 16, according to officials of Division V of the Soil Science Society of America.

The tour is open to all persons attending the annual meeting of the American Society of Agronomy. It will provide an excellent opportunity to examine the important soils of this area, says O. C. Rogers, Division V program chairman.

E. H. Templin of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station will be in charge of the tour. The group will leave Dallas by chartered bus at 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16. There will be four scheduled stops to examine soil profiles, plus a scheduled lunch stop. The group will return to Dallas about 6 p.m. of the same day.

This trip will be of special interest to persons who have not observed the agriculture of north-central Texas. The soils and other agricultural features along the route will be explained by tour guides.

An individual charge of $3 per person will be levied to cover transportation. This does not include the lunch. Advance reservations can be made by writing to Prof. E. H. Templin, Agronomy Department, A. & M. College of Texas, College Station, Tex.

A blank reservation form will be supplied to all members of the Soil Science Society of America through its Madison office.