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BOOK REVIEWS

ANNOTATION OF MARKETING STATUTES

AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE MARKETING LAW WITH DECISIONS, STATUTES AND FORMS. By *C. K. Bullard*—member of the American, Texas, and Dallas Bar Associations. Austin, Texas. Gammel's Book Store, Inc. 1931. Pp. xix, 473.

Farming is still the biggest industry in the United States. We have six and one-half million farmers, operating that number of separate farm units, and producing annually about twelve and one-half billion dollars worth of crops, at 1930 prices.

The "Agricultural Marketing Act," approved June 15, 1929, is the principal response made by Congress to the insistent perennial demands for "farm relief." This Act created the Federal Farm Board. Both the Act and the Board view "a farm marketing system of producer-owned and producer-controlled cooperative associations" as essential to the welfare of the farmer.

There are 12,000 such associations in the United States. Their membership includes two million farmers, or nearly one-third of the total number. They market annually two and one-half billion dollars worth of crops, or one-fifth, in value, of the total produced in the United States. Most of these associations are corporations organized under state statutes.

The state statutes may be referred to as different forms of the "Standard Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Act." Since 1915, every state, except Delaware, has adopted such a statute.

Agricultural cooperative marketing has produced a number of legal problems, resulting in several hundred decisions by state and federal courts. Mr. Bullard's book is devoted, principally, to the legal phases of agricultural cooperative marketing. It is not a treatise, but, primarily, a collection of condensed statements of cases. The author appears to have accomplished his aim "to collect all, or most all, of the various court decisions throughout the United States and Canada." The cases are not arranged in logical, but in alphabetical, order. There are some forms, useful in organizing associations, and an excellent index. The book's principal value is as a means of reference to original sources.

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