General Information: Members are encouraged to submit research, teaching, and extension papers. Oral papers or posters should consist of original, completed work that has not been accepted for publication in a journal. Members are encouraged to present research reports in poster sessions to expand the presentation of material, to facilitate discussion of research results among members, and to diversify the meeting format. Authors need to be aware of patent considerations before submitting abstracts for publication.

Abstract Submission Guidelines: All abstracts must be submitted electronically via the World Wide Web, at http://www.fass.org/2005. Instructions for submitting the abstract are available on the web site. After the deadline, it will not be possible to submit abstracts. 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.

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.

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