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## **JARE Editor's Report**

### **October 2001**

The University of Arizona editor and co-editors began receiving submissions on April 1, 2000. By the end of October 2001, we had received a total of 173 manuscripts. Of those submitted, 13 were forwarded to us in various stages of review at different dates by the previous editor, Scott Shonkwiler. Four manuscripts have been retracted or returned to the author(s).

Just over half of the submissions (51%) came from corresponding authors residing in the West. Other domestic submissions were distributed as follows: Northeast (13%), South (14%), and Midwest (14%). Another 3% of the submissions originated in Canada, while Europe, Asia, Australia, and Israel jointly accounted for the remaining 4%.

To date, 33 manuscripts have been accepted for publication, and 76 have been rejected. The remaining 64 submissions are at various stages of review. While it is premature to calculate an acceptance rate for our term as editors, if we consider only the 109 manuscripts either rejected or accepted, the current acceptance rate is about 30%. Of course, the outcome of the 64 manuscripts still under review could significantly alter the final acceptance rate.

From April 2000 through June 2001, the median time from first receipt of manuscript until an editorial decision was sent to the author(s) was 90 days. By contrast, Scott Shonkwiler averaged 61 days from first receipt to mailing of the first editorial decision. After approval from the WAEA membership, we implemented a payment to referees for on-time reviews. Since adoption of the payment incentive, average response time is now 60 days.

Our technical editor, Judith Harrison, continues to perform a superb job of editing manuscripts. Her attention to detail, grammar, logical consistency, and timeliness are second to none. The bonus of dealing with Judy is her cheerful attitude and willingness to accommodate changes, omissions, and additions even at the last minute. As new co-editors and editor, we owe Judy thanks for guiding us to final production of our first two issues of the *Journal*.

We would also like to thank all those who support the *Journal* in diverse ways. Our editorial assistant, Ricardo Cavazos Cepeda, has deftly handled much of the *Journal's* correspondence. Our Secretary/Treasurer, E. Bruce Godfrey, has consistently provided prompt payment for services, and processed reprint requests, memberships, and page charges with never a complaint. We would like to thank our editorial council members for their invaluable contributions, particularly when time was running short. Last, we are indebted to our reviewers for their conscientious efforts and critical judgments.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary D. Thompson, Editor

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## **WAEA 2000 Award Winners**

### **Outstanding Master's Thesis**

DONGMEI ZHOU, "Import Demand for U.S. Beef By-products and Effects on Domestic By-product and Live Cattle Prices," Montana State University.

JOHN M. MARSH, Advisor

The thesis evaluates the effects of macroeconomic factors on the import demand for U.S. beef by-products and, ultimately, on the U.S. beef slaughter prices. The importance of this topic to U.S. beef producers should not be overlooked, as exports account for 45% of all beef by-product sales. It was found that the recent deterioration in Asian income and currency values had a significant economic impact on U.S. beef prices. The analysis upon which these results were obtained is thorough and reported in a very effective manner.

### **Outstanding Extension Program**

#### **Career Award:**

NEIL MEYER, University of Idaho

Over the past 28 years, Neil has been involved in Extension Education. He has focused on rural economic development and public policy topics important to rural citizens by developing programs that vary from problems associated with hasty expansion to those related to rapid contraction. Neil is not afraid to tackle controversial issues and serves as a champion for rural America.

#### **Program Award:**

JOHN LEATHERMAN, Kansas State University: Kansas State University's Office of Local Government

Kansas State's Office of Local Government, under the direction of John Leatherman, developed a number of analytic tools and education programs to be used by local government to assist in local economic development, provision of public services, and local natural resource management. One component of this program is the development of the state's first detailed database of county government revenue and expenditures by category.

### **Outstanding Published Research**

JULIAN M. ALSTON (University of California-Davis), MICHELE C. MARRA (North Carolina State University), CONNIE CHAN-KANG (IFPRI), PHILIP G. PARDEY (IFPRI), and TJ WYATT (IFPRI). "A Meta-Analysis of Rates of Return to Agricultural R&D: 'Ex Pede Herculem?'" IFPRI Research Report No. 113, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, DC, 2000.

This study provides important insights about rates of return to agricultural research through an exhaustive assessment of 292 previous empirical studies. The study concludes that there is no evidence of declining rates of return to agricultural R&D, but that sample averages of rates of return estimates stressed in previous studies provide little meaningful information for either policy makers or researchers.

## **JARE Published Research Award**

S. ANDREW STARBIRD (Santa Clara University). "Designing Food Safety Regulations: The Effect of Inspection Policy and Penalties for Noncompliance on Food Processor Behavior." *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* 25,2 (December 2000): 616–635.

Food safety regulations that set standards for food processors usually include inspection policies for monitoring performance, and penalties for processors who do not comply with regulatory standards. Using a model of the processor's expected annual costs, the author finds that under a given inspection policy, internal penalties are only relevant under specific conditions. These results imply that regulators should utilize internal penalties for noncompliance rather than rely on market or court-imposed penalties.

## **Outstanding Undergraduate Instructor**

### **Less than 10 years:**

MICHAEL BOLAND, Kansas State University

Mike teaches agribusiness marketing and management courses to undergraduate and master's level students, is active within his department and college in improving instruction and cohesiveness of programs, advises 30–35 students, has organized numerous internships, and works with the department's NAMA team and AAEA Case Study Competitions students. Dr. Boland is best known for bringing his courses to life through real-world agribusiness experience. He uses case studies, industry speakers, simulation exercises, and other creative activities to provide students a unique opportunity to bridge the gap between their academic experience and business applications.

### **More than 10 years:**

SCOTT MATULICH, Washington State University

Scott has shined as a star instructor since he began teaching in 1976. His contributions to the department's teaching program are critical in that he lays the rigorous theoretical foundation for all of the department's classes. He also serves on the Undergraduate Advisory Committee and mentors Ph.D. students interested in teaching. Scott experimented with multi-media technology over the years but found that "refining his classroom presence" made a much greater impact on student learning. He clearly exudes passion and devotion within the classroom without sacrificing rigor.

## **Outstanding Seniors**

- HILARY DERRY, Agricultural Business Management, Oregon State University
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