

# THE AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL AGRICULTURE

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The Australian Journal of Experimental Agriculture is the new name for the Australian Journal of Experimental Agriculture and Animal Husbandry. Despite this change, the Journal will continue to publish papers in the fields of applied agriculture and animal husbandry. The change in name is one of the recommendations of a recent review of the Journal. The review was completed in 1984, and concluded that minor management changes, some promotional activities and a new name were all that was needed to meet the expressed desire for continuance and further development. The existing editorial standards are to be maintained, although it was recommended that the extent of salvaging substandard papers be reduced. The Journal will still be published by the CSIRO for the Australian Agricultural Council under the direction of the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

In the early 1980s, the size of the Journal decreased, because of fewer papers being submitted and a lower acceptance rate. However, over the last 2-3 years more good quality papers have been submitted so that about 150 papers and 1100 pages are scheduled for publication in 1985. The increased demand for publication has led to delays in publication, despite the best efforts of the editors. Referees can help reduce this delay by returning their reports promptly; authors can help by thoroughly preparing their manuscripts before submission.

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