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A Statement from the Editors

Welcome to our sixth issue of *Choices*.

- *Choices* continues to gain a wider distribution. The number of subscribers has nearly doubled. Since our first issue in November 2004, there have been over 50,000 PDF downloads of *Choices* material. The electronic format has enabled readership from across the world. For example, so far in 2005 there have been more than 67,000 hits to the website from Canada, Europe, Asia, and Australia.
- We encourage you to submit thematic proposals and single articles for the “Grab Bag” section of *Choices*. We have had a relatively small number of “Grab Bag” paper submissions during our editorship. For submission requirements, see <http://www.choicesmagazine.org/submissions.htm>.
- The response from potential outreach partners has been slow in developing. We hope those with mailing lists will continue to help us distribute *Choices* announcements to extension, policy, agribusiness,

USDA, and to nonmembers of AAEEA. Outreach partners are important, not only in helping us increase readership, but also in helping us maintain relevance. More information and forms to nominate or agree to be an outreach partner are available at <http://www.choicesmagazine.org/outreach.htm>.

- Our objective is to publish at the end of each quarter of the year. Please note that our thematic coverage in this issue focuses on Consumers and Genetically Modified Commodities and Supply Chains in the Agricultural Sector. Future themes will focus on the emerging trends in Latin American agriculture, developing new energy sources from agriculture, the Farm Bill, check-off programs, invasive species, future of the livestock industry, and returns to research and extension. If you have an idea for a thematic proposal and were wondering whether we already have someone committed to a theme in the area, you can check out the calendar at <http://www.choicesmagazine.org/themes.htm>.