***Journal of Dairy Science*® 2012 Editorial Report**

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Records and Transition

This has been a tumultuous year of records. The June 2012 issue of *Journal of Dairy Science*® (JDS) set a record for the most pages (699) and most manuscripts (68) in a single monthly issue. The July issue increased the record to 703 pages of research. The September 2012 issue holds the current monthly records of 726 pages and 75 manuscripts. On an annual basis for 2012, records were exceeded with a total of 7,466 pages for 740 published manuscripts. In total, 1,227 submissions were received during 2012. These records could not have been accomplished without tremendous support from authors like you—thank you. In addition, appreciation is extended for the great support from many people in the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) office, as well as a terrific group of senior and section editors.

In the FASS office, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Susan Pollock and Louise Adam, and I appreciate their efficiency and professionalism in addition to their technical expertise. Many others in the FASS office also help to make JDS better, including additional technical editors, production team members, administrative assistants, the IT department, and accounting. They ably handle the workload and quality controls to achieve an outstanding journal each month. The excellent appearance and timely publication of each issue of JDS is thanks to the responsiveness and dedication of the FASS staff.

The high quality of science in JDS is directly related to the daily decisions made by the senior editors and section editors. For 2012–2013, the senior editor in Dairy Foods (DF) is Rafael Jimenez-Flores and the section editors are MaryAnne Drake and Stephanie Clark. In Physiology and Management (PM), the senior editor was Matthew Lucy and the section editors were Geoff Dahl, Rupert Bruckmaier, Kerst Stelwagen, and Helga Sauerwein. Geoff Dahl is the new senior editor in PM starting in 2013, and I welcome David Beede (Michigan State) as the new section editor in PM. In Nutrition, Feeding and Calves (NFC), the senior editor was Keith Cummins and the section editors were Sergio Calsamiglia, John McNamara, and John Vicini. John McNamara is the new senior editor in NFC for 2013,

and John Roche (Dairy NZ) is the new section editor. In Genetics and Breeding, the senior editor is Georgios Banos and the section editors are Christa Kuhn and Jennie Pryce. Peter Hansen is retiring editor for invited reviews and Filippo Miglior is the new editor for invited reviews. Each of these editors has made valuable contributions to the success of JDS—thank you.

At this time, I specifically want to recognize the tremendous contributions of our retiring editors, Peter Hansen, Keith Cummins, and Matt Lucy. Each has had a positive impact on JDS. Peter Hansen has served as section editor, senior editor, and editor of invited reviews over most of the past two decades. He has made contributions in improving and stabilizing the quality of JDS and has served as the journal's "institutional memory." Keith Cummins has completed his second term as section editor in NFC. Keith's understanding of his nutritionist colleagues has been extremely beneficial in identifying reviewers and moving manuscripts through the review process. Keith also kept me straight with his "does it make sense?" approach to solving issues. Matt Lucy is completing his second term as section editor for PM. During Matt's tenure as senior editor, he directed the evaluation of the most submissions of any section—over 100 submissions out for review was the norm. He handled the workflow efficiently and was encouraging to his fellow section editors in moving submissions through the review process. Matt was an enthusiastic participant in our annual Journal Management Committee meeting. Please thank each of these editors when you see them next. All of the editors are a critical component in the success of JDS.

History

Table 1 contains statistics for 2012 compared with previous years. Average submissions per month (102), papers accepted per month (63), and papers published per month (62) have increased over previous years. Unfortunately with this increased volume, the time in review (141 d) and average production time (105 d) are longer than desired. Average total time from submission to acceptance was 246 d for papers published in 2012. However, a recent policy change has facilitated publication of articles in press. The average time from

Table 1. *Journal of Dairy Science* statistics for 2012 compared with previous years

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Avg. papers received/mo	102	97	87	86	85	79	74	76	65
Avg. papers accepted/mo	63	55	56	49	48	46	46	42	39
Avg. papers published/mo	62	55	52	53	44	52	45	40	40
Pages published	7,466	6,298	6,064	6,306	5,134	5,849	4,961	4,451	4,562
Average review time (d)	141	144	140	127	141	127	125	122	132
Average production time (d)	105*	93**	94***	107	102	106	126	92	135
Average total time (d)	246	237	234	234	243	233	251	214	267
Average to Article in Press (d)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

*Averaging 111 d from acceptance to posted online by Elsevier; 105 d = acceptance until advance print copy received.

**Averaging 98 d from acceptance to posted online by Elsevier; 93 d = acceptance until advance print copy received.

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acceptance to posting on the Articles in Press site (<http://www.journalofdairyscience.org/inpress>) was 60 d. Therefore, accepted papers were posted as articles in press 201 d, on average, after submission. Looking back to the statistics for 2005 (Table 1), with an average review time of only 122 days, averaging 180 days or less from submission to posting an article in press is possible. I encourage the section editors to continue making timely and efficient decisions. During 2012, 760 articles were accepted and 391 were rejected—an acceptance rate of 66% on 1,151 submissions receiving a decision. With more submissions accepted and fewer submissions rejected than in 2011, the acceptance rate has obviously increased. During 2012, international submissions (from outside United States or Canada) comprised approximately 66% of total submissions. Decisions were made on submissions from 56 countries during 2012, and accepted submissions were received from 44 countries. The top 3 countries for submissions were United States (299), Canada (101), and China (88). The top 3 countries for accepted papers were the United States, Canada, and Germany. The *Journal of Dairy Science* is truly the leading international dairy journal. Be sure to visit the journal website ([http://](http://www.journalofdairyscience.org/)

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Tables 2 and 3 show how papers were distributed by article type and journal section. Research papers, as they should be, were easily the most frequent article type. Papers published in each article type increased from 2011 to 2012, except invited reviews (decreased by 1). Suggestions for possible invited reviews are always welcome. The greatest increases in article type between 2011 and 2012 occurred for research articles (+72) and short communications (+16).

The most papers (242) and pages (2,454) were published in Physiology and Management (Table 3); Nutrition, Feeding, and Calves averaged the most pages per paper (10.5). The smallest section of the journal (86 papers and 777 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 successful co-publishing arrangement with FASS and Elsevier continued for another year. Visibility

Table 2. *Journal of Dairy Science* manuscript and page statistics by article type for 2012¹

Month	Research		Our Industry Today		Invited Review		Short Communication		Technical Note	
	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages
January	42	428	4	36	—	—	5	27	1	4
February	34	377	7	93	1	9	9	44	—	—
March	42	481	2	17	2	32	7	30	—	—
April	51	556	5	50	—	—	4	24	1	6
May	45	466	3	29	1	21	5	26	1	9
June	57	626	3	30	—	—	4	19	4	24
July	57	625	3	43	—	—	7	35	—	—
August	41	435	5	66	—	—	7	38	1	5
September	62	630	1	19	1	12	10	60	1	5
October	62	654	3	32	1	15	3	13	1	9
November	53	548	2	24	1	16	9	47	1	7
December	42	441	6	52	2	40	11	55	2	10
Total	588	6,267	44	491	9	145	81	418	13	79

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

Table 3. *Journal of Dairy Science* research manuscripts and page statistics by science section¹ for 2012

Month	DF		PM		NFC		GB	
	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages	Papers	Pages
January	10	97	16	149	13	130	9	83
February	12	110	15	147	9	99	7	65
March	12	113	21	222	11	137	6	55
April	13	124	20	216	15	167	8	79
May	10	107	23	230	13	122	5	42
June	15	140	20	220	23	251	7	58
July	16	169	21	244	18	165	9	82
August	11	98	17	171	15	143	6	66
September	14	126	24	236	25	235	10	98
October	15	136	20	201	24	273	7	66
November	19	180	20	173	18	203	6	46
December	12	98	25	245	12	126	6	37
Total	159	1,498	242	2,454	196	2,051	86	777

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

was good, submissions were up, numerous citations occurred, and the journal continued to rank highly among its peers on both the 1-year and 5-year citation indexes. The 1-year Impact Factor increased to 2.564 (2012 Thomson Reuters Journal Citation Reports®); by this measure, JDS ranked second among 55 journals in the Agriculture, Dairy and Animal Science category and 17th among 128 journals in the Food Science and Technology category. The 5-year Impact Factor was 2.903 and JDS ranks first in the Agriculture, Dairy and Animal Science category and 19th in Food Science and Technology. The ranking by Eigenfactor (which removes self-citations) also ranks JDS first based on 2011 data for 640 published articles in 6,258 (science) pages.

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colleagues. You can also browse abstracts of more than 500 journals published by Elsevier.

Recognition

I selected 48 research papers as featured or highlighted articles during 2012. Each article included an interpretative summary, each article caught my attention, and each article conveyed information about good science. At least one featured article came from each section of the journal during the year. As the monthly issues of JDS got bigger during the year, it became more difficult to narrow my choices—the journal contains outstanding papers in every section of the journal every month. Thank you to the authors for submitting outstanding papers, thank you to the reviewers for making those outstanding papers better, and thank you to the section editors for overseeing and validating the review process.

Awards for most highly cited manuscripts continued during 2012. Four authors of papers published in 2009 were recognized in July 2012 for authoring the most cited papers in each section of the journal. Papers published in JDS during the calendar year 2010 are eligible for recognition at the 2013 ADSA Awards Ceremony.

Finally, I wish to thank the ADSA Board of Directors for their continued support of the *Journal of Dairy Science* and thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as editor-in-chief for the number one international dairy journal, the *Journal of Dairy Science*.