Journal of Dairy Science 2009 Editorial Report

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The *Journal of Dairy Science* (JDS) had another very successful year in 2009. The culmination of the year was the move away from self-publishing to an agreement with Elsevier to become our publishing partner along with the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS). The outstanding staff members at FASS did another fantastic job in 2009. I want to especially acknowledge the additional efforts of the FASS staff in helping with the move to Elsevier. The FASS employees that work on JDS are extremely efficient and very professional in their work, and they exemplified their commitment to JDS during this past year. I would especially like to acknowledge the efforts of Susan Pollock, the managing editor of JDS and FASS director of publications, and Louise Adam, who is one of several technical editors of JDS and assistant director of publications. Both Susan and Louise played critical roles in the move to Elsevier. In addition, they continue to do an excellent job of keeping me informed of new issues on the publishing front, and they make sure that each edition of JDS is ready in a timely fashion. Other FASS staff members who played critical roles in the move to Elsevier include Debi Seymour and Derek Wade. Without their outstanding work, the move to Elsevier would have been much more difficult. Jeremy Holzner should also be recognized for his contributions to the publication process as he coordinates the efforts on Manuscript Central. In addition, Gayle Gleichman and Sharon Frick (production coordinators), Ted Veatch (figure processor), and Mandy Eastin-Allen, Christine Horger, Lisa Krohn, Susan Krusemark, Mandy Maiden, and Ron Keller (technical editors) all help to maintain the high quality of JDS.

Impact Factor

The *Journal of Dairy Science* continues to be the best scientific journal that serves the international community of dairy scientists. The impact factor for JDS from the most recent Thomson-Reuters Institute for Scientific Information is 2.486, which is the highest impact factor among 45 major journals in the category of agriculture, dairy, and animal science. JDS also had the highest 5-year impact factor within this same group of journals. The impact factor is based primarily on journal citation reports. The outstanding impact factor for JDS reflects the dedication and hard work of the authors, reviewers, editors, and staff who work on JDS.

Journal Statistics

In 2009, JDS published a total of 637 articles and 6,306 pages (Tables 1 and 2). The number of articles and number of pages published are both new records for JDS. In addition, 2009 is the seventh year in a row that JDS has published more than 400 manuscripts and more than 4,000 pages. In 2009, we published 531 research papers, 32 Our Industry Today (OIT) papers, and 11 invited reviews. We met our target of 10 to 12 invited reviews in 2009, and suggestions for future invited review topics and authors are always welcome. The largest section in JDS in 2009 was Nutrition, Feeding, and Calves (NFC) with 197 research papers (Table 3). Physiology and Management (PM) was the second largest section with 186 research papers. The Dairy Foods (DF) section and the Genetics and Breeding (GB) section published 114 and 97 research papers,

Table 1. *Journal of Dairy Science* statistics for 2009 compared with previous years

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Avg. papers received/mo	86	85	79	74	76	65	56	53	50	44
Avg. papers accepted/mo	49	48	46	46	42	39	38	37	31	30
Avg. papers published/mo	53	44	52	45	40	40	38	33	30	29
Pages published	6,306	5,134	5,849	4,961	4,451	4,562	4,341	3,633	3,091	3,413
Average review time (d)	127	141	127	125	122	132	105	121	158	158
Average production time (d)	107	102	106	126	92	135	151	159	125	137
Average total time (d)	234	243	233	251	214	267	256	280	283	295

Table 2. *Journal of Dairy Science* manuscript and page statistics by article type for 2009

Month	Research		Our Industry Today		Invited Review		Short Communication		Technical Note	
	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages
January	35	363	3	32	2	24	2	8	1	5
February	32	308	4	33	1	11	2	9	3	16
March	38	407	5	48	1	15	4	22	2	10
April	48	477	1	15	0	0	2	10	1	5
May	44	429	7	80	0	0	2	10	1	8
June	54	566	0	0	0	0	8	40	1	5
July	48	482	6	57	0	0	2	8	3	17
August	52	501	1	14	1	21	3	13	1	6
September	53	529	1	8	1	11	9	58	1	8
October	56	563	1	8	1	13	5	28	1	5
November	39	394	0	0	1	18	3	13	1	5
December	32	346	3	26	3	65	4	18	1	4
Total	531	5365	32	321	11	178	46	237	17	94

respectively. Of the article types other than full-length research papers or OIT papers, short communications were most frequent. In 2009, JDS published 46 short communications and 17 technical notes.

The total time from receipt of a manuscript until final publication in JDS continues to be outstanding. In 2009, the average time in review for accepted papers was 127 d, and the average time from acceptance until the papers were ready for posting and printing was 97 d. It takes about 10 d to get the posting completed so total average production time after acceptance was 107 d. The average time from submission to publication for an accepted paper was 234 d in 2009. Another important statistic for JDS is the time that it takes to get the first decision on a paper.

The rate of new submissions to JDS continues to be outstanding. In 2009, JDS had 1,035 (compared with

1,024 in 2008) new articles submitted for consideration. In addition, 1,230 revised papers were submitted in 2009. The total number of manuscripts handled by our senior editors and section editors in 2009 was 2,265! Journal submissions also reflect the international nature of our journal. Over the past few years, approximately 70% of new submissions had first authors from institutions outside the United States.

The *Journal of Dairy Science* functions currently with 5 senior editors and 10 section editors. Mike Mangino and Paul Boettcher retired from editorship in 2009; MaryAnne Drake (DF) replaced Mike Mangino, and Christa Kuhn (GB) replaced Paul Boettcher this past year. Five of the 15 senior and section editors are from outside the United States (33%).

I would like to thank the editorial board and the very large number of ad hoc reviewers for their service

Table 3. *Journal of Dairy Science* research manuscripts and page statistics by science section¹ for 2009

Month	DF		PM		NFC		GB	
	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages
January	8	75	7	60	19	209	4	32
February	6	55	16	139	10	101	5	38
March	8	81	11	94	18	181	7	83
April	8	85	19	101	20	185	4	41
May	7	60	15	157	9	90	16	140
June	18	174	19	172	19	204	7	61
July	10	97	14	137	20	191	9	82
August	6	57	23	202	17	176	10	85
September	11	106	23	230	16	141	13	118
October	13	122	17	145	23	232	9	97
November	9	58	11	101	16	190	7	63
December	10	103	11	119	10	104	6	42
Total	114	1073	186	1657	197	2004	97	882

¹DF = Dairy Foods; PM = Physiology and Management; NFC = Nutrition, Feeding, and Calves; and GB = Genetics and Breeding. Table does not include Our Industry Today manuscripts, invited reviews, or symposium papers.

to JDS this past year. The timely and dedicated effort provided by the editorial board and the ad hoc reviewers is essential to maintaining the reputation of JDS, and the efforts of these reviewers are greatly appreciated.

The Journal Management Committee (JMC) is currently chaired by Jesse Goff. Other members of the current JMC are John Lucey, Tom Gruetzmacher, and Chad Dechow.