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Volume 78 of the *Journal of Food Protection*, published in 2015, contained 2,312 pages and 302 articles, which included 295 research papers (including research notes), and 7 review, general interest, and supplement papers (Table 1). By comparison, Volume 77 published in 2014 contained 2,224 pages and 295 articles, which included 290 research papers (including research notes), and 5 review, general interest, and supplement papers. Thus, Volume 78 contained seven more articles than Volume 77.

The average length of time between receipt of manuscripts and their publication remained the same in 2015 compared with 2014. More than 66, 91, and 98% of the manuscripts accepted for publication were in print within 8, 10, and 12 months of submission, respectively. The average time from submission to publication was 8 months. The primary reasons for publication of articles more than 12 months following submission are delays by authors in revising manuscripts, reading proofs, or submitting appropriate paperwork.

The *Journal of Food Protection* continues to have an excellent worldwide reputation and appeal. Researchers from countries other than the United States authored 160 (53%) of the articles in Volume 78, a decrease from the 56% for Volume 77. Forty countries were represented by corresponding authors in Volume 78 including (number of articles in parentheses): China (24); Canada (17); Korea (17); Italy (12); Japan (9); Belgium and Spain (6); Australia, Brazil, and Germany (5 each); Mexico and Poland (4 each); France, Greece, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom (3 each); Colombia, Czech Republic, Ireland, Jordan, Latvia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Norway, Portugal, and Romania (2 each); and Argentina, Burkina Faso, Chile, Denmark, Egypt, Ghana, Iraq, Israel, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, and Turkey (1 each).

In Volume 78, there were 142 (47%) articles authored by researchers in the United States. Corresponding authors represented institutions in 32 states and the District of

Columbia. The top U.S. states represented were (number of research articles in parentheses): Maryland (18); Georgia (16); Pennsylvania (11); Texas (9); Illinois and Ohio (7 each); California, Nebraska, North Carolina, and Tennessee (6 each); New York (5); Alabama, Kansas, Virginia, and Wisconsin (4 each); and Colorado, Florida, and South Carolina (3 each).

The Editorial Board of the *Journal* ended 2015 with 159 members. In addition to the U.S. members, the Editorial Board included 46 international members representing Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Members serve 3-year terms and many accept additional 3-year appointments. Anyone interested in reviewing manuscripts on an ad hoc basis or serving on the Editorial Board should make this interest known in a letter to one of the Editors, being sure to describe their area of expertise. Selection of new members is made in the fall of the year and is based on technical expertise needed to balance the Board. The Scientific Editors deeply appreciate the hard work and dedication of the members of the Editorial Board. It is through their diligence and professionalism that the quality of the research reported in the *Journal of Food Protection* remains at the highest level. The Scientific Editors also wish to thank all of those individuals who volunteered as ad hoc reviewers for 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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TABLE 1. Summary of contents of the Journal of Food Protection (2009–2015)

Item	Volume/Year						
	72/2009	73/2010	74/2011	75/2012	76/2013	77/2014	78/2015
Total pages	2,688	2,352	2,232	2,308	2,188	2,224	2,312
1. Total papers published	375	287	296	306	291	295	302
a. Research papers							
i. Number	365	267	288	295	276	290	295
ii. Pages	2,378	1,819	1,952	2,030	1,856	2,021	2,083
iii. Percentage of total pages	88	77	87.4	88	85	91	90.1
b. Review/general interest/supplement papers							
i. Number	10	20	8	11	15	5	7
ii. Pages	96	397	149	148	196	75	106
iii. Percentage of total pages	3.5	17	6.7	6.4	9	3.3	4.6
2. Errata/retractions							
i. Number	3	1	3	3	2	0	3
ii. Pages	2	0 <sup>a</sup>	0 <sup>a</sup>	1	0 <sup>a</sup>	0	0 <sup>a</sup>
iii. Percentage of total pages	0.07	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Letters to the editor							
i. Number	0	2	1	1	1	0	1
ii. Pages	0	6	2	2	4	0	7
iii. Percentage of total pages	0	0.2	0.09	0	0.1	0	0.3
4. Other (contents, index, editors' report, forms, ads, etc.)							
Pages	212	130	129	127	132	128	116
Percentage of total pages	7.9	5.5	5.8	5.5	6	5.7	5

<sup>a</sup> Less than one page each.