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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This report, "A Twenty Year Follow-up of Vocational Agriculture Graduates at Hanover High School, 1951-1970," is a study of the boys who took three or more years of vocational agriculture in the twenty graduating classes of Hanover High School.

Hanover High School is located in north-central Kansas, halfway between the cities of Marysville and Washington, in Washington County, where agriculture is the chief industry. All businesses are directly dependent upon agriculture production and the people who support it.

Washington County is a leading agricultural county in Kansas in the production of both livestock and crops. Statistics from the 1969-1970 "Farm Facts"¹ indicated that the county ranked first in hogs and pigs on farms, first in bushels of grain sorghum produced, second in value of livestock and poultry produced, fifth in all cattle and calves on farms, seventh in bushels of oats produced, and tenth in chickens on farms. Washington County is also a leading producer of dairy products, wild hay, corn, soybeans, and sheep. The Kansas Beekeeper Association reports that Washington County is the largest in honey production in Kansas.

Although Washington County ranks high in agriculture production, there is relatively little other industry. Wages paid to workers are

¹Kansas State Board of Agriculture, A Report of the, Farm Facts 1969-1970.