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Editors' Report—February 5, 2012

1. 2011 JAAE Editorial Performance Statistics

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| Total number of manuscripts handled: | 144 |
| Number of new submissions: | 86 |
| Number of resubmissions: | 58 |
| Number of manuscripts accepted: | 29 |
| Number of manuscripts returned for revision: | 62 |
| Number of manuscripts rejected: | 50 |
| Number of manuscripts withdrawn: | 5 |
| Average turnaround time (number of days from submission to decision) | 58 |

2. Changes to the Editorial Council

Seven members rotate off the Editorial Council as of the February 2012 meetings. These members and recommended replacements are as follows:

Munisamy Gopinath replacement

Ted Schroeder (Production Economics)
Professor, Kansas State University

Carl Johan Lagerkurst replacement

Sophie Thoyer (Resources and the Environment)
Professor and Head, Economic, Social and Management Science Department of Montpellier Supagro University, France

Jayson Lusk

Agreed to an additional term (Marketing and Experimental Economics)
Professor and Willard Sparks Endowed Chair, Oklahoma State University

Kenneth Matthews, Jr. replacement

Keith Fuglie (Resource, Environmental and Science Policy)
Branch Chief, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

James Richardson replacement

Keith Coble (Risk and Agricultural Policy)
Giles Distinguished Professor, Mississippi State University

Jutta Roosen

Agreed to an additional term (Food Safety, Consumer Research)
Professor, Technische Universität München

Jason Shogren

No replacement as the Editorial Council was downsized from 17 members to its normal size of 16 members.

3. The 2011 JAAE Outstanding Journal Article Award

The 2011 award covers articles in the November 2010, February 2011, and May 2011 issues. The process involved rankings by the Editorial Council. In the first stage, five or six Council members were randomly assigned to each volume with instructions to select the best three articles. These responses were then collated to identify the top four picks. In the second stage, all 17 Council members were asked to rank the top four picks. Based on this process, the winner is:

Claassen, R., J.C. Cooper, and F. Carriazo. "Crop Insurance, Disaster Payments and Land Use Change: The Effect of Sodsaver on Incentives for Grassland Conversion." *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* 43,2(May 2011):195–211.

4. Editorial Team

Editors Marchant and Bosch share responsibility for all submissions for the February, May, and November issues with each handling approximately half of the submissions. Selection of an editor for a particular submission depends upon the subject area and each of the editor's schedules. Associate Editor Michael Wetzstein oversees the August Proceedings issue.

5. Sheridan Press

The Volume 41, April 2009 issue was the first to be published by the Sheridan Press. The

contract with The Sheridan Press has been extended to cover 2012–2014 (issues 44–46). Thanks are extended to Lisa Small, Susan Rudolph, and The Sheridan Press for their excellent services. The team of copyeditors, proofreaders, and production managers are very efficient in dealing with galley proofs and handling of the publication. Thanks to the team for publishing all 2011 issues on time.

The Sheridan Press provides the editors with PDF versions of the articles published in the issues. Editors send a copy of the articles to authors and also place the volume and each issue on the *AgEcon Search* website. Beginning in 2010, the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) and Sheridan Press increased the number of issues per year by publishing four issues in each volume: February, May, August (Proceedings Issue), and November.

The February 2012 issue, Vol. 44(1), is in the process of being published and loaded on the *AgEcon Search* website. The May 2012 issue is almost ready to go to The Sheridan Press for copyediting. The August issue is solely devoted to invited papers and other proceedings material from the SAEA annual meetings. This issue will not contain any regular peer reviewed articles, but the manuscripts are reviewed by members of the Editorial Council. It is expected that the August 2012 issue will have fifteen invited papers published as articles.

6. Institute for Scientific Information Application

In November 2010, the previous *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE)* editorial team of Ashok Mishra and Jeffrey Gillespie re-applied to Thomson Reuters—the former Institute for Scientific Information (ISI)—to have the *JAAE* covered by the Web of Science. Coverage would mean articles published in the *JAAE* would be included in the Social Science Citation Index, an important factor for some authors in deciding where to submit their work. The application process is completed when three on-time current and forthcoming issues have been submitted. The ISI office in Philadelphia will inform us about the success of the application some time after the application is complete. (See the appendix for our letter accompanying the November 2011 issue, highlighting the many accomplishments of the *JAAE* in meeting ISI criteria.)

7. Reviewers

Two-hundred and thirty-seven reviewers provided reviews to the journal in 2011. They were selected on the basis of their expertise in the subject matter, but also their willingness to provide constructive comment in a timely fashion. Their names are listed in the appendix to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Marchant and **Darrell J. Bosch**,
JAAE Editors

Appendix I: 2011 *JAAE* Reviewers

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| Abidoeye, Babatunde | Delbecq, Benoit | Isengildina-Massa, Olga |
| Abler, David | Dentoni, Domenico | Jones, Keithly |
| Acharya, Ram | Devadoss, Stephen | Kalaitzandonakes, Nicholas |
| Alevy, Jonathan | DeVuyst, Eric | Kaplan, Jonathan |
| Alexander, Corinne | Dewbre, Joe | Keil, Alwin |
| Almas, Lal | Dhuyvetter, Kevin | Kennedy, P. Lynn |
| Amosson, Stephen | Dicks, Michael | Key, Nigel |
| Anand, Manik | Diebel, Penelope | Kim, C.S. |
| Armbruster, Walter | Dollahite, Jamie | Kirwan, Barrett |
| Arnade, Carlos A. | D'Souza, Gerard | Kleinhanss, Werner |
| Artz, Georgeanne | Duffy, Michael | Knight, Thomas |
| Bailey, DeeVon | Duffy, Patricia | Knutson, Ronald D. |
| Balmann, Alfons | Dwyer, Roberta M. | Kuminoff, Nicolai |
| Barkley, Andrew | Epplin, Francis | Lacy, Curtis |

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| Barrett, Christopher | Evans, Jason | Lambert, Dayton |
| Bauer, Dana | Fausti, Scott | Langemeier, Michael |
| Baylis, Kathy | Feng, Wu | Larson, James A. |
| Beach, Robert | Fernandez-Cornejo, Jorge | Lazarus, William |
| Beckman, Jayson | Ferrier, Peyton | Liefert, William |
| Bekkerman, Anton | Feuz, Dillon | Livingston, Mike |
| Belasco, Eric | Franken, Jason | Lohmar, Bryan |
| Bennett, Blake | Gil, Jose | Loureiro, Maria |
| Berck, Peter | Gillespie, Jeffrey | Lowenberg-DeBoer, James |
| Bergtold, Jason | Glauben, Thomas | Luckstead, Jeff |
| Bernard, John | Gloy, Brent | Lusk, Jayson |
| Blayney, Donald | Goodhue, Rachael | MacDonald, Stephen |
| Bozic, Marin | Goodwin, Barry | Marenya, Paswel |
| Bravo-Ureta, Boris E. | Goodwin, Jr., Harold L. | Marshall, Maria |
| Brown, Blake | Graff, Gregory | Maynard, Leigh |
| Burton, Michael | Grant, Jason | McBride, William |
| Burton, Robert | Griffin, Terry | McCalla, Alex |
| Capehart, Thomas | Grove, Bennie | McCann, Laura |
| Capps, Jr., Oral | Gunderson, Michael | McCluskey, Jill |
| Carman, Hoy | Gustafson, Cole | McPhail, Lihong |
| Carpio, Carlos | Hahn, William | Mendelsohn, Robert |
| Caswell, Julie | Hailu, Atakelty | Messer, Kent |
| Chen, Wei | Halich, Greg | Meyer, Lee |
| Chen, Xiaoguang | Hansen, James | Miranda, Mario |
| Chern, Wen | Hansen, Kristiana | Motamed, Mesbah |
| Childs, Nathan | Harwood, Joy | Mueller, Simone |
| Collins, Alan | Hayes, Dermot | Mullen, Jeffrey |
| Conner, Richard | Hilmer, Christiana | Mutuc, Maria Erlinda |
| Cooper, Joseph | Homans, Frances | Myrland, Oystein |
| Corrigan, Jay | Hough, Ella | Nayga Jr., Rodolfo |
| Crawford, Eric | Hu, Wuyang | Norton, George |
| Crocker, Tom | Huang, Chung | Norwood, Bailey |
| Curtis, Kynda | Huang, Kuo | Obi, Ajuruchukwu |
| Davis, Christopher | Huffman, Wallace | Ollinger, Michael |
| Davis, George | Hurley, Terrance | Olson, Kent |
| Onyango, Benjamin | Roberts, Roland K. | Thraen, Cameron |
| Orazem, Peter | Robinson, John | Tsoodle, Leah |
| Osei, Edward | Roheim, Cathy | Tsujii, Hiroshi |
| Outlaw, Joe | Roosen, Jutta | Tyner, Wallace |
| Palma, Marco | Rousu, Matthew | Uematsu, Hiroki |
| Pan, Suwen | Russo, Carlo | Unnevehr, Laurian J. |
| Pannell, David | Ruto, Eric | Van Tassell, Larry |
| Paris, Quirino | Schaible, Glenn | Verma, Monika |
| Patrick, George | Schmit, Todd | Vossler, Christian |
| Paudel, Krishna | Schoney, Richard | Vosti, Stephen |
| Persaud, Suresh | Schroeder, Ted | Wahl, Thomas |
| Peterson, Everett | Schroeter, Christiane | Wang, Xiaobing |
| Petrolia, Daniel | Segarra, Eduardo | Ward, Clement |
| Poe, Gregory | Segerson, Kathleen | Ward, Ronald |
| Popp, Michael | Sesmero, Juan | Weinheimer, Justin |
| Pouliot, Sebastian | Seung, Chang | Westcott, Paul |
| Pray, Carl | Shogren, Jason | Westra, John |
| Pushkarskaya, Helen | Smith, Edward | White, T. Kirk |
| Quaye, Amos | Snell, William | Williams, Brian |

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Ramirez, Octavio
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Taylor, Garth
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Yue, Chengyan
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Dear Thomson Reuters representative:

This letter and the accompanying November 2011 issue of the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE)* provides follow-up to our application for journal selection, initiated one year ago with the November 2010 issue. The *JAAE* is a peer-reviewed journal published four times a year (February, May, August-Proceedings Issue, and November). Please note timeliness of all four issues over this past year, even with changes in editors.

Additionally, I am grateful for the feedback provided by Nancy Thornton last August, verifying receipt of prior *JAAE* issues. Inclusion in the Thomson Reuters system means a great deal to us. To assist you in your evaluation, please let me take this opportunity to point out key attributes of the *JAAE*.

Our journal is associated with the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA), one of the largest associations of agricultural and applied economists in the world with over 500 individual U.S. members and a total mailout for this November issue totaling nearly 700 copies (see below). Both the SAEA and its journal have been in existence for over 40 years (formerly the *Southern Journal of Agricultural Economics*.) Our journal has evolved over time and improved in quality to advance research in our agricultural and applied economics discipline. We believe these attributes also fit your criteria for evaluation.

Basic Journal Standards and Timeliness—As stated in former co-editor Ashok Mishra's November 22, 2010 letter of application, "Our record on this score has been spotless for nine years running." And this trend continued throughout 2011. Additionally in 2010, the *JAAE* expanded from three to four issues per year, with our August issue devoted solely to the proceedings of our annual SAEA meeting. Throughout this transition, we maintained timeliness and quality. For other basic journal standards, we follow international editorial conventions, e.g., using informative and descriptive journal titles and abstracts, key words and JEL classification.



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Additionally, we were one of the first agricultural economics journals to use an electronic review system, adopting the Editorial Express under former *JAAE* editor Henry Kinnucan in 2006--<http://editorialexpress.com/e-editor/> And finally, we provide immediate open access to our journal through AgEcon Search, a leading on-line database within our profession: <http://ageconsearch.umn.edu/> For *JAAE* issues spanning our application for journal selection, the November 2010–August 2011 issues received over 4,000 hits on AgEcon Search.

In regards to peer review, please note that all *JAAE* issues are peer reviewed. Although our regular issues follow a more stringent peer review process, our proceeding issues use our editorial council as reviewers for invited papers presented at our annual SAEA meeting.

Content--The *JAAE* content covers leading national and international issues: food production and security, food safety, biofuels, climate change, international trade, resources and the environment, to name a few upon spanning article titles over this past year. These relevant topics advance research in our profession and meet the needs of a changing world.

Diversity—Our editorial council includes four esteemed international economists, as well as three fellows in our discipline, where less than ½ of one percent of our membership become fellows. And in regards to gender diversity, four members of the editorial council and one editor are female. For international diversity among authors, many of our authors are international and also please see the February 2011 issue, where three of ten articles were written by individuals located at institutions outside of the United States. Other examples of international diversity include 47 international SAEA members and 23 international libraries added to the U.S. membership--524 U.S. individual and 94 U.S. libraries.

I hope this additional information assists you in making a positive determination. If additional information is required, feel free to email me at mmarchan@vt.edu Thank you for consideration of our application.

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