

2023 State of the Journal Report

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Abstract

This is the annual state of the journal report for Advancements in Agricultural Development. This report highlights activities and accomplishments in 2022 (Volume 3).

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Introduction

2022 was a year of growth and refinement for *Advancements in Agricultural Development* (AAD). We wrapped up our third year of publication with Volume 3, which included 23 articles. We also experienced several changes in our editorial staff. We welcomed Dr. Robert Strong to the team as an Editor. We also turned over our entire staff of editorial assistants, who moved on to other endeavors. We do wish to acknowledge and thank Katrina Alford, Olivia Caillouet, Andy Chaparro, and Alexandria McLeod for their service to AAD. We welcome our new editorial assistants, Clare Hancock, Caitlin Lunzmann, Juan Montealegre, and Karissa Palmer to the AAD team. We do wish to thank our reviewers for Volume 3 (see list at the end of this report). We also welcomed Dr. Sarah Cardey to our Editorial Board. We also wish to acknowledge and thank the Department of Curriculum and Teaching at Auburn University for their financial support of AAD.

The AAD website is the primary way that researchers interact with our content. We undertook a redesign of our website to provide a more modern appearance. Additionally, to provide greater transparency for the research published in AAD, we now encourage authors to include their instrumentation as a part of their original submission. We then also give the option of including non-copyrighted instrumentation as a part of the final publication of accepted articles.

Refining Aims and Scope

As interest in AAD grows, we noticed an increasing range of articles submitted to the journal, with some articles not aligned with our intended goal for AAD. This prompted the editorial team to reexamine our aims and scope statements and to provide a definition for agricultural development. Our newly adopted statement is:

The *aim* of AAD is to influence agricultural development practices worldwide by rapidly disseminating theoretically and conceptually sound research focused on practical outcomes. The *scope* of AAD includes research focused on education, extension, human capacity building, diffusion of innovations, leadership, and communication in the context of food, agriculture, and natural resources. AAD defines agricultural development research as that which provides new knowledge that can be applied to advance agriculture through improved human practices.

This new statement provides greater clarity for potential authors. It also provides a cleaner screening tool for the editor team to evaluate submitted articles.

Journal Statistics

The Open Journal System (OJS) platform provides a variety of journal statistics. To provide better transparency for researchers and other AAD users, we now provide a summary of the most relevant statistics on the AAD website. For the 2022 calendar year, AAD statistics were:

Acceptance Rate

Accept on Initial Submission: 4.5%

Accept after Revisions: 32.5%

Overall Acceptance Rate: 37%

Editorial Timeliness

Days to Initial Editorial Decision: 29

Days from Accept to Publication: 38

Journal Usage in 2022 (based on 76 published articles)

Abstract Views: 20,515

File Downloads: 11,378

Total Interactions: 31,893

Symposium

In an effort to advance agricultural development, AAD is hosting a symposium in collaboration with the University of Reading School of Agriculture, Policy and Development focused on methods of agricultural development research and practice. We have invited 14 experts from around the world to contribute. The symposium will occur in October 2023 on the campus of the University of Reading. Final manuscripts will be published in special issues of AAD in early 2024.

Looking Ahead

The editorial team at AAD continually works to meet the needs of researchers in our field. As we look into 2023 and beyond, our goals are to:

1. continually refine our editorial process to meet researcher needs;
2. attract research from the global agricultural development community;
3. add features to our web-platform to enhance the author and reader experience; and
4. position AAD for inclusion in Scopus and the Web of Science.

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