

Southern Section ASAS
Instructions for Abstract Submission-2009 Meeting

DUE DATE: MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11:59 p.m. CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME ON, OCTOBER 15, 2008.

All abstracts must be submitted electronically via the World Wide Web:
<http://www.asas.org/southern/2009/>

Instructions for submitting the abstract are available on the Web site. Again this year, **you will be required to register with the system. This personalized account allows for the management and storage of multiple abstracts submitted for this meeting.** When you submit your abstract, you will be given a **tracking number** and **password**. Make a note of these, they will allow you to revise your submitted abstract at any time before the deadline. After the deadline it will not be possible to submit abstracts.

Submission Restrictions: Due to space restrictions, submissions are limited. Space limitations allow a maximum of **2,300** keystrokes (including characters, spaces, and punctuation). Begin count at the title and end count with the last key word or end of a table if one is included. Abstracts that are too long will be rejected automatically by the system. Coding for special characters is not included in the total keystroke count. If you must use boldface, italic or sub-/superscript type anywhere in the abstract, consult the Text Attributes Coding information below. This special coding is not counted in the 2,300 allowed keystrokes. Special characters such as Greek letters and math symbols are available on the electronic submission form itself.

Section Preferences/Topics:

Breeding and Genetics	Physiology
Extension	Ruminant Animal Production
Graduate Student Competition	Small Ruminant Production
Meats	Teaching and Undergraduate Education
Pastures and Forages	Undergraduate Student Competition

If Your Abstract Includes a Table:

If your abstract includes a table the keystroke limit will be 1800 for the abstract and 500 for the table. The electronic submission form does allow submission of tables. The printed abstract width allows for 70 keystrokes per line, including spaces; the system also limits tables to a maximum of 10 columns and 15 rows; keep this in mind when formatting the table. **Tables that are too wide are not printable.** You must also include coding for text attributes in the table. This includes the italicization, superscripting, and subscripting of numbers and letters in the table and the footnotes.

Text Attributes Coding Information

When special characters or fonts, such as Greek characters, superscripts, or subscripts are needed, indicate these by the following choosing from the character set at the top of the page, or inserting coding as follows:

To make a character superscript, type	<code>^{3}^</code> (superscript 3 in this example)
To make a character subscript, type	<code>_{2}_</code> (subscript 2 in this example)
To make a character bold type	<code>word</code> the result will be word
To italicize a character type	<code><i>word</i></code> the result will be <i>word</i>
To underline a character type	<code><u>word</u></code> the result will be <u>word</u>

Do not insert any extra spaces between the coding string and the adjacent characters in a word or expression. Do not use your word processor's attribute functions to create bold, italic, or super-/subscripts. You must use the coding given above. Special math and Greek characters are available from a grid across the top on the submission form itself; just click on the character you wish to insert. If your abstract includes a table, you must also include coding for text attributes in the table. This includes the superscripting and subscripting of numbers and letters in the table and the footnotes.

Please Note: Characters you choose from the boxes always appear at the end of the text already present in the abstract text area. If you have pasted your abstract into the text area from another word processor file, any special character you choose will appear at the end of your abstract. Simply highlight the code for this character then cut and paste it into the correct location in the abstract text.

Questions: After reading these instructions, if you have any questions regarding submission, contact FASS Headquarters Office (abstract@assochq.org).