

Lawrence R. Schaeffer Editorial Work

- 1994 -present Acta Agriculturae Scandinavica, Board
- 1989 2006 Livestock Production Science, Board
- 1990 -present J of Animal Breeding and Genetics, Associate Ed.
- 1986 -1992 Genetique, Selection, Evolution, Board.
- 1989 -1990 Canadian J Animal Science, Associate Ed.
- 1989 -1992 J Dairy Science, Board.

The number of papers reviewed each year were not counted. At the peak, I was reviewing one paper a week for two years (Thanks mostly to George Wiggans). Now I see no more than one per month, but they seem to come in batches. Also, many of the papers today deal with molecular genetics so that I often have to refuse to review papers outside my expertise.

The online review systems are great at getting reviews done quickly, and the online publication of articles makes work more widely available.

At one time I thought I wanted to start a new journal for animal breeding, but that idea was not widely supported by AGDG. There were enough journals already, and they just needed to be improved a little. I am glad this idea never got off the ground, I would not have had time for anything else. At the same time, the field of animal breeding seems to be dwindling in numbers of faculty and programs at various universities, with an increase in faculty in molecular genetics areas of research. Eventually we will be able to "see" the genes of organisms and make modifications to them, and thus, traditional animal breeding approaches will not be needed.