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JARE Editors' Report

June 1, 2024–May 31, 2025

The *JARE* editorial team of Vardges Hovhannisyan, Simanti Banerjee, Liang “Jimmy” Lu, and Ram Acharya began their 3-year term in January 2024. Their first issue as an editorial team was Volume 50, Issue 1, published in January 2025.

The Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics traces its origins to the Western Journal of Agricultural Economics, which published its first issue in June 1977. The journal adopted its current name in 1992 to reflect the evolving scope of scholarship. Over the past five decades, *JARE* has maintained a strong reputation for publishing rigorous, policy-relevant research rooted in applied economic analysis. In celebration of its 50th volume, the journal will publish a special supplemental issue in Fall 2025, highlighting the history, impact, and future directions of the field.

This special issue is dedicated to an in-depth exploration of the significant transformations in Agricultural Economics and related disciplines over the past 50 decades. It aims to highlight critical advancements in areas such as sustainable agriculture, food security, the impacts of technological advancements, industrial organization of food markets, and climate change. The focus will be on how the most urgent and complex challenges in these research areas have evolved and been addressed over time.

The editors have invited approximately ten contributors to share innovative methods and research approaches that address current challenges, highlighting the intellectual advancements in their respective fields. Along with a comprehensive overview of their work, the contributors have been asked to reflect on their insights regarding the future trajectory of research over the next 50 years. What trends and changes do they anticipate will shape the evolution of this important field? The goal is for their contributions to encourage a forward-looking dialogue about the future directions of this research area, ultimately paving the way for impactful advancements.

Table 1 reports publication details for the three issues published in 2025.

Table 1: Articles and Page Counts

January 2025 Volume 49(1)	May 2025 Volume 49(2)	September 2025 Volume 50(3)	Total
12 articles (219 print pages, 38 pages online supplements)	12 articles (246 print pages, 35 pages online supplements)	10 articles (200 print pages, 90 pages online supplements)	34 articles (665 print pages, 163 pages online supplements)

JARE Publication Costs

JARE publication costs are incurred in three general areas: Editorial Team, Publications Editing, and Printing. The Editorial Team manages the review and publication process. The Team’s costs are fixed and include editors’ stipends (\$3,500 per editor per year) and subscription fees for the manuscript submission software and database (\$2,000 per year). For the most recent three issues, which totaled 664 pages, these costs averaged approximately \$25 per page.

Publications Editing involves copyediting and formatting final documents into PDFs used during the printing process and posted online. This process involves line editing, formatting text and figures, verifying references, resolving technical issues, and ensuring consistency and fit in layout. It also includes managing electronic distribution through the WAEA website, AgEcon Search, EBSCO, and JSTOR. Over the past year, these services cost around \$23 per page. Note that only print pages—not online supplement pages—are considered in this calculation.

Finally, Sheridan Press prints, binds, and mails the journal to members and subscribers. Some of these costs are fixed, while others vary by issue. The average cost for this service over the last three issues was just under \$6 per page. Sheridan Press also mail lost or missing issues, billed on a per-piece basis.

In summary, *JARE*'s costs per printed page over the past year averaged approximately \$54 per printed page. These costs are offset by a combination of page charges (\$79-\$89 per page), member dues, subscriptions, royalties, and WAEA assets. Based on an annual page count of 600-\$700 pages, *JARE* generates an estimated annual net income of \$25-\$35 per page, or \$15,000-\$24,500 per volume.

***JARE* Manuscript Management**

Table 2 reports submission details for manuscripts submitted between June 1, 2024, and May 31, 2025. During this period, the team handled 325 submissions—significantly higher than any year since 2020 and representing a 30% increase over the previous year. The acceptance rate was 14.2%, marginally higher than the 5- and 10-year averages.

Table 2: Status of Manuscripts Submitted June 1, 2024–May 31, 2025

Submissions:	325	(13 pending)
Total Rejected:	268	(85.89%)
Desk Rejected:	176	(56.41%)
Rejected after Review:	41	(13.14%)
w/ Option to Resubmit:	51	(16.35%)
Accepted and Published:	44	(14.10%)

To provide context, Table 3 presents comparable submission data beginning with the 2009–2010 journal year. Please note that these numbers are not directly comparable, as all submissions from previous years have been completed, while 22 papers remain under review for the current year.

Table 3: Manuscripts Submitted, June 2009–May 2025*

	Total	Rejected (Total)	Rejected (w/o Review)	Rejected (w/ Review)	Revise & Resubmit	Accepted	Acceptance Rate
2009–2010	231	195	81	38	76	36	15.06%
2010–2011	220	182	92	47	43	38	17.27%
2011–2012	219	187	106	39	42	32	14.61%
2012–2013	267	245	145	45	55	22	8.24%
2013–2014	273	243	128	61	54	30	10.99%
2014–2015	257	237	128	53	54	20	7.84%
2015–2016	302	268	132	82	55	32	10.63%
2016–2017	236	216	105	63	48	19	8.05%
2017–2018	265	201	103	58	72	28	12.50%
2018–2019	269	231	116	55	59	33	14.50%
2019–2020	273	230	124	40	63	39	16.85%
2020–2021	352	302	163	66	73	46	12.78%
2021–2022	260	225	138	37	50	33	12.78%
2022–2023	203	185	113	39	33	18	8.87%
2023–2024	250	229	154	26	49	21	8.40%
2024–2025*	325	268	176	41	51	44	14.10%
Average	262	229	125	49	55	32	12.00%

*As of August 13, 2025, 13 articles remained in process for this year.

Table 4 reports summary statistics for reviewers.

Table 4: Reviewer Details, June 1, 2024–May 31, 2025*

Total reviews assigned:	402
Pending:	27
Closed:	375
Status:	
Expired or unassigned:	26 (6.9%)
Declined:	175 (46.7%)
Completed:	174 (46.4%)
Completed review time (in days):	
Mean:	41.2
Median:	40

*Reviewer details are for papers submitted between June 1, 2024, and May 31, 2025, and were current as of July 22, 2025.

To provide context, Table 5 presents review information from previous years. Please note that these numbers are not directly comparable, as all of the submissions from these previous years have been completed, while 27 assigned reviews remain pending for this year.

Table 5: Reviewer Details, April 2009–May 2025

	Reviews Assigned	Expired or Unassigned ^a	Declined	Completed	Mean Review Time	Median Review Time
2009–2010	296	47	40	209	43.78	39
2010–2011	229	16	45	168	47.70	37.5
2011–2012	230	26	48	156	41.80	36
2012–2013	370	60	79	231	43.28	36
2013–2014	433	66	109	258	43.96	36
2014–2015	391	61	94	236	53.09	41.5
2015–2016	431	70	90	271	39.80	37
2016–2017	324	55	54	215	43.17	36
2017–2018	372	69	88	215	37.46	37
2018–2019	349	73	71	205	40.40	37
2019–2020	332	62	74	196	36.34	35
2020–2021	531	105	127	288	39.31	36
2021–2022	277	46	57	175	46.02	42.5
2022–2023	269	59	62	148	48.0	50
2023–2024	307	51	96	160	44.7	45
2024–2025*	402	26	170	165	41.2	40
Average	343	58 (7.2%)	76 (47.1%)	194 (45.7%)	42.4	42

*As of July 22, 2025, 27 reviews are pending.

^a Dismissed reviewers were counted as “expired” by Manuscript FastTrack and are now counted as “declined” by Editorial Express, explaining the significant changes in these numbers between 2023 and 2025.

Conclusion

The editors gratefully acknowledge the contributions of Amy Bekkerman (Precision Edits), our Publications Editor; Kelley Mazur and Arnie Tayag of IMI; and Cindy Fullerton and the staff of Sheridan Press for their oversight of the review process, publication, and distribution of each issue. We also extend sincere thanks to Matthew McFadden (MM Outreach Solutions) for maintaining the journal website. Finally, we are deeply appreciative of the hundreds of reviewers who have provided thoughtful and constructive feedback on submitted manuscripts.

Respectfully submitted.

Vardges Hovhannisyan, managing editor
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D. Kim, S. Steinbach, and C. Zurita. 2024. “Deep Trade Agreements and Agri-Food Global Value Chain Integration.” *Food Policy* 127:102686. doi: 10.1016/j.foodpol.2024.102686

Honorable mention: *Elizabeth Canales* (Mississippi State University), *Jason Bergtold*, and *Jeff Williams* (Kansas State University):

E. Canales, J. Bergtold, and J. Williams. 2024. “Conservation Intensification Under Risk: An Assessment of Adoption, Additionality, and Farmer Preferences.” *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 106(1):45–75. doi: 10.1111/ajae.12414

Outstanding Extension Program Award for Project

Allen Featherstone, Robin Reid, Ashlee Westerhold, Rich Llewelyn and Rhonda Lunda, Kansas State University: “Non-Operating Landlords Program from Kansas State University.”

Outstanding Extension Program Award for Career

JoAnn Warner, Associate Director and Grant Specialist, Western Extension Risk Management Education Center.

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Awards

Daniel Mooney, Colorado State University, less than 10 years’ experience.

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Outstanding Graduate Paper or Master’s Thesis Award

Catherine Grant, University of Wyoming. “Quantifying the Price Elasticity of Water Demand in Cheyenne, WY: Implications for Drought Management and Policy in the Colorado River Basin.” Advisor: Kristiana Hansen.

JARE Outstanding Journal Article Award

Jeffrey Luckstead and Stephen Devadoss:

J. Luckstead and S. Devadoss. 2024. “Optimal Timing of Removal and Planting of Perennial Crops in Anticipation of a New Cultivar.” *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* 49(3):411–435. doi: 10.22004/ag.econ.339258

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