

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JOURNAL OF COTTON SCIENCE

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During 2003, the journal underwent several changes. In addition to the acceptance of a policy document, there were several changes in the organization of the disciplines recognized by the journal. The Physiology and Molecular Biology sections were combined, and the Organic Dusts section was eliminated. Manuscripts related to dusts are now included in the Textile Technology or Engineering and Ginning disciplines, depending on the subject matter.

Twenty-four manuscripts in eight different disciplines were published in the Journal of Cotton Science in 2003. The breakdown of published manu-

scripts by discipline is as follows: Agronomy and Soils – 2; Arthropod Management – 2; Breeding and Genetics – 6; Economics and Marketing – 6; Engineering and Ginning – 2; Molecular Biology and Physiology – 0; Plant Pathology and Nematology – 2; Textile Technology – 1; and Weed Science – 3.

To date (December 17), 70 manuscripts representing all nine disciplines have been submitted in 2003. A summary of the action taken on these manuscripts by discipline is provided in Table 1. The acceptance rate for manuscripts for which a decision has been made is 44%.

Table 1. Summary of action taken on manuscripts submitted to the *Journal of Cotton Science* in 2003

Discipline	Submitted	Accepted	Rejected	Returned ^x	Pending
Agronomy and Soils	9	2	2	1	4
Arthropod Management ^y	10	2	3	1	3
Breeding and Genetics	11	2	1	1	7
Economics and Marketing	9	5	2	0	2
Engineering and Ginning	6	1	0	0	5
Molecular Biology and Physiology	9	0	3	1	5
Plant Pathology and Nematology	5	1	1	0	3
Textile Technology	5	1	0	3	1
Weed Science	6	2	1	0	3
Totals	70	16	13	7	33

^x These manuscripts were returned because they were not submitted in the style required by the journal, or the experiments were not properly repeated and replicated.

^y One manuscript was withdrawn.