

STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
ON SIGNING THE STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SYSTEM ACT,
APRIL 9, 1948.

The passage by the General Assembly of the State Agricultural Marketing System Act is a far-reaching move which will result in great economic benefits for the State of South Carolina. This is one of the most outstanding pieces of legislation concerned with the economic development of the State which has been enacted in many years.

This Act sets up a commission to coordinate and stimulate the marketing of farm products in South Carolina. In my opinion, it will bring millions of additional dollars to our farmers. Where such a system has been established in other States, the results have been most gratifying. The farmers of Georgia and Florida, where similar systems are in operation, have gained a great deal, and we can do as much in our State.

State and Federal agricultural agencies are solidly behind this program, and will promote it in every way possible. Thorough and complete studies of marketing systems were made, and extensive hearings were granted to all interested parties. The final results represent the best thought of many people. I am glad that I recommended the establishment of a system of State markets and am happy to sign this Act, secure in the knowledge that the farmers of South Carolina will gain some of the benefits which they so richly deserve.