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Editors' Report for 1992–93

This report provides cumulative information through the second year of the Montana State University–University of Arizona editorship. July 1992 was the first journal issue under this editorship. Several changes were implemented with that issue, including the name change from *Western Journal of Agricultural Economics* to *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. In addition, to further reduce publication costs, a single-column format was adopted (which also provides a more convenient and readable presentation of mathematical notations), the print size and left/right margins were reduced, and end-notes were substituted for footnotes. Following the publication of the July 1992 issue, an informal survey of several members of the readership was conducted. Two requests consistently were made by those surveyed concerning the journal format: (a) return to the original (larger) typeface, and (b) use wider left/right margins. Those suggestions have been incorporated into the succeeding *JARE* issues (commencing with the December 1992 issue). The editors believe that the current *JARE* format is now easily readable, attractive, and cost effective.

Three journal issues have been produced under this editorship (July 1992, December 1992, and July 1993). The following represent the formulas for author double-spaced manuscript pages submitted converted to actual typeset journal pages (based on font size and left/right margins used for actual typesetting of each issue of the journal):

- *July 1992 issue*: 9-point font size and $5\frac{13}{16}$ " horizontal line of text; 2.967 double-spaced manuscript pages = 1 typeset journal page.
- *December 1992 issue*: 11-point font size and $5\frac{7}{16}$ " horizontal line of text; 2.440 double-spaced manuscript pages = 1 typeset journal page.
- *July 1993 issue*: Same format as December 1992; 2.457 double-spaced manuscript pages = 1 typeset journal page.

The actual dimensions of a journal page are $6\frac{3}{4}$ " \times 10". Table 1 summarizes the publication costs experienced under the different formats.

As in our first year of editorship, we have continued to request only two reviews per manuscript submission, due to the heavy burden placed on reviewers by the increased number of submissions to agricultural and resource economics journals. Although the editors initially requested a four-week turnaround time from reviewers, a six-week time frame for reviewer evaluation has proven more realistic.

During the first two years of the current editorship (through 31 June 1993), 187 new manuscripts have been submitted for publication consideration, plus 23 carryover submissions from the previous editorship. This represents a total of 210 manuscripts. In addition to the 187 new manuscript submissions to this editorship, 71 manuscript revisions have been submitted for further reconsideration. To date, the average time from initial manuscript receipt to written notification to corresponding authors regarding manuscript disposition is 84 calendar days. The cumulative acceptance rate is 24% (based on 42 acceptances out of a total of 173 "processed" manuscripts where reviews have been completed and authors notified of the editorial decision). Currently, 27 manuscripts are in "revise-and-resubmit" status.

The editors appreciate the cooperation of the authors and the many referees who have contributed to the continuing excellence of the journal. We particularly would like to thank Colin Carter, member of the Editorial Council, who has on several occasions provided valuable referee assistance.

Table 1. JARE Publication Costs, July and December 1992 Issues**July 1992 Issue:**Single-column, 9-point format, 5 $\frac{1}{16}$ " text lines

Total journal pgs. = 224

Authored pgs. = 217

Avg. no. manuscript pgs. per journal pg. = 2.97

(1) Composition, tables, mathematics, printing & binding, shipping = 15,190.00 \$17,137.91

Author costs (\$70 per pg. \times 217 pgs.) = 1,947.91

WAEA costs (residual)

(2) Corrections & revisions (173 @ \$3.15 ea., charged to authors) = 544.95

(3) Total publication costs = \$17,682.86

Author costs

= 15,734.95

WAEA costs

= 1,947.91

(4) Avg. total cost per journal pg. (\$17,682.86 \div 224) = 78.94Avg. author cost per author pg. (\$15,734.95 \div 217) = 72.51Avg. WAEA cost per journal pg. (\$1,947.91 \div 224) = 8.70Avg. author cost per manuscript pg. (\$72.51 \div 2.97) = 24.41**December 1992 Issue:**Single-column, 11-point format, 5 $\frac{1}{16}$ " text lines

Total journal pgs. = 168

Authored pgs. = 143

Avg. no manuscript pgs. per journal pg. = 2.45

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Author costs (\$70 per pg. \times 143 pgs.) = 2,862.07

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(2) Corrections & revisions (87 @ \$3.15 ea., charged to authors) = 274.05

(3) Total publication costs = \$13,146.12

Author costs

= 10,284.05

WAEA costs

= 2,862.07

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Outstanding Published Research

JEFFREY T. LaFRANCE, University of Arizona, "*Do Increased Commodity Prices Lead to More or Less Soil Degradation?*" *Australian J. Agr. Econ.* 36,1(April 1992):57-82.

Honorable Mention:

BARRY K. GOODWIN, North Carolina State University, and FRANCOIS ORTALO-MAGNE, University of Minnesota, "*The Capitalization of Wheat Subsidies into Agricultural Land Values*." *Canadian J. Agr. Econ.* 40,1(March 1992):37-54.

JARE Published Research Award

MATTHEW T. HOLT, University of Wisconsin, and GIANCARLO MOSCHINI, Iowa State University, "*Alternative Measures of Risk in Commodity Supply Models: An Analysis of Sow Farrowing Decisions in the United States*." *J. Agr. and Resour. Econ.* 17,1(July 1992):1-12.

Honorable Mention:

EDNA T. LOEHMAN, Purdue University, and CARL NELSON, University of Illinois, "*Optimal Risk Management, Risk Aversion, and Production Function Properties*." *J. Agr. and Resour. Econ.* 17,2(December 1992):219-31.

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