

## EDITOR'S NOTE

This issue of the JNAEC marks another milestone in its evolution with the conversion to a printed format. While this should improve the image and perhaps the prestige of the Journal, such cosmetic changes do nothing for quality. Quality is a function of the work performed by the membership and submitted for publication in conjunction with the review process. Thus, the efforts of a large share of the NAEC members were and are essential to develop, maintain and improve the Journal. As a part of this we must endeavor to keep the publication useful and innovative.

This issue also includes for the first time a "comments and notes" section, which will be used to expand the areas of communication within our professions and region. Short contributions to this section, to be included in each Spring issue, are welcome and each will be considered on its merits. These can be on any relevant issue and do not have to be confined to comments on previously published material.

The last two regular articles in this issue are not "typical" of those found in most agricultural economics journals. They do not represent "original" contributions, but instead draw together previously published material on frequently used (and misused) regression techniques. The authors of the two articles independently developed the materials in their teaching or research and, apparently with some hesitation, asked if publication would be considered.

If such material proves useful JNAEC will gladly consider future contributions that are not orthodox research material. These may include review articles, extension or teaching programs and other types of contributions as limited only by the membership's imagination. All such contributions will, however, be subject to the same review process as "regular" contributions.

A small change also is being initiated with respect to submission of articles. While a formal call for papers will continue to be made in the fall, manuscripts can be sent to the editor anytime and they will be promptly reviewed and returned. This can permit a more orderly review process and allow more time to make any revisions needed. However, the Fall issue will normally be reserved for the proceedings of the annual meeting with all other contributions published in the Spring issue regardless of when they are first submitted.

Finally, I wish to thank the editorial council and several other NAEC members who spent many hours reviewing the manuscripts. Without their input the selection of papers to publish would have been difficult. Although the reviewers sometimes disagreed, there was an amazing degree of consistency in their recommendations. They cannot, of course, be blamed for either the sins of commission or omission since in every case the editor makes the final choice. All members should feel free to express opinions about the Journal and to submit ideas for improving it.

# GUIDELINES FOR MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION

**ELIGIBILITY:** At least one author must be a member of NAEC.

**SUBMISSION:** Four copies of the manuscript should be submitted. A manuscript can be submitted at any time but the fall issue is reserved for the proceedings of the annual meetings. All other papers will be published in the spring issue.

**TITLE PAGE AND ABSTRACT:** On a separate page list the title of the paper, the authors, their titles and affiliations, and an abstract not to exceed 100 words. The title will be repeated on the first page of the manuscript but not the authors' names.

**TYPING:** The manuscript should be typed on 8 1/2 x 11 standard weight paper and all material including references and footnotes should be double spaced.

**TABLES:** Each table should be on a separate page. All copies should be clear, double spaced if possible, vertical rules omitted, and titles should be short and descriptive.

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**MATHEMATICAL NOTATION:** Use only essential notation and use standard type to the extent possible. Asterisks, primes, *etc.* should be used instead of tildes, carats, *etc.*

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**REVIEW:** All manuscripts submitted will be refereed by the editorial board and others selected for their professional competence. Papers presented at the annual meeting will normally be printed in the proceedings issue (October) but may be subjected to additional review at the discretion of the editor.

**PAGE CHARGE:** A page charge is billed to the department or agency after the article is accepted for publication.