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EDITORIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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Care and Use of Animals

All manuscripts submitted to *JAS* must be accompanied by a manuscript submission form certifying that any research that involves animals has followed estab-

lished standards for the humane care and use of animals. Only investigations that have followed high standards for the humane care and use of animals in research will be reported in *JAS*. Before conducting experiments with animals, scientists should give careful consideration to the use of in vitro techniques or other alternatives. The appropriateness of the animal species and the minimum number of animals needed to meet scientific and statistical standards also should be considered. All research animals shall be acquired, retained, and used in compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Animals used in research must receive proper housing, feed, and care to ensure their comfort and health. If research requires discomfort to the animals or stressful conditions, justification for these conditions must be evident in papers published in *JAS*. The manuscript should discuss anesthetics, analgesics, tranquilizers, and care taken to minimize pain and discomfort during preoperative, operative, and postoperative procedures. Procedures used shall be those of accepted veterinary medical practice. If the study or condition of the animal requires that the animal be killed, a humane method shall be used. All animals used in experiments shall be under the direct supervision of an experienced investigator.

Types of Articles

Research Articles. Results of work contained in manuscripts submitted to *JAS* must not have been published previously in a refereed scientific journal. Previous presentation at a scientific meeting or the use of data in field day reports or similar documents, including press publications or postings to personal or departmental Web sites, does not preclude the publication of such data in *JAS*. Articles simultaneously posted to Web sites and submitted to *JAS* should carry a disclaimer on the Web site that this version of the paper has not undergone *JAS* peer-review and is not to be considered the final published form of the article. If the article is published in *JAS*, we ask that you post the PDF version of the article to your Web site so proper credit can be given to *JAS* as the publisher of the article. Because *JAS* holds the copyright to articles it publishes, posting altered *JAS* articles that are represented as exact duplicates of the published version constitutes copyright violation. Authors are discouraged from submitting manuscripts based on routine, repetitive product testing, especially if it is derived from a single station report that is part of a wide-scale commercial efficacy trial.

Review Articles. **Occasionally proposals for review articles to be published in *JAS* may be solicited by section editors, after consultation with**

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^bThese guidelines are also available from the ASAS Web site (<http://www.asas.org>).

the editor-in-chief. Unsolicited review articles, however, will not be considered for publication.

Invited speakers delivering symposium presentations sponsored by program committees are encouraged to submit their reviews for publication. Such manuscripts will be subject to the same review policies as manuscripts presenting original research. Review manuscripts must conform to *JAS Style and Form* and are to be submitted to the symposium chairperson at the time of oral presentation. So that readers can differentiate between review papers and original research, reviews should include the term "Review" in the title, unless the paper is part of a symposium.

Contemporary Issues and Teaching Papers. Papers that present positions dealing with issues of contemporary interest to animal scientists or with teaching will be considered for publication in the Contemporary Issues and Teaching sections of the *Journal*. Contemporary issues may include matters such as environmental concerns, legislative proposals, and systems analysis. Teaching papers may discuss innovative pedagogical methods, philosophy of education, or solutions to teaching problems in animal science. They do not have to include original data, although whenever appropriate stated assertions should be substantiated by references to established information from credible published sources. Contemporary Issues and Teaching papers should be submitted to the technical editor as outlined under GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS (page 247) for Manuscript Submission and will be subject to peer review in a manner similar to other submissions. Because of the nature of these papers, their format may vary from that of standard scientific articles based on original research.

Technical Notes. A technical note is a vehicle to report a new method, technique, or procedure of interest to *JAS* readers. When possible, a technical note should include a comparison of results from the new method with those from previous methods, using appropriate statistical tests. When typeset, a technical note shall not exceed six pages (nine typed manuscript pages), including tables and figures. The advantages and disadvantages of the new procedure should be discussed. The words "Technical Note" shall be the first words of the title of such manuscripts. The review process for a technical note will be the same as that for other manuscripts.

Rapid Communications. This section of *JAS* is reserved for short communications dealing with molecular genetics. Molecular genetic markers and complete nucleotide sequences of expressed genes are the most appropriate for this section. Only genomic DNA or cDNA sequences that encode complete expressed products will be accepted for publication. Sequence variants, sequence tagged sites, random amplified sequences, and repetitive elements will not be accepted. Regulatory elements and introns will not be published separate from the complete expressed sequence. Communications must be limited to two pages when published

and must conform to the format described in this *Style and Form*.

Letters to the Editor. Letters judged suitable for publication will be printed in a "Letters to the Editor" section of the *Journal*. The purpose of this section is to provide a forum for scientific exchange relating to matters published in the *Journal*. To be acceptable for publication, letters must adhere to the following guidelines: 1) Only letters that address matters of science and relate to information published in the *Journal* will be considered. In general, letters should not exceed 5,000 characters plus spaces and should not contain more than five citations. 2) Letters must provide supporting evidence based on published data for the points made or must develop logical scientific hypotheses; letters based on conjecture or on unsubstantiated claims will not be published. No new data may be presented in the letters. 3) Letters will be considered by the editor-in-chief and if deemed appropriate for publication, the author(s) of original paper(s) will be invited to write a letter of response. Normally both letters will be published together. 4) All letters will be subject to acceptance by the editor-in-chief and to editing by the editor-in-chief and the technical editor.

Biographical and Historical Sketches

Biographical and Historical Sketches will be published on the ASAS Web site. Frequency of publication is dependent on the availability of the prepared sketches. Guidelines for identifying biographees and publishing biographical sketches are as follows:

1. The nominee must be deceased.
2. The nominee must have been an active member of ASAS (formerly ASAP).
3. The nominee must have made major contributions to the livestock industry and to the Society during active membership.
4. The noteworthy contributions must have been in any phase of animal production, including teaching, research, extension, or administration, or combinations thereof, in academics, government, or private industry.
5. Nominations can be made by any active member of ASAS at any time to the section editor for Biographical Sketches. Acceptance or rejection of the nomination will be made by the board of directors of ASAS.
6. The sketch will have a maximum length of 18,000 characters plus spaces.
7. The submitted sketch will be reviewed by members of the Biographical Sketch Committee and(or) outside reviewers as appropriate.
8. Accepted sketches will be subject to the normal editorial process and each sketch along with a photograph of the biographee will be published online.
9. No more than one sketch per issue will be published.

Historical sketches are intended to survey the history of some aspect of animal science research in order to educate readers about the scope of or progress in a specific field. For instance, sketches might be written about the development of a specific laboratory technique or instrumentation, the gradual rise to prominence of a research group or laboratory, or the history of research into one particular group of nutrients. Historical sketches should be limited to a single, well-defined topic that can be described using specific examples and supportive references. Although discussions of individual scientists should not be ignored when they are relevant, historical sketches should focus on the development of an idea or procedure, rather than on an individual researcher, for whom a biographical sketch is more appropriate. The length of historical sketches should not exceed 20,000 characters plus spaces.

The Review Process

The suitability of manuscripts for publication in *JAS* is judged by reviewers, section editors, and the editor-in-chief. The editor-in-chief, the section editors, and most reviewers are members of the editorial board. Three-year appointments to the editorial board are made by the Board of Directors of ASAS. Appointments to the editorial board are guided by the needs of the editorial board for individuals with particular scientific knowledge within a given field of specialization. Members of the editorial board are chosen on the basis of demonstrated expertise and editorial competence. Duties of the editor-in-chief and section editors are described in the ASAS handbook.

Section editors have full responsibility for review of manuscripts assigned to them. They select two or more individuals, members of the editorial board or other qualified reviewers, to review each manuscript. Reviewers or section editors may not be from the same institution as authors. **The section editor will contact potential reviewers before forwarding manuscripts to them for review.** Reviewers maintain confidentiality of the information presented in the manuscript and recommend acceptance, rejection, or acceptance after revision by checking the appropriate box on the review form. Reviewers should render their opinions in an unbiased and ethical manner, provide helpful guidance for authors in a written form, and return the manuscript to the section editor within 3 wk. If the section editor seeks additional advice, the review process may take longer. Section editors handle correspondence with the author and promptly advise the editor-in-chief whether the manuscript should be accepted or rejected. The section editors notify the authors of the recommendation to the editor-in-chief. The editor-in-chief's decision to accept or reject the paper is based on the section editor's recommendation and his or her own review of the arti-

cle. The identity and the report of the reviewers are forwarded to the editor-in-chief's office, where records are maintained. Only the review is sent to the author. Reviewers can sign the review form or remain anonymous.

Section editors, reviewers, and authors are encouraged to utilize E-mail and fax to correspond during the review process to reduce time and postage when appropriate without sacrificing the confidential nature of the process. To aid this process, manuscripts sent to reviewers do not need to be returned to the section editor but can be destroyed by the reviewers.

There are three main grounds for rejection of manuscripts. First, the substance of the manuscript may not meet *JAS* standards: The work may be incomplete, the evidence may not support the conclusions, or the experimental approach may be poorly conceived. Second, although the work may be sound and the results valid, the paper may be better suited for publication elsewhere. Third, the work may repeat established fact or represent no advance of existing knowledge. If a manuscript is rejected, the author may discuss the matter with the section editor and/or appeal that decision to the editor-in-chief if the author(s) believe(s) that the judgment is erroneous or unfair. For appeal, a letter presenting reasons for the appeal should be sent to the editor-in-chief. A rejected manuscript may be resubmitted for publication in another section of *JAS* only if this course of action has been specifically recommended by the section editor to whom the manuscript was originally assigned and the transfer has been approved by the editor-in-chief.

Almost all manuscripts that are eventually published are first returned by the section editor to the author for revision. The most common reasons for requesting revision are failure to follow *JAS Style and Form*, improper or incomplete statistical analysis, lack of clarity or brevity, questions of fact or theory, poor organization of tabular material, and grammatical errors. Under ordinary circumstances, copies of the revised manuscript must be returned to the section editor within 60 d from date of receipt by the author or the author will be notified that the manuscript has been withdrawn and must be resubmitted if further consideration is desired.

After a paper has been accepted, every effort will be made to publish it promptly. The interval from the date when the manuscript is received to the date that it is accepted for publication by the editor-in-chief will vary depending on the time required for review and revision. The author is notified when the manuscript is accepted by the editor-in-chief. After acceptance, correspondence concerning the manuscript should be directed to the technical editor. The author will receive galley proofs of articles. **ACCURACY OF THE GALLEY PROOF IS THE AUTHOR'S RESPONSIBILITY.** Failure to return corrected proofs within 3 d may cause a delay in publication of the article.

The current publication charge is \$85 per printed page in *JAS* if at least one author is an ASAS member;

when no author is a member of ASAS, the page charge is \$170. These page charges include 50 offprints; in addition, reprints may be ordered. When the galley proof is sent, the author is asked to complete a reprint order form requesting the number of reprints desired and the name of the institution, agency, or individual responsible for publication charges. **Authors who submit articles containing color illustrations are responsible for paying the additional charge for color printing, including the printing of any reprints they order.**

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Manuscript Submission

Manuscripts, prepared in English, should be submitted to the Technical Editor, Journal of Animal Science, 1111 N. Dunlap Ave., Savoy, IL 61874-9604. Authors must submit three copies of the manuscript, typed double-spaced and with lines numbered, and must include a completed "Manuscript Submission and Copyright Release Form" (published in the January issue of *JAS* and on the ASAS Web site under the *Journal of Animal Science* heading). Submission of a paper indicates that all authors have reviewed and approved the paper for release and that each author is responsible for its content. A font size of at least 10 points and text with margins that are not right-justified (i.e., ragged right) are preferred. Type must be large enough to be read easily. All pages, including pages of literature cited, tables, and legends for figures, must be numbered consecutively on all copies. Companion manuscripts or manuscripts numbered in series should be submitted together and be designated clearly as companion papers. In an accompanying letter, a short list of recommended reviewers can be provided for consideration by the section editor. A single copy of an unpublished manuscript by the author that is cited in the submitted manuscript (i.e., is in press or accepted) should accompany the submission to aid the review process. The author is notified by the business office of the receipt of a manuscript, the *JAS* number for the manuscript, and the name of the section editor to whom it has been assigned.

Manuscripts submitted to *JAS* must follow these guidelines. Inadequate attention to matters of *JAS Style and Form* may result in rejection. Advice on matters not covered in the *JAS Style and Form* may be obtained from the technical editor at the ASAS business office (name, address, phone and fax numbers, and E-mail addresses are published in each issue of *JAS* and on the ASAS Web site). Authors should use clear, succinct sentences with active verbs, avoid the passive voice, use the first person when applicable, and not shift verb tenses within a discussion. The primary source for the *JAS Style and Form* is *Scientific Style and Format: The CBE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers* (6th ed., 1994; ISBN: 0-521-47154-0). For other matters of writing style, *The Chicago Manual of Style* (14th Ed.; The University of Chicago Press, 1993; ISBN: 0-226-10389-7) is recommended. For terminology about grazing, refer to *Terminology for Grazing Lands and Grazing Animals* (The Forage and Grazing Terminology Committee, Pocahontas Press, P.O. Drawer F, Blacksburg, VA 24063-1020).

Typesetting from Diskette

For manuscripts that are acceptable after revision, authors must send a disk version (3½" format) of their revised manuscript (along with the printed version) to the section editor. Disk files may be sent with the original manuscript submission to aid in the review process. Disk files should use a type size of at least 10 points and margins should not be right-justified. Files created in WordPerfect or Microsoft Word are strongly preferred, but those created with other IBM-compatible word-processing packages may be acceptable. Do not submit files on low-density Macintosh diskettes.

Preparation of Manuscript

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footnote to the corresponding author's name. The footnote should begin with the word "Correspondence:" followed by a mailing address and parenthetical phone, fax, and E-mail [e.g., 1234 W. University Dr. (phone: 122-344-5555; fax: 122-44-5556; E-mail: myaddress@university.edu)]. Authors may choose not to include all this information. Indications of professorial rank or other professional titles should not be used. Acknowledgments are given as a footnote on the first page. Footnotes on the first page and other text pages are referenced sequentially by superscript numbers. Brand names and company names and locations for all substances and equipment referred to in the text should be included in parentheses within the text, not in footnotes.

Headings

Major headings (Introduction, Materials and Methods [or Experimental Procedures], Results, Discussion [or Results and Discussion], Implications, and Literature Cited) are centered and appear in roman type, the first letter of each major word capitalized. Major headings of review papers or papers from symposia may deviate from this standard format; however, all papers must contain an abstract, key words, an introduction, and an implications section. Abbreviations should be avoided in headings.

First subheadings appear at the left margin on a separate line in italics and are not followed by punctuation. First subheadings are used when subsections below major headings consist of several paragraphs, especially if some or all of the paragraphs begin with a second subheading.

Second subheadings appear at the beginning of the first line of a paragraph. They are indented, italicized, and followed by a period. They do not require labeling (a, b, c, etc.). Second subheadings may be used with or without first subheadings; generally second subheadings introduce brief sections below a first subheading.

Abstract

The abstract, consisting of no more than 2,500 characters plus spaces in one paragraph, appears at the beginning of the manuscript with the word "ABSTRACT" capitalized. Abstracts longer than 2,500 characters plus spaces are often truncated by abstracting services because of limited computer space. Hence, the abstract should summarize pertinent results in a brief but understandable form. References are never cited in the abstract. Abbreviations that appear in the abstract that are not included in the standard abbreviation listing found in each issue of *JAS* must be defined before they are first used. The abstract should start with a clear statement of the objective and must conclude with one or two sentences that highlight important conclusions.

Key Words

At the end of the abstract, list up to six key words that best describe the nature of the research; key words should include the species, variables tested, and the major response criteria. Key words must be selected from the most recent issues of the *CAB Thesaurus* (available from C.A.B. International, 845 North Park Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719; Telephone: 800-528-4841). American spelling of words is used. The first letter of each key word is capitalized; key words are separated by commas. Key words form the basis for the subject index, which is published in the last issue of each volume of *JAS*. Because major words in the title are not used in the subject index, appropriate words from the title (or synonyms) should be listed as key words. Key words that are not included in the *CAB Thesaurus* are often deleted by computerized indexing services.

Introduction

The introduction follows the abstract and must not exceed 2,000 characters plus spaces. It briefly justifies the research and specifies the hypotheses to be tested. Extensive discussion of relevant literature should be included in the discussion of results, not in the introduction. To minimize length and avoid redundancy, generally no more than three references should be cited to support a specific concept.

Materials and Methods

General. A clear description or specific original reference is required for all biological, analytical, and statistical procedures. All modifications of procedures must be explained. Diets, animals (breed, sex, age, body weight, and weighing conditions [i.e., with or without restriction of feed and(or) water]), surgical techniques, measurements, and statistical models should be described clearly and fully.

Statistics. Biology should be emphasized, but the use of incorrect or inadequate statistical methods to analyze and interpret biological data is not acceptable. Consultation with a statistician is recommended. Statistical methods commonly used in the animal sciences need not be described in detail, but adequate references should be provided. The statistical model, classes, blocks, and experimental unit must be designated. Any restrictions used in estimating parameters should be defined. Reference to a statistical package without reporting the sources of variation (classes) and other salient features of the analysis, such as covariance or orthogonal contrasts, is not sufficient. A statement of the results of statistical analysis should justify the interpretations and conclusions. When possible, results of similar experiments should be pooled statistically. Do not report a number of similar experiments separately.

The experimental unit is the smallest unit to which an individual treatment is imposed. For group-fed animals, the group of animals in the pen or the paddock

is the experimental unit. If individual animals fed as a group are considered by authors to be independent experimental units, this deviation from accepted procedures must be explained and justified. Repeated chemical analyses of the same sample usually do not constitute independent experimental units. Measurements on the same experimental unit over time also are not independent and must not be considered as independent experimental units. For analysis of time effects, use time-sequence analysis.

Usual assumptions are that errors in the statistical models are normally and independently distributed with constant variance. Most standard methods are robust to deviations from these assumptions, but occasionally data transformations or other techniques are helpful. Most statistical procedures are based on the assumption that experimental units have been assigned to treatments at random. If animals are stratified by ancestry or weight or if some other initial measurement should be accounted for, the model should include a blocking factor, or the initial measurement should be included as a covariate.

A parameter (mean $[\mu]$, variance $[\sigma^2]$), which defines or describes a population, is estimated by a statistic (\bar{x} , s^2). The term *parameter* is not appropriate to describe a variable, observation, trait, characteristic, or measurement taken in an experiment.

Standard designs are adequately described by name and size (e.g., “a randomized complete block design with six treatments in five blocks”). For a factorial set of treatments, an adequate description might be as follows: “Tryptophan at 0.05 or 0.10% of the diet and niacin at 5, 10, or 20 mg/kg of diet were used in a 2 × 3 factorial arrangement in five randomized complete blocks, each block consisting of littermates.” Note that a factorial arrangement is not a design; the term “design” refers to the method of grouping experimental units into homogeneous groups or blocks (i.e., the way in which the randomization is restricted).

Standard deviation refers to the variability in a sample or a population. The standard error (calculated from error variance) is the estimated sampling error of a statistic such as the sample mean. When a standard deviation or standard error is given, the number of degrees of freedom on which it rests should be specified. When any statistical value (as mean or difference of two means) is mentioned, its standard error or confidence limit should be given. The fact that differences are not “statistically significant” is no reason for omitting standard errors. They are of value when results from several experiments are combined in the future. They also are useful to the reader as measures of efficiency of experimental techniques. A value attached by “±” to a number implies that the second value is its standard error (not its standard deviation). Adequate reporting may require only 1) the number of observations, 2) arithmetic treatment means, and 3) an estimate of experimental error. The pooled standard error of the mean is the preferred estimate of experimental

error. Standard errors need not be presented separately for each mean unless the means are based on different numbers of observations or the heterogeneity of the error variance is to be emphasized. Presenting individual standard errors clutters the presentation and can mislead readers.

For more complex experiments, tables of subclass means and tables of analyses of variance or covariance may be included. When the analysis of variance contains several error terms, such as in split-plot and repeated measures designs, the text should indicate clearly which mean square was used for the denominator of each F statistic. Unbalanced factorial data can present special problems. Accordingly, it is well to state how the computing was done and how the parameters were estimated. Approximations should be accompanied by cautions concerning possible biases.

Contrasts (preferably orthogonal) are used to answer specific questions for which the experiment was designed; they should form the basis for comparing treatment means. Nonorthogonal contrasts may be evaluated by Bonferroni t statistics. The exact contrasts tested should be described for the reader. Multiple-range tests are not appropriate when treatments are orthogonally arranged. Fixed-range, pairwise, multiple comparison tests should be used only to compare means of treatments that are unstructured or not related. Adjusted, or so-called least squares, means should not be used unless the design is unbalanced or contains missing values or an adjustment is being made for a covariate. In factorial treatment arrangements, means for main effects should be presented when important interactions are not present. Means for individual treatment combinations also should be provided in table or text so that future researchers may combine data from several experiments to detect important interactions. An interaction may not be detected in a given experiment because of a limitation in the number of observations.

The terms “significant” and “highly significant” traditionally have been reserved for $P < 0.05$ and $P < 0.01$, respectively. Other probability levels can be discussed if properly qualified so that the reader is not misled, but do not report P -values to more than three decimals. When available, the exact probability levels (alpha levels) should be presented rather than merely $P < 0.05$ or $P < 0.01$ so the reader can decide what to reject. Such information is useful for future analyses in which data are combined. Regardless of the probability level used by the authors, failure to reject a hypothesis should be based on the relative consequences of type I and II errors. A “nonsignificant” relationship should not be misinterpreted; it is not evidence that no relationship exists. An inadequate number of experimental units or inadequate control of variation limits the power to detect relationships. Use of $P > 0.05$ to indicate nonsignificance should be avoided; readers may interpret this as the probability of a beta error, not an alpha error.

This problem can be avoided by citing the absolute probability of an alpha error.

Give only meaningful digits. A practical rule is to round values so that the change caused by rounding is less than one-tenth of the standard error. Such rounding increases the variance of the reported value by less than 1%, so that less than 1% of the relevant information contained in the data is sacrificed. In most cases, two or three significant digits (not decimal places) are sufficient.

Results

Results (may be combined with discussion) should be presented in tabular form when feasible. The text should explain or elaborate on the tabular data, but numbers should not be repeated extensively within the text. Sufficient data, all with some index of variation attached, should be presented to allow the reader to interpret the results of the experiment.

Discussion

The discussion (may be combined with results) should interpret the results clearly and concisely in terms of biological mechanisms and should integrate literature results with the research findings to provide the reader with a broad base on which to accept or reject the hypotheses tested. Results and references to tables and figures already described in the Results section should not be repeated in the Discussion section.

Implications

This section, consisting of no more than 1,000 characters plus spaces in one paragraph, follows the discussion and should explain in lay terms, without abbreviations, acronyms, or citations, what the findings of this research imply for animal production and(or) biology. Though some speculation is permitted, this section should also caution the reader against overextrapolation of results. For manuscripts with direct applications, this section will consist of an interpretive summary. If results have no implications, this should be stated. This section should be directed toward readers who are not necessarily professional animal scientists. **The Implications section can be accessed by any visitor to the ASAS Web site.**

Appendixes

To provide readers with numerical examples or give extensive detail of analytical procedures, an appendix can be included with a manuscript. However, if the supplemental material is of interest only to a limited number of *JAS* readers, it should not be included as an appendix. Instead, mention that supplemental information is available on request from the author; addresses for Web sites with appropriate supplemental information are acceptable. In the manuscript, the appendix

should follow the literature cited section and be introduced by a major heading.

Citations

Text. Published literature is referenced in the text in one of two ways, depending on sentence structure: 1) Increased free fatty acid concentrations have been reported after daily bovine somatotropin treatment of heifers (Eisemann et al., 1986; McShane et al., 1989) and dairy cows (Schams et al., 1991); 2) Eisemann et al. (1986) and McShane et al. (1989) have reported increased free fatty acid concentrations. . . .

When two or more citations are included in a grouping within a sentence, the citations within the grouping are arranged in chronological order. Multiple citations for a given year are further arranged alphabetically. When a citation has one or two authors, cite the reference throughout using the name(s) and the date (e.g., Galyean and Chabot, 1981). When a citation has more than two authors, cite the reference throughout the text with "et al." following the last name of the first author (e.g., Galyean et al., 1981). When the same author(s) have two references with different dates, cite them together in the text (e.g., Huntington et al., 1988, 1990). If two papers abbreviate identically in the text, place a letter after the date in the text and in the citation in literature cited. Letters should not be included unless the text citations are identical. **Lettered references should be listed in strict alphabetical order based on authors' last names; if all names are identical, the titles of the articles dictate alphabetical order, regardless of their page numbers or whether they are articles in a series.** Check the literature cited to make certain that all text citations are represented, and that all citations listed are cited in the text. Unpublished literature is listed in the text as follows: . . . by W. A. Olson (personal communication); . . . (W. A. Olson, personal communication); . . . according to J. Noblet (unpublished data); . . . (J. Noblet, unpublished data). The individual's full name should be provided. If the unpublished data are from the authors' laboratory, it can be cited as (our unpublished observations).

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Literature Listing. The number of citations should be minimized by careful scrutiny; select only the most pertinent ones. **Whenever possible, avoid citing unrefereed publications and abstracts.** No more than three references should be cited to support a specific concept. Interested readers can examine those refer-

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 Acta Endocrinol.
 Adv. Appl. Microbiol.
 Adv. Carbohydr. Chem. Biochem.
 Adv. Genet.
 Adv. Lipid Res.
 Adv. Protein Chem.
 Agric. Eng.
 Agron. J.
 Am. J. Anat.
 Am. J. Clin. Nutr.
 Am. J. Clin. Pathol.
 Am. J. Hum. Genet.
 Am. J. Obstet. Gynecol.
 Am. J. Pathol.
 Am. J. Physiol.
 Am. J. Vet. Res.
 Anal. Biochem.
 Anal. Chem.
 Anim. Behav.
 Anim. Breed. Abstr.
 Anim. Feed Sci. Technol.
 Anim. Prod.
 Ann. Hum. Genet.
 Annu. Rev. Biochem.
 Annu. Rev. Pharmacol. Toxicol.
 Annu. Rev. Physiol.
 Antibiot. Chemother. (Basel)
 Antibiot. Chemother. (Washington, DC)
 Appl. Environ. Microbiol.
 Appl. Microbiol.
 Arch. Biochem. Biophys.
 Aust. J. Agric. Res.
 Aust. J. Exp. Agric.
 Biochem. J.
 Biochemistry
 Biochim. Biophys. Acta
 Biol. Reprod.
 Biometrics

Biometrika
 Blood
 Br. J. Nutr.
 Br. Vet. J.
 Can. J. Anim. Sci.
 Can. J. Res. Sect. D Zool. Sci.
 Cell
 Cereal Chem.
 Clin. Toxicol.
 Comp. Biochem. Physiol.
 Domest. Anim. Endocrinol.
 Endocrinology
 Eur. Assoc. Anim. Prod. Publ.
 Fed. Proc.
 Feedstuffs
 Fertil. Steril.
 Food Res.
 Food Technol.
 Gastroenterology
 Genetics
 Grass Forage Sci.
 Growth
 Gut
 Horm. Behav.
 Immunology
 Infect. Immun.
 Ir. J. Agric. Res.
 J. Agric. Food Chem.
 J. Agric. Sci.
 J. Am. Oil Chem. Soc.
 J. Am. Vet. Med. Assoc.
 J. Anim. Physiol. Anim. Nutr.
 J. Anim. Sci.
 J. Assoc. Off. Anal. Chem.
 J. Clin. Endocrinol. & Metab.
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 J. Gen. Physiol.
 J. Hered.
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 J. Range Manage.
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 J. Sci. Food Agric.
 Journ. Rech. Porcine Fr.
 Lab. Anim.
 Lipids
 Livest. Prod. Sci.
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 Metabolism
 Methods Enzymol.
 Mol. Cell. Endocrinol.
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 Nature (Lond.)
 Nature (Paris)
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 Pharmacol. Rev.
 Physiol. Rev.
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 Vitam. Horm.
 World Anim. Rev.
 Z. Tierz. Zuchtungsbiol.
 Zentralbl. Veterinaermed. Reihe

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 16. Avoid jargon unfamiliar to scientists from other disciplines (e.g., dry, open, ugly, cross, buller cow, teaser, gomer). Do not use the term “head” to refer to an animal or group of animals. Instead, use animal, sow, ewe, mare, steer, heifer, cattle, etc.
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Physical units

Item	Unit
Bq	becquerel
°C	degree Celsius

cal	calorie
Ci	curie
cM	centimorgan (spell out morgan if used without a prefix)
Da	dalton
dpm	disintegrations/minute
Eq	equivalent
g	gram
ha	hectare
Hz	hertz
IU	international unit
J	joule
kb	kilobase(s)
L	liter
lx	lux
m	meter
<i>M</i>	molar (concentration)
mol	mole
<i>N</i>	normal (concentration)
Pa	pascal
ppb	parts/billion parts
ppm	parts/million parts
ppt	parts/trillion parts
t	metric ton (1,000 kg)
V	volt
W	watt

Units of time

Item	Unit
s	second
min	minute
h	hour
d	day
wk	week
mo	month
yr	year

Statistical symbols and abbreviations^a

Item	Term
ANOVA	analysis of variance
CV	coefficient of variation
df	degree(s) of freedom
<i>F</i>	<i>F</i> -distribution (variance ratio)
LSD	least significant difference
<i>n</i>	sample size (used parenthetically or in footnotes)
<i>P</i>	probability
<i>r</i>	simple correlation coefficient
<i>r</i> ²	simple coefficient of determination
<i>R</i>	multiple correlation coefficient

R ²	multiple coefficient of determination
s ²	variance (sample)
SD	standard deviation (sample)
SE	standard error
SEM	standard error of the mean
<i>t</i>	<i>t</i> - (or Student) distribution
\bar{x}	mean (sample)
α	probability of Type I error
β	probability of Type II error
μ	mean (population)
σ	standard deviation (population)
σ^2	variance (population)
χ^2	chi-squared distribution

^aThe symbols †, *, **, and *** are normally used to show significance at the *P* = 0.10, 0.05, 0.01, and 0.001 levels, respectively. Significance at other levels should be specifically designated.

Multiplying prefixes

Item	Prefix	Factor
G	giga-	(× 10 ⁹)
M	mega-	(× 10 ⁶)
k	kilo-	(× 10 ³)
d ^a	deci-	(× 10 ⁻¹)
c ^a	centi-	(× 10 ⁻²)
m	milli-	(× 10 ⁻³)
μ	micro-	(× 10 ⁻⁶)
n	nano-	(× 10 ⁻⁹)
p	pico-	(× 10 ⁻¹²)
f	femto-	(× 10 ⁻¹⁵)
a	atto-	(× 10 ⁻¹⁸)

^aAvoid when possible.

Others

Item	Term
AA	amino acid(s)
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone
ADF	acid detergent fiber (assumed sequential unless designated otherwise)
ADFI	average daily feed intake (not to be confused with DMI)
ADG	average daily gain
ADIN	acid detergent insoluble nitrogen
ADL	acid detergent lignin
ADP	adenosine diphosphate
AI	artificial insemination
AIA	acid insoluble ash
ARS	Agricultural Research Service
Assoc.	Association
ATP	adenosine triphosphate
avg	average (use only in tables, not in the text)
BLUP	best linear unbiased prediction

bp	base pair
BSA	bovine serum albumin
Bull.	Bulletin
BW	body weight (not after feed deprivation unless designated otherwise)
Circ.	Circular
cfu	colony-forming unit
CoA	coenzyme A
Co-EDTA	cobalt ethylenediaminetetraacetate
Coll.	College
Conf.	Conference
Congr.	Congress
CP	crude protein (N × 6.25)
D	dextro-
DE	digestible energy
DEAE	(dimethylamino)ethyl (as in DEAE-cellulose)
DFD	dark, firm, and dry (meat)
DM	dry matter
DMI	dry matter intake
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
EBV	estimated breeding value
eCG	equine chorionic gonadotropin
ed.	edition, editor(s)
EDTA	ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
EFA	essential fatty acid
e.g.,	for example
EIA	enzymeimmunoassay
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
EPD	expected progeny difference
Eq.	Equation(s)
et al.	et alia
etc.	et cetera
Exp.	experiment (always followed by a numeral)
Ext.	extension
FFA	free fatty acid(s)
FSH	follicle-stimulating hormone
<i>g</i>	gravity
GE	gross energy
GLC	gas-liquid chromatography
GLM	general linear model
GnRH	gonadotropin-releasing hormone
GH	growth hormone
GHRH	growth hormone-releasing hormone
hCG	human chorionic gonadotropin
HEPES	<i>N</i> -(2-hydroxyethyl)piperazine- <i>N'</i> -2-ethanesulfonic acid
HPLC	high performance (pressure) liquid chromatography
i.d.	inside diameter
i.e.	that is
IGF	insulin-like growth factor
i.m.	intramuscular(ly)
Inst.	institute
i.p.	intraperitoneal(ly)
i.v.	intravenous(ly)
IVDMD	in vitro dry matter disappearance
L	levo-

LD ₅₀	lethal dose 50%	RIA	radioimmunoassay
LH	luteinizing hormone	RNA	ribonucleic acid
LHRH	luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone	rpm	revolutions/minute (not to be used to indicate centrifugal force)
ME	metabolizable energy	s.c.	subcutaneous(ly)
Misc.	miscellaneous	SDS	sodium dodecyl sulfate
Monogr.	monograph	ST	somatotropin
NAD	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide	sp., spp.	one species, several species
NADH	reduced form of NAD	SSC	saline-sodium citrate buffer
Natl.	national	SSPE	saline-sodium phosphate-EDTA buffer
NDF	neutral detergent fiber	Sta.	station
NE	net energy	Suppl.	supplement
NE _g	net energy for gain	Symp.	symposium
NE _l	net energy for lactation	TDN	total digestible nutrients
NE _m	net energy for maintenance	Tech.	technical
NEFA	nonesterified fatty acid	TLC	thin layer chromatography
No.	number (use only in tables, not in the text)	Tris	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane
o.d.	outside diameter	univ.	university
OM	organic matter	USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
PAGE	polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis	UV	ultraviolet
PBS	phosphate-buffered saline	VFA	volatile fatty acid
PCR	polymerase chain reaction	vol	volume
PG	prostaglandin	vol/vol	volume/volume (used only in parentheses)
PMSG	pregnant mare's serum gonadotropin	vs	versus
PSE	pale, soft, and exudative (meat)	wt	weight (use only in tables, not in the text)
Publ.	publication	wt/vol	weight/volume (used only in parentheses)
PUFA	polyunsaturated fatty acid(s)	wt/wt	weight/weight (used only in parentheses)
QTL	quantitative trait locus (loci)	×	multiplied by or crossed with
Rep.	Report		
RFLP	restriction fragment length polymorphism		
