



ATTENTION:

Agriculture, Food System, and Community Development Practitioners and Applied Researchers

The *Journal of Agriculture and Food Systems Development* announces its

INAUGURAL Call for Papers

The *Journal of Agriculture and Food Systems Development* is a *NEW* online, international, peer-reviewed journal focused on applied research and best practices in the development of thriving farming communities and sustainable food systems. Peer reviewers include development practitioners, organization and agency staff, faculty, graduate students, consultants, and farmers from around the world with expertise in a wide range of agriculture and food systems issues as they relate to community, ecological sustainability, and economic development. The Journal is online at www.AgDevJournal.com.

Authors are invited to submit papers under one of two categories:

1. OPEN CALL

Beginning November 15, 2009, the Journal welcomes papers at *any time on any subject related to the development aspects of agriculture and food systems.*

Content can focus specifically on conservation and farmland protection, value-adding, cooperative marketing, value chains, distribution, farm labor, market research, consumer decision-making drivers, and other topics. Authors are encouraged to submit applied research papers, commentary, and thought-provoking articles that inform the emerging field of agriculture and food systems development. Faculty and students, Extension and other educators, planners, consultants, staff with farm agencies and farm and community organizations, and farmers are invited to submit material.

2. SPECIAL TOPIC CALL

GROWING FARMERS:
Evaluations of, Recent Innovations in, and Best Practices for Young Farmer, New Farmer, Small Farmer, and Farm Transfer Programs, Incubators, Networks, and Alliances

Submissions will be accepted from Nov. 15, 2009, through February 15, 2010.

A growing number of communities and regions throughout the world have established innovative programs to encourage the establishment, retention, and expansion of farms, farmers, and farmland. In this inaugural special topic call for papers, the Journal encourages applied research papers, policy analysis, commentary, and thought-provoking articles describing innovations and best practices in this area, as well as evaluations of the effectiveness and impacts of programs.

For both calls, manuscripts should focus on the ***practical application of these innovations***: the organization and mechanics of a program or strategy; engagement of stakeholders; challenges and unique solutions; impact analysis; and lessons learned. These papers should inspire and inform new and existing community development efforts to establish and sustain farms. Papers that feature survey results with descriptive statistics, or case studies featuring best practices (or even post-mortem analyses), are highly encouraged.

FOR DETAILS on these inaugural calls for papers and submission guidelines, visit www.AgDevJournal.com.