

## MANAGING EDITOR'S REPORT

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The initial Call for Papers (July of 1997) for the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Cotton Science* resulted in 50 manuscripts being submitted for consideration by the 13 technical editors. Of those 50 papers, nine were published in the first issue (December 1997) of *JCS*. Some of the 1997 manuscripts were subsequently published in 1998 issues. Total acceptance rate for 1997 submissions was 50% (Table 1).

In 1998, of 38 manuscripts received, 13 were published (Table 2). Four issues of the *Journal of Cotton Science* were posted online. All disciplines added at least one alternate technical editor. Insect Research and Control was renamed Arthropod

Management. Total acceptance rate for 1998 submissions was 34%.

In 1999, 56 manuscripts were received (Table 3). Four issues of the *Journal of Cotton Science* were posted online. Total acceptance rate for 1999 submissions was 59%.

A milestone for 1999 was becoming the first all-electronic journal to be indexed in AGRICOLA. This listing will further augment the readership of papers published in the *Journal of Cotton Science*.

Additionally, in 1999 an Interim Policy Board was formed to lay the groundwork for future policy for

**Table 1. Summary of action taken on new manuscripts submitted to the *Journal of Cotton Science* by discipline in 1997. Overall acceptance rate was 50%.**

DISCIPLINE	Submitted	Accepted	Released	Withdrawn
Agronomy	6	1	5	
Cotton & Other Organic Dusts	1	1		
Cotton Improvement	5	4	1	
Disease	4	2	2	
Economics & Marketing	2	2		
Engineering	5	1	2	2
Ginning	1	1		
Insect Research & Control	12	4	8	
Physiology	3	3		
Quality Measurements	3	3		
Textile Processing	3	1	2	
Soils & Plant Nutrition	2	1	1	
Weed Science	3	1	2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>

**Table 2. Summary of action taken on new manuscripts submitted to the *Journal of Cotton Science* by discipline in 1998. Overall acceptance rate was 34%.**

DISCIPLINE	Submitted	Accepted	Released	Withdrawn
Agronomy	3		2	1
Arthropod Management	9	2	7	
Cotton & Other Organic Dusts	0			
Cotton Improvement	7	2	5	
Disease	2		2	
Economics & Marketing	1		1	
Engineering	0			
Ginning	1		1	
Physiology	6	2	4	
Quality Measurements	2	2		
Soils & Plant Nutrition	0			
Textile Processing	2		2	
Weed Science	5	5		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>

**Table 3. Summary of action taken on new manuscripts submitted to the *Journal of Cotton Science* by discipline in 1999. Overall acceptance rate was 59%.**

DISCIPLINE	Submitted	Accepted	Released	Withdrawn	Pending
Agronomy	8	3	5		
Arthropod Management	11	4	7		
Breeding & Genetics	7	5	1	1	
Economics & Marketing	5	5			
Engineering	2	2			
Ginning	0				
Molecular Biology	2	1	1		
Organic Dusts	2	1	1		
Physiology	6	4	1		1
Plant Path & Nematology	2	1	1		
Soils	2	1	1		
Textile Technology	7	5	2		
Weed Science	2	1	1		
<b>TOTALS to date</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**Table 4. Summary of action taken on new manuscripts submitted to the *Journal of Cotton Science* by discipline in 2000. Of the nine manuscripts that have been through review, 44% have been accepted.**

DISCIPLINE	Submitted	Accepted	Released	Withdrawn	Pending
Agronomy	4		2		2
Arthropod Management	1				1
Breeding & Genetics	1				1
Economics & Marketing	2		1		1
Engineering & Ginning	4	3			1
Molecular Biology	2	1			1
Organic Dusts	0				
Physiology	2		1		1
Plant Path & Nematology	1		1		
Soils	2				2
Textile Technology	0				
Weed Science	1				1
<b>TOTALS to date</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

the *Journal of Cotton Science*. The five technical editors making up this Board are Roy Baker (Engineering & Ginning), Patrick Colyer (Plant Pathology & Nematology), Dan Krieg (Agronomy), Lloyd May (Breeding & Genetics) and Thea Wilkins (Molecular Biology). Their recommendations will be reviewed and, if accepted by the 28 technical editors and alternate technical editors, will become new policy.

In 1999 several disciplines were renamed. Soils & Plant Nutrition became Soils; Disease became Plant Pathology & Nematology. Cotton Improvement was split into two disciplines: Molecular Biology and Breeding & Genetics. Textile Processing and Quality Measurements combined to form Textile Technology.

As of the end of May of 2000, the *Journal of Cotton Science* has received 20 manuscripts, nine of which have been through peer review.

Watching the *JCS* readership grow by leaps and bounds is the most rewarding aspect of this effort for me. Judging from this growth, I would say that the Cotton Industry does value solid science. Thanks and congratulations to our authors, editors and staff for a job well done!



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