

2025 Editorial Team Report
Journal of Agricultural Education

The transition from a single-editor model to a three-person editorial team, implemented in January 2024, has been a positive and effective shift for the journal. Each team member now oversees a distinct phase of the manuscript workflow, improving both efficiency and collaboration.

We are especially grateful to Dr. Ryan Anderson, Chair of the JAE Editing-Managing Board (EMB), and the entire EMB for their support and guidance over the past year.

We also extend our sincere thanks to our authors for contributing impactful research that strengthens both the profession and the broader academic community, and to our reviewers for their thoughtful feedback, commitment to scholarly excellence, and dedication to maintaining a rigorous and constructive review process.

Thanks to these collective efforts, we are publishing at a faster pace and higher rate than ever before.

Journal Statistics

	2023	2024	2025 <i>Jan.1 - April 30</i>
Submissions Received:	190	124	54
Submissions Accepted:	63	117	23
Submissions Declined:	23	49	20
Submissions Published:	56	88	57
Days to First Editorial Decision ¹ :	34	8	11
Days to Accept:	244	179	77
Days to Reject:	240	68	41
Acceptance Rate ² :	73%	76%	30%
Rejection Rate ² :	27%	24%	70%

Accomplishment Highlights:

- [Continuous “Rolling” Publication](#): The Journal has begun a continuous publication process with Volume 66 (2025). In this system, once an "accepted for publication" manuscript has met all the post-acceptance and publication requirements, it is published immediately. We will continue to have four issues per volume (year). Articles published from January 1 to March 31 would be considered as Issue 1, April 1 to June 30 would be Issue 2, July 1 to September 30 would be Issue 3, and October 1 to December 31 would be Issue 4.
- [Philosophy Underlying and Policies Governing the Publications of The Journal of Agricultural Education Updates](#): The Journal of Agricultural Education and Editing Managing Board is committed to upholding the highest standards of research integrity and scholarly publishing. Generally, authors are expected to adhere to the following policies regarding ethics, use of artificial intelligence, and dual publication. Detailed information can be found in the Philosophy and Policies document for JAE.

- The following references have served—and continue to serve—as foundational guidance for the Journal’s policies.

COPE Council. (2023). *COPE guidelines: Ethical oversight*. Committee on Publication Ethics. <https://publicationethics.org>

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). <https://doi.org/10.1037/0000165-000>

COPE Council. COPE Discussion document: Artificial intelligence (AI) in decision making — English. <https://doi.org/10.24318/9kvAgrnJ>

Journal of Agricultural Education. (2025). *Information for Authors*. <https://jae-online.org/index.php/jae/information/authors>

- [Manuscript Preparation Guidelines revision](#): The JAE editors revised the manuscript preparation guidelines to better utilize the tools of a fully online manuscript review and publication process.
- Editing Managing Board Actions: November 27, 2024, Email from Ryan Anderson Journal Editing Managing Board Chair.
 - This email outlines updates to the editorial team titles to better reflect their responsibilities. JC Bunch has been added as the Submission Editor, and a new role of Indexing Editor has been established to lead efforts toward journal indexing. Amanda Bowling will serve in this role, joining Brian Myers (Publication Editor) and Rebecca Lawver (Managing Editor). A roadmap for pursuing JAE indexing will be shared in May, along with a formal request for AAAE support.
- Manuscript workflow: A manuscript processing workflow continues to evolve with the three-editor model to guide a submitted manuscript through the submission-to-publication process. This workflow allows clearer communication as a manuscript is handed off to each editorial team member.
- Overdue reviews: We currently have 70 manuscripts under review, there has been a decrease in the number of overdue reviews and responses to requests for reviews. This has only occurred due to the dedication of our reviewers to the process. Our editorial team is dedicated to ensuring a quality process, which includes timely reviews.
- EMB policy management: The Editing-Managing Board is developing a more sustainable process for storing and recording EMB policies and meeting minutes.

¹ The number of days it takes for most submissions to receive the first editorial decision, such as desk rejection or send for review. These figures indicate that 80% of submissions reach the decision within the given number of days. This statistic attempts to describe when the majority of authors submitting to your journal can expect a decision.

² The percentage for the selected date range is calculated for submissions submitted during this date range and received a final decision. A submission that was submitted before the date range but received an accept/reject decision within the date range will not be counted. The acceptance and decline rates only count submissions that have received an accept/decline decision, so they exclude submissions still in the queue.

Future Plans & Discussions:

- Developing and implementing strategies to achieve indexing
- Website revisions: We continue adding new tools to the journal website to make it easier to access, navigate, and have our work found by scholars within and beyond our discipline.
- Call for Submission Editor: A call for the next Submission Editor will be forthcoming. This individual would serve in this role in 2026, transition to Managing Editor in 2027, and then to Publication Editor in 2028.
- Facilitate the election of a new EMB Secretary/Chair Elect from the regional representatives during the JAE EMB meeting at AAAE..

2025 Editorial Team

- Submission Editor: J.C. Bunch, University of Florida
- Managing Editor: Rebecca Lawver, Utah State University
- Publication Editor: Brian E. Myers, University of Florida
- Indexing Editor: Amanda Bowling, The Ohio State University

JAE Editing-Managing Board³

North Central Region Representatives:

- Anil Chaudhary, Pennsylvania State University (2024)
- Amanda Bowling, The Ohio State University (2025)
- Nathan Conner, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2026)
- NAME, University (2027)⁴

Southern Region Representatives:

- J. C. Bunch, University of Florida (2024)
- Carla Jagger, University of Florida (2025)
- Chris Eck, Oklahoma State University (2026)
- Stacy Vincent, University of Kentucky (2027)⁴

Western Region Representatives:

- Ryan Anderson, Texas State University (2024)
- John Rayfield, Texas Tech University (2025)
- Tyson Sorenson, Utah State University (2026)
- Holly Leggette, Texas A&M University (2027)⁴

³ JAE EMB board members will be elected during their respective regional meetings in the indicated year. Their term on the EMB will commence at the conclusion of the annual AAAE conference subsequent to their election. Newly elected members are encouraged to participate in the JAE EMB board meeting at the subsequent annual conference, though they will not possess voting privileges unless representing an absent current member.

⁴ EMB member-elect