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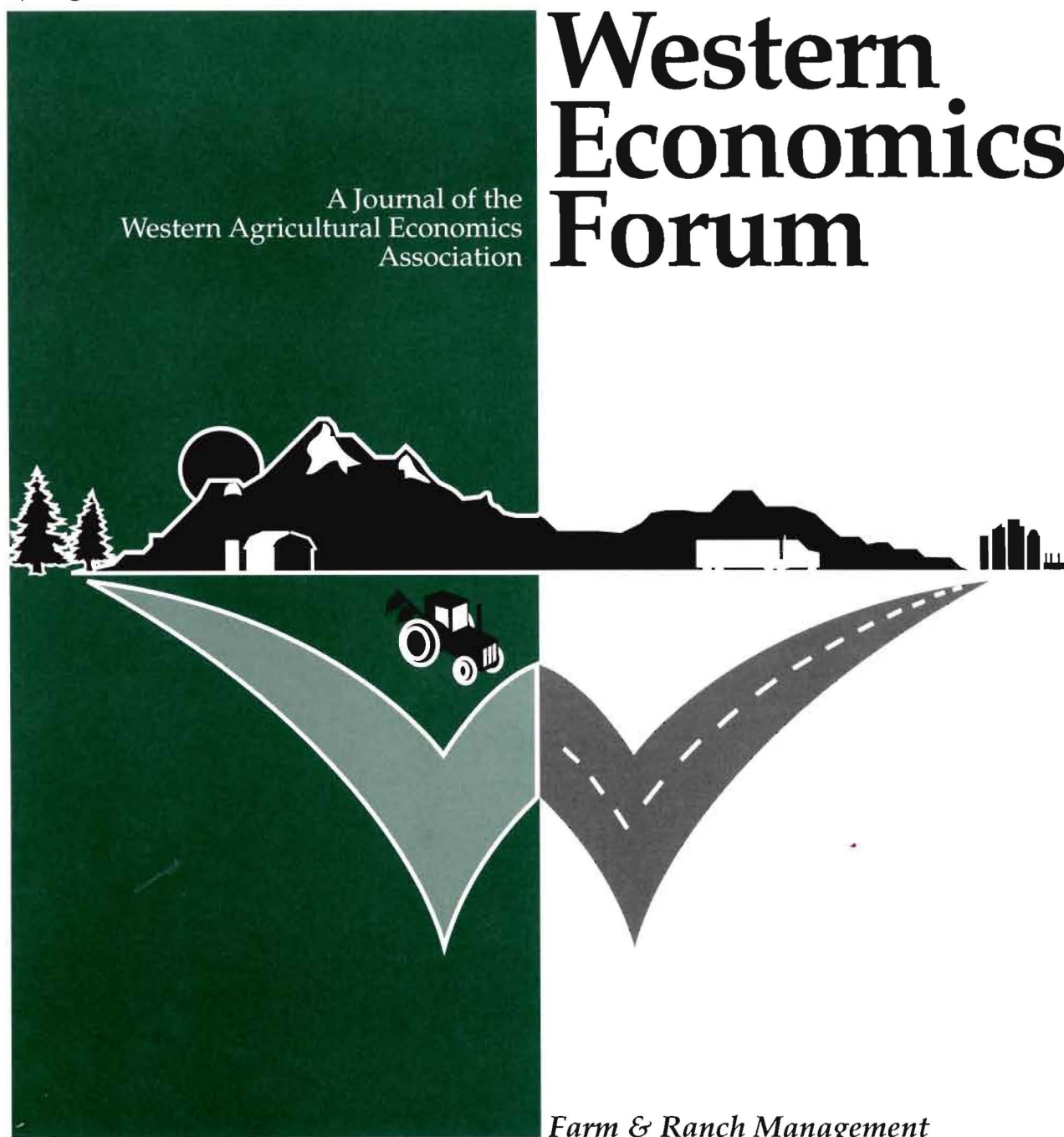
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Dear Fellow WAEA Members:

This is our third issue of the WEF. We want to thank you those of you that have submitted and reviewed articles for your hard work. We are meeting our goal of including authors from across the West, across disciplines and representing research, outreach and public perspectives. The first three issues of the WEF contain articles from authors from 10 states and Canada. We are also meeting our goal of publishing articles in our five target areas: Farm/ranch management and production, Marketing and agribusiness, Natural resources and the environment, Institutions and policy, and Regional and community development. In this issue, we expand our horizons to include articles from the Western Rural Development Center and the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Call For Submissions

Please read the following page about the WEF and consider whether you should submit your own work. We prefer it if you submit an abstract or outline first for initial feedback on its appropriateness for the audience, but feel free to submit a full paper if you wish.

The Western Economics Forum

A new peer-reviewed publication from the Western Agricultural Economics Association

Purpose

One of the consequences of regional associations nationalizing their journals is that professional agricultural economists in each region have lost one of their best forums for exchanging ideas unique to their area of the country. The purpose of this publication is to provide a forum for western issues.

Audience

The target audience is professional agricultural economists with a Masters degree, Ph.D. or equivalent understanding of the field that are working on agricultural and resource economic, business or policy issues in the West.

Subject

This publication is specifically targeted at informing professionals in the West about issues, methods, data, or other content addressing the following objectives:

- Summarize knowledge about issues of interest to Western professionals
- To convey ideas and analysis techniques to non-academic, professional economists working on agricultural or resource issues
- To demonstrate methods and applications that can be adapted across fields in economics (e.g. adapting conjoint analysis from marketing to environmental economics)
- To facilitate open debate on Western issues

Structure and Distribution

This will be a peer-reviewed publication. It will contain approximately 3 or 4 articles per issue, with approximately 2,000 words each (maximum 2,500), and as much diversity as possible across the following areas:

- Farm/ranch management and production
- Marketing and agribusiness
- Natural resources and the environment
- Institutions and policy
- Regional and community development

There will be two issues per year, which will be mailed out with the WAEA newsletter in the spring and fall.

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