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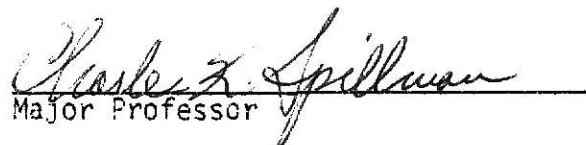
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## CHAPTER I

### 1.0. Nicaragua - General Information.

#### 1.1. Introduction

Nicaragua is one of the Latin American countries in which the economy is mainly dependent on agricultural and livestock production and as such is classified as a less developed country. Both crop and livestock production are important for a country not only as a means of supporting the economy but also providing basic needs such as food and employment. Dealing with the particular case of Nicaragua, the objectives of this report are:

- A. To present a general picture of the current status of Nicaraguan Agriculture.
- B. To present some ideas about how to improve the capacity of production especially at the small farm level, as well as the improvement of the whole agricultural system.
- C. To present a review of the factors involved in planning a farmstead, and to propose one adapted to the country's present conditions.
- D. To discuss the necessity for farm buildings, and to provide examples of those considered suitable for use in the country at the present time.