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## FOREWORD

The development of the *Agricultural Structures* curriculum guide is the result of suggestions by the MVATA Teaching Aids Committee. The Agricultural Structures Advisory Committee suggested the topics to be included and reviewed the materials.

This curriculum contains seven units. Topics include working with plans, home and farmstead planning, building construction, concrete, electricity, plumbing, and fencing. An instructor guide can be purchased separately.

During the summer of 1981, the Missouri State Board of Education formally adopted the concept of "Instructional Management Systems" (IMS) as a priority for the 1981-82 school year. The Missouri Commissioner of Education described the IMS concept as a practical way of "organizing for excellence" in education. To meet the demand for greater productivity and accountability, the director of Vocational Education applied the elements of IMS to form the Vocational Instructional Management System (VIMS). The VIMS process provides a framework to use in planning and organizing to assure excellence in Missouri's vocational education system by focusing greater attention on the management of teaching and learning. The instructor guide for this student reference incorporates the needed component parts to aid agriculture teachers in the implementation of VIMS.

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