General Information: Members are encouraged to submit original research, teaching, and extension abstracts. Oral presentations or posters should consist of original, completed work that has not been accepted for publication in a journal. Members are encouraged to present research findings 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.

No-Show Policy: Because of an increase in nonmember no-shows for posters and oral sessions, the following policy has been implemented for the 2015 Joint Annual Meeting: If an abstract is accepted, the author(s) must attend the meeting to present. If a nonmember presenter is not registered for the 2015 Joint Annual Meeting by April 3, 2015, the abstract will not be published. It will be removed from the program and will no longer be available for presentation at the meeting.

Abstract Submission Guidelines: All abstracts must be submitted electronically via the internet at

http://www.jtmtg.org/2015/

Instructions for submitting the abstract are available on the website. 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 the count at the title and end the count with the last key word or end of a table, if one is included. The word count does not include authors and their affiliations. The
system will automatically reject abstracts that are too long. Special characters, such as Greek letters and math symbols, are available on the electronic submission form itself.

**Abstract Requirements:** The author submitting the abstract is responsible for its content and the quality of the preparation.

Abstracts are required for all submitted papers, all invited papers, and all symposium presentations.

Individual program committees have the responsibility of accepting or rejecting abstracts. Criteria for acceptance or rejection will include those outlined in these instructions and the “Quality Standards for Abstracts” at http://www.jtmtg.org/2015/, as well as originality, clarity, and merit. Consolidation of results into one combined abstract is urged whenever possible.

The Overall Program Chair has the authority to restrict the number of abstracts accepted. The program committee chairs have the authority to restrict the number of presentations per presenter. However, there is no limit on the number of abstracts an individual may submit. Individual program committee chairs also have the prerogative of placing papers submitted for oral presentation into a poster presentation, or vice versa. If withdrawal of an abstract becomes necessary, notify Geoff Dahl (gdahl@ufl.edu), Overall Program Chair, and Jeremy Holzner (jeremyh@assochq.org) immediately.

**Author Notification:** Authors will be sent an e-mail by March 30, 2015, indicating the status (accept or reject) of their abstract. As soon as the program is finalized with days, times, and locations, authors will be notified and this information will be posted on the meeting website at http://www.jtmtg.org/2015/.

**Presentation Information:**

- **Oral Presentation Information:** Each session room will be equipped with a computer and an LCD projector. Presentation files must be compatible with Microsoft PowerPoint 2007. Files can be uploaded through the abstract system in advance of the meeting or accepted on site by 5 p.m. on the day before your presentation. No files will be accepted in the session room. The use of personal laptops will not be permitted. If you require special equipment, please complete the "Special A/V Needs Request Form" posted at http://www.jtmtg.org/2015/.

  Detailed information on oral presentations will be posted on the website at http://www.jtmtg.org/2015/. The usual scheduled time for the presentation of each oral paper is 12 minutes, with 3 minutes for questions, discussion, and speaker transition. Individual program committee chairs have the prerogative of asking some presenters to use a time other than 15 minutes.

- **Poster Presentation Information:** Presenters must be present at their poster for 2 hours (7:30 to 9:30 a.m.) on the day of their presentation. The boards will be 48 inches (121.9 cm) high and 96 inches (243.8 cm) wide. Presenters must furnish their own tacks or stick pins (no Velcro). All posters are required to be up by 7:30 a.m. on the day of the presentation and should remain up until 5:30 p.m.
Individual program committee chairs have the prerogative of placing papers submitted for oral presentation into a poster presentation, or vice versa. Please check the schedule carefully to ensure you know the type of presentation you have been scheduled for as well as the date and time of the presentation or poster.

If your abstract includes a table: The electronic submission form allows submission of 1 table per abstract (optional). The keystroke limit will be 1,800 keystrokes for the abstract and 500 for the table. 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 you are formatting tables. Tables that are too wide are not printable.

Abstract Categories
In an effort to help streamline the submission process, we have updated the abstract submission system. Immediately after entering your author and institution information, you will be asked to categorize your abstract by answering the question, “What type of abstract are you submitting?” The following categories will be available:

- A regular section abstract
- An invited (symposium) abstract
- An ADSA graduate student poster or oral competition abstract
- An ADSA-SAD undergraduate student competition abstract
- An ADSA or ASAS sectional graduate student competition abstract
- An ASAS undergraduate competition abstract
- An ASAS companion animal graduate student competition abstract

The sections available will depend on the category chosen. A full list of available sections is shown below.

Section Preferences
The following are possible sections to which you may submit your abstract:

- ADSA Multidisciplinary and International Leadership Keynote (MILK) Symposium (invited speakers only)
- ADSA Production Division Symposium (invited speakers only)
- ADSA Southern Section Symposium (invited speakers only)
- ADSA-ASAS Northeast Section Symposium
- Animal Behavior and Well-Being
- Animal Health
- ARPAS Symposium (invited speakers only)
- ASAS Cell Biology Symposium (invited speakers only)
Beef Species
Bioethics
Breeding and Genetics
Companion Animals
Comparative Physiology of Lower Gut
Contemporary and Emerging Issues
Dairy Foods
  Cheese
  Chemistry
  Dairy Products
  Microbiology
  Processing
Extension Education
Food Safety
Forages and Pastures
ADSA Graduate Student Symposium (invited speakers only)
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Graduate Student Competitions
  ADSA Dairy Foods Oral Competition (graduate)
  ADSA Dairy Foods Poster Competition (graduate)
  ADSA Production MS Oral Competition (graduate)
  ADSA Production PhD Oral Competition (graduate)
  ADSA Production Poster MS Competition (graduate)
  ADSA Production Poster PhD Competition (graduate)
  ADSA-ASAS Northeast Section Oral Competition (graduate)
  ADSA Southern Section Oral Competition (graduate)
  ASAS Companion Animals Competition (graduate)
Growth and Development
Horse Species
International Animal Agriculture
Lactation Biology
Meat Science and Muscle Biology
Milk Protein and Enzymes
Nonruminant Nutrition
Physiology and Endocrinology
Production, Management, and the Environment
Ruminant Nutrition
  Beef
  Dairy
  Other Ruminants
  General Ruminant Nutrition

Small Ruminant

Swine Species

Teaching/Undergraduate and Graduate Education

Triennial Reproduction Symposium (invited speakers only)

Undergraduate Student Paper Competition
  ADSA-SAD (Student Affiliate Division) Undergraduate Competitions
    SAD-Dairy Foods Oral Competition (undergraduate)
    SAD-Dairy Production Oral Competition (undergraduate)
    SAD-Original Research Oral Competition (undergraduate)
    SAD-Original Research Poster Competition (undergraduate)
  ASAS Undergraduate Student Poster Competition (undergraduate)

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