2024 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: (a) highlights key accomplishments from 2023, (b) discusses changes beginning in 2024, (c) shares journal statistics from 2023, (d) presents goals for 2024, and (e) lists reviewers for the year. 2023 (Volume 4) was a banner year for Advancements in Agricultural Development (AAD), with several milestones reached. First, we published our 100th article in August. Second, AAD was accepted for inclusion in AGRICOLA, the National Library of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (https://www.nal.usda.gov/agricola). Third, AAD was also selected for inclusion in the Cabells directory (https://cabells.com/), which will allow for generating journal analytics for citations and mentions. We also introduced a new style sheet for published articles, adding the submitted, accepted, and published dates for transparency.

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Introduction

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2023 also marked some changes in our *AAD* staff. First, Dr. Robert Strong has left his position as a Senior Editor to focus his efforts on other scholarly pursuits. We wish to thank Dr. Strong for his contributions to *AAD*. Second, we welcomed Dr. Michael Martin from Iowa State University as an Editor. Dr. Martin is working with our other editors to manage the review process for submitted articles. We also welcomed Ms. Jessie Nichols from Auburn University as an editorial assistant. The success of *AAD* is directly attributed to the editorial team and reviewers, all of whom are volunteers. We especially wish to thank our reviewers from 2023, who are listed at the end of this report.

Symposium

In October, *AAD* partnered with the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development at the University of Reading in the United Kingdom to host a *Symposium on Advancing Methods of Agricultural Development Research and Practice*. Over the two-day event, invited authors presented 10 papers outlining innovative approaches to both research and practice. Attendees represented 13 universities/research institutes from five countries. The papers presented will appear in a forthcoming special issue of *AAD*. Discussions are underway to plan the next *AAD* symposium in 2025.

Changes Coming in 2024

*AAD* is always looking to refine its policies and practices to better meet the needs of researchers and readers. To that end, we are making several changes that will go into effect in 2024.

1. We are now requiring authors to include one or more UN Sustainable Development Goals in their keywords to better connect research published in *AAD* with the broader development community.

2. We have adopted the following policy in recognition of the potential impacts of Artificial Intelligence and will reevaluate as necessary as conditions change.

   *AAD only allows authors to use generative AI technologies to improve the writing quality and readability of submitted manuscripts. By submitting, you are acknowledging compliance with this policy. AAD does not allow editors or reviewers to use AI technologies in the review of an article.*
3. We have adopted a data age policy given AAD’s focus on rapid dissemination of research to inform practice. Authors must also indicate when data were collected. Given AAD’s focus on research which informs practice, we typically do not accept research with data over three years old.

4. We have changed our publication fee to $395 USD to account for increases in operating expenses.

**Journal Statistics for 2023**

**Acceptance Rate**
Accept on Initial Submission: 1.7%
Accept after Revisions: 44.8%
Overall Acceptance Rate: 46.5%

**Editorial Timeliness**
Days to Initial Editorial Decision: 25
Days from Accept to Publication: 18

**Journal Usage in 2023** (based on 109 published articles)
Abstract Views: 29,098
File Downloads: 16,238
Total Interactions: 45,336

**Most Viewed Article in 2023**

**Most Downloaded Article in 2023**

**Most Cited Article from all Years** (based on total Crossref Citations)
Looking Ahead to 2024

We are continually looking for ways to improve the experience of researchers and readers. Looking ahead to 2024, we will:

1. Submit AAD for inclusion in Web of Science.
2. Submit AAD for inclusion in Scopus.
3. Test social media and digital media approaches to help disseminate published articles to larger and broader audiences.

Reviewers in 2023

Again, we wish to thank and acknowledge the valuable contributions of the reviewers listed below. They play a critical role in the research process. If you are not currently a reviewer for AAD and wish to become one, please contact the Editor-in-Chief.

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