

Innovating the Science of Agricultural Development: 2025 State of the Journal Report

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Abstract

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Introduction

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We are fortunate that Dr. Jamie Loizzo from the University of Florida has joined our team as an Editor. Dr. Loizzo is leading our digital dissemination efforts. We also partnered with Streaming Science (<https://streamingscience.com/>) to help get our research shared with people who can directly apply it. Dr. Loizzo also leads our efforts to test novel approaches like video abstracts and AI-enhanced social media. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, X, and LinkedIn to check out the innovations that Dr. Loizzo is trying.

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We also published our first special issue, *Advancing Methods of Agricultural Development Research and Practice* (<https://agdevresearch.org/index.php/aad/issue/view/31>), which resulted from the symposium we hosted with the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development at the University of Reading in the UK in October of 2023. We have another additional special issue planned. Dr. Tom Gill from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is leading the special issue: *The Role of Agricultural Development Research in Achieving SDG Goal 2 (Zero Hunger) and Goal 15 (Life on Land)*. Our goal is to publish this special issue in June 2025. Plans are also underway to host another symposium in October 2025 in partnership with University College Dublin, focusing on *Applications of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Technologies in Agricultural Development Research and Practice*.

AAD also continually monitors our policies and adjusts to meet changing conditions. Recent changes include:

- We have adjusted our policy on artificial intelligence technologies. The updated policy is: *AAD recognizes that artificial intelligence technologies are rapidly evolving. If authors use AI tools, they are still ultimately responsible for the accuracy and authenticity of submitted work. The specific AI tools used should be described in the methods section or in the acknowledgments section as appropriate. By submitting, you are acknowledging compliance with this policy. AAD does not allow editors or reviewers to use AI technologies to review an article.*
- We also now ask that authors indicate if a submitted article has previously been presented at a conference or published in a thesis or dissertation. Additionally, we require that authors indicate if a submitted article is a part of a larger study.

We are also continually working to make research published in AAD widely available and accessible. In 2024, we were accepted for listing in CAB abstracts (<https://www.cabdigitallibrary.org/product/ca>) and EBSCO (<https://www.ebsco.com/>). We are also under review for consideration in Scopus (<https://www.scopus.com>) and the Web of Science (<https://mjl.clarivate.com/home>). AAD also met the threshold for generating journal metrics on Google Scholar (see statistics below).

AAD is also launching a new job board (<https://agdevresearch.org/index.php/aad/jobs>) to provide a platform for employers to post academic, government, NGO, and industry jobs that focus on education, extension, human capacity building, diffusion of innovations, leadership, and communication in the context of food, agriculture, and natural resources. We look forward to connecting employers with prospective employees.

Our team at AAD is critical to providing the highest quality experiences for our authors and readers. As mentioned earlier, Dr. Jamie Loizzo joined us as an editor. Additionally, Kwabena Bayity from Auburn University joined us as an editorial assistant. We also wish to acknowledge the contributions of Caitlin Lunzmann (University of Florida) and Jessie Nichols (Auburn University), who served as editorial assistants and have now transitioned on to other efforts. The success of AAD is directly attributed to the editorial team and reviewers, all of whom are volunteers. We also wish to thank our Editorial Board members, who have provided excellent

advice on managing the journal. We especially want to thank our reviewers from 2024, who are listed at the end of this report.

Journal Statistics

	2022	2023	2024
Journal Usage			
Article Views	20,515	29,098	49,197
Article Downloads	11,378	16,238	29,492
Total	31,893	45,336	78,659
Editorial Processes			
Total Submissions Received	44	58	58
Overall Acceptance Rate	37%	46.5%	33%
Accepted on Initial Submission	4.5%	1.7%	4.4%
Accepted after Revisions	32.5%	44.8%	28.6%
Days to First Editorial Decision	29	25	39
Days to Accept	139	87	130
Days to Reject	76	46	101
Days from Accept to Publication	38	18	15
Google Scholar Metrics			
h5 index			10
h5 median			13

Most Viewed Article in 2024

Ruth, T. K., Colclasure, B., Conner, N., Holmes, A., & Durham Brooks, T. (2022). Hemp on the horizon: Understanding the influences on industrial hemp purchases. *Advancements in Agricultural Development*, 3(3), 1–13. <https://doi.org/10.37433/aad.v3i3.189>

Most Downloaded Article in 2024

Lindner, J. R., & Lindner, N. (2024). Interpreting Likert type, summated, unidimensional, and attitudinal scales: I neither agree nor disagree, Likert or not. *Advancements in Agricultural Development*, 5(2), 152–163. <https://doi.org/10.37433/aad.v5i2.351>

Most Cited Article from all Years (based on total Crossref Citations)

Narine, L., & Meier, C. (2020). Responding in a time of crisis: Assessing extension efforts during COVID-19. *Advancements in Agricultural Development*, 1(2), 12–23.

<https://doi.org/10.37433/aad.v1i2.35>

<https://doi.org/10.37433/aad.v6i1.577>

Reviewers in 2024

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