

Purpose of the Journal

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The Journal of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers is a refereed journal. Articles submitted for publication undergo a peer review process before being accepted for publication. The peer review process is designed to ensure that articles meet certain standards and that the Journal is a publication of high standing.

The Journal seeks articles from those working in all the fields of farm management, rural appraisal, and agricultural consulting. Therefore it is not just for academics, but is also open to contributions from all those involved in rural property valuation and / or management and consulting endeavors.

The purpose of the Journal is to provide a forum for those in the farm management, rural appraisal, and agricultural consulting fields, to share experiences with others, from which we can all learn.

Objectives

The objectives of the Journal are to:

1. Present papers relevant to farm managers, rural appraisers, farm advisors, consultants, academics, students, and to all others interested in farm management, rural appraisal and agricultural in its widest sense.
2. Report new challenges and pressures that are developing, for the use of agricultural and rural resources.
3. Encourage practical and problem solving contributions highlighting common farm management, rural appraisal, and agricultural consulting issues and principles.

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