REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON IMPROVEMENTS IN SOIL SURVEY REPORTS

Your committee on Improvements in Soil Survey Reports begs to report as follows:

In view of the increasing body of facts regarding soils which is being accumulated in the soil survey work, in the study of soil profiles in the field and in the correlated laboratory work, and

In view of the fact that the accumulation of all data possible on the soil profiles is essential to the further development of Soil Science and should be published, and

Inasmuch as the publishing of technical studies on the profiles of soil types would be very inadvisable in a report which is to go to the farmer, and

Because the present survey reports as published by the Bureau of Soils have attempted to cover both technical and popular information—an attempt foredoomed to failure from at least one angle

Therefore, your committee recommends that, in the interest of the further development of Soil Science and in the furtherance of the usefulness of the soil survey to practical agriculture

1. The Bureau of Soils be urged to take the necessary steps, to provide for the publication of two types of reports, one a technical research publication to be put only in the hands of investigators and the other a popular practical report for the farmer, both to contain the soil maps and to be published in cooperation with the state.

2. The technical report be issued by the Bureau to cover such areas as may be agreed upon by the Bureau and the state cooperating—all possible technical data on the soil types to be included.

3. The popular practical report contain brief popularized descriptions of the soil types and general agricultural data regarding the county which has been accumulated not only by the surveyors in their work but by men especially assigned to the task.

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