***Journal of Dairy Science*® 2010 Editorial Report**

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Transition

The news for 2010 was that the baton for editor-in-chief (EIC) was transferred from Gary Rogers to Roger Shanks. Gary Rogers has given tremendous leadership as EIC over the past half decade. Please congratulate him on his positive influence on the *Journal of Dairy Science*, including, during his tenure, a number one ranking in Impact Factor published in Thomson Reuters' *Journal Citation Reports*. The current Impact Factor is 2.463 from 2009 data and ranks *Journal of Dairy Science* 3rd (of 50 journals) in the Agriculture, Dairy and Animal Science category and 11th (out of 118 journals) in the Food Science and Technology category. The EIC transition has been successful because of the support from the excellent FASS staff, particularly Susan Pollock and Louise Adam.

History

The journal has almost doubled in size during the last decade (Table 1). Six hundred and thirty-four papers containing 6,064 pages were published in the *Journal of Dairy Science* during 2010. This is about the same number of papers as in 2009, although the number of pages has been reduced. The acceptance rate was relatively constant at 58%. Therefore, the growth is a result of increased submissions. During 2010, submissions averaged 91 papers per month. One change that reduced the number of pages in the journal this past December was the decision to eliminate the author and key word indexes. I encourage those of you who are looking for that information to visit the new website (<http://www.journalofdairyscience.org/>) and take advantage of the advanced search functions.

Another highlight of 2010 was the decrease in production time. Accepted papers were available in advance print copy or online less than 100 d after acceptance. Because the average review time increased, the average total time for submission to publication did not change much and ended the year at 232 d (Table 1).

Tables 2 and 3 indicate how the papers were distributed by article type and journal section. Research, as it should be, was easily the most frequent article

type. Invited reviews (10 in 2010) were right on target thanks to the efforts of my predecessor, Gary Rogers, in extending invitations and the efforts of the Invited Reviews section editor, Peter Hansen, to expedite reviews.

The most papers (197) and pages (1,856) were published in the Physiology and Management section (Table 3). The Nutrition, Feeding, and Calves section averaged the most pages per paper (10.2) and Dairy Foods averaged the least pages per paper (9.0). The smallest section of the journal, with 94 papers and 877 pages, was Genetics and Breeding. My interpretation is that each section of the journal is healthy and I extend kudos to every editor. Thanks.

Publication

The first full year with the *Journal of Dairy Science* being co-published by FASS and Elsevier was a grand success. Cooperation was critical to success. Visibility was good, submissions were up, the journal website was revised, numerous citations occurred, and the journal continued to rank highly among our peers on both the 1-year and 5-year citation indexes.

Recognition

The new website developed by Elsevier has given me the opportunity to highlight a "Featured Article" every month; another title for the featured article could be "Editor's Choice." Each month, all papers in the journal are eligible for consideration, although those without an Interpretive Summary are the first to be eliminated. My hope is that some of the best science of the journal will be highlighted. Another criterion under consideration is the impact that the paper may have on the research community. I will attempt to highlight papers from each section of the journal during the year. The *Journal of Dairy Science* does contain outstanding papers in every section of the journal every month—thank you, authors, for submitting outstanding papers. I also thank the reviewers for making those outstanding papers better and thank the section editors for overseeing and validating the process.

Table 1. *Journal of Dairy Science* statistics for 2010 compared with previous years

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Avg. papers received/mo	91	86	85	79	74	76	65	56	53	50
Avg. papers accepted/mo	53	49	48	46	46	42	39	38	37	31
Avg. papers published/mo	53	53	44	52	45	40	40	38	33	30
Pages published	6,064	6,306	5,134	5,849	4,961	4,451	4,562	4,341	3,633	3,091
Average review time (d)	137	127	141	127	125	122	132	105	121	158
Average production time (d)	95 ¹	107	102	106	126	92	135	151	159	125
Average total time (d)	232	234	243	233	251	214	267	256	280	283

¹Averaging 97 d from acceptance to being posted online by Elsevier; 95 d = acceptance until advance print copy received.

Table 2. *Journal of Dairy Science* manuscript and page statistics by article type for 2010¹

Month	Research		Our Industry Today		Invited Review		Short Communication		Technical Note	
	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages
January	35	352	6	53	0	0	3	13	1	7
February	30	317	4	39	2	29	5	22	1	6
March	39	397	4	50	0	0	3	18	2	10
April	41	394	3	23	1	15	4	25	1	5
May	46	447	6	50	0	0	3	15	0	0
June	44	422	4	48	0	0	7	32	3	14
July	46	494	5	53	0	0	3	13	3	16
August	42	418	4	45	1	10	0	0	2	11
September	44	461	3	31	1	11	8	41	0	0
October	42	433	7	68	2	36	4	19	1	5
November	45	465	2	11	1	11	4	16	2	12
December	42	417	2	23	2	35	4	22	2	9
Total	496	5,017	50	494	10	147	48	236	18	95

¹Table does not include errata, editorials, or letters to the editor.

Interpretive Summaries

Interpretive summaries are being emphasized as a vehicle to reach a larger readership. Translation of a selection of interpretive summaries into Spanish has been initiated to increase international visibility. This initiative is being facilitated by a working arrangement

with the Spanish version of *Hoard's Dairyman* (*Hoard's Dairyman en Espanol*).

Funding

The *Journal of Dairy Science* is in sound financial shape with revenues balancing expenses. The journal

Table 3. *Journal of Dairy Science* manuscript and page statistics by journal section for 2010¹

Month	DF		PM		NFC		GB	
	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages
January	4	31	24	233	6	65	5	43
February	8	73	10	99	11	115	7	58
March	7	60	19	173	9	101	9	91
April	13	124	15	145	9	86	9	69
May	15	146	11	100	13	127	10	89
June	11	60	22	209	12	115	9	84
July	11	99	16	153	19	215	6	56
August	8	88	16	136	15	148	5	57
September	9	68	14	141	18	191	11	102
October	12	111	16	153	13	125	6	68
November	12	108	15	140	15	155	9	90
December	11	116	19	174	10	88	8	70
Total	121	1,084	197	1,856	150	1,531	94	877

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, errata, editorials, or letters to the editor.

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Closing

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