

**Midwestern Section ASAS and Midwest Branch ADSA
March 17-19, 2008**

Instructions for Abstract Submission-2008

DUE DATE: MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11:59 p.m. CDT October 24, 2007

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. Special dedicated poster discussion times have been planned for late Monday and Tuesday afternoons in the program.

All abstracts must be submitted electronically via the World Wide Web:

<http://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2008/>

Instructions for submitting the abstract are available on the Web site. **You will be required to register with the system. This personalized account allows for the management and storage of multiple abstracts submitted for this meeting.** When you submit your abstract, you will set up a login (your email address) and **password**. You will also receive a tracking number. Make a note of these, they will allow you to revise your submitted abstract at any time before the deadline. After the deadline it will not be possible to submit abstracts.

Submission Restrictions: Due to space restrictions, submissions are limited. 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.

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

Individual Program Committees have the responsibility to accept or reject abstracts. Criteria for acceptance or rejection will include those outlined in these instructions and "Quality Standards for Abstracts" (<http://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2008/>) as well as originality, clarity, and merit. The appropriate program committee may ask for minor clarifications and corrections prior to acceptance; however, revisions are not permitted for competitive abstracts (NPB, Innovation in Dairy Research, and Graduate/Undergraduate).

Invited Abstracts: If you are an invited speaker, you should answer "Yes" to Option 6 when submitting the abstract. This will notify the Section Chair that this abstract is invited.

Competition and Award Papers: Remember, the Graduate Competition has been divided into M.S. and Ph.D. student divisions, and includes both oral and poster competitions. Abstracts will be presented in separate sessions, one oral and one poster session for the M.S. division and one oral and one poster session for the Ph.D. division. Each institution may submit the research papers of two (2) M.S. and two (2) Ph.D. graduate students for both the oral and poster competitions. If two (2) student papers are submitted in either category of a division (M.S. or

Ph. D.), the home department must rank these as first and second at the time of submission as noted below. In the event there are a large number of submissions, only students' papers ranked first in their home departments will be included in the competition. Also, each oral competition abstract may also be presented in the appropriate subject matter session. On submission, check appropriate competition session in the First Section Preference. If you wish to also present in your subject matter session, answer yes to Option 3, and check the appropriate section in the Second Section Preference. **Note:** To be eligible for the competition, a web-printed copy of the abstract must be submitted accompanied by a letter of nomination from the graduate students' department head to Dr. Catherine W. Ernst, Michigan State University, 3385 Anthony Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824-1225; fax 517-432-0753 no later than October 31. This letter of nomination should indicate institutional rankings of competitors if two (2) students are entered in a single competition category. For institutions with more than one department, multiple letters will be accepted, but departments are encouraged to coordinate nominations in order to rank competitors. See <http://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2008/> for complete details.

Undergraduates are encouraged to compete in the Academic Quadrathlon and the Undergraduate Research Oral or Poster Competitions. The number of undergraduates from one institution who can submit and present research competition papers is not limited. Like the graduate competition abstracts, each undergraduate oral competition abstract may also be presented in the appropriate subject matter session. On submission, check appropriate competition session in the First Section Preference. If you wish to also present in your subject matter session, answer yes to Option 1, and check the appropriate section in the Second Section Preference. Each student must identify the abstract as a competitive paper on the web submission form and mail a copy printed from the web to Dr. Catherine W. Ernst, Michigan State University, 3385 Anthony Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824-1225; fax 517-432-0753 no later than October 31. See <http://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2008/> for complete details.

If you wish to be considered for the Dairy Innovation Award or a National Pork Board Innovation Award you must check the appropriate box on the abstract submission form. See the web site for complete nomination information for all awards.

If your abstract includes a table the keystroke limit will be 1800 for the abstract and 500 for the table. The electronic submission form does allow submission of tables. 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 formatting the table. Tables that are too wide are not printable. You must also include coding for text attributes in the table. This includes the italicization, superscripting, and subscripting of numbers and letters in the table and the footnotes.

Text Attributes Coding Information

When special characters or fonts, such as Greek characters, superscripts, or subscripts are needed, indicate these by the following TeX coding:

To make a character superscript, type	<code>^{3}</code> (superscript 3 in this example)
To make a character subscript, type	<code>_{2}</code> (subscript 2 in this example)
To insert a hat above a character, type	<code>h{a}h</code> (â in this example)
To make a character bold type	<code>word</code> the result will be word
To italicize a character type	<code><i>word</i></code> the result with be <i>word</i>
To underline a character type	<code><u>word</u></code> the result with be <u>word</u>

Do not insert any extra spaces between the coding string and the adjacent characters in a word or expression. Do not use your word processor's attribute functions to create bold, italic, or super-/subscripts. You must use the coding given above. Special math and Greek characters are available from a grid on the submission form itself; just click on the character you wish to insert. If your abstract includes a table, you must also include coding for text attributes in the table. This includes the superscripting and subscripting of numbers and letters in the table and the footnotes.

Please Note: Coding for the special characters you choose will appear in the box directly below them. Simply highlight the code for this character then cut and paste it into the correct location in the abstract text.

Questions: After reading these instructions, if you have any questions regarding submission, contact FASS Headquarters Office (abstract@assoqh.org).

Author Notification: Authors of rejected abstracts will be sent an email stating why the abstract has been rejected. Check the web site after *January 7, 2008* for a list of accepted abstracts. As soon as the program is finalized with days, times and locations it will be on the Midwest Web site (<http://www.asas.org/midwestern/>). Printed programs will be mailed in January.

Poster Presentation Information: All posters will be in the Convention Complex, Exhibit Hall Room 206 from Monday 1:00 p.m. until Wednesday noon. Presenters will be scheduled to present their poster on either Monday or Tuesday 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The boards will be 4' high and 8' wide. Presenters must furnish their own tacks or stick pins (no Velcro). (see web site for poster guidelines <http://www.asas.org/midwestern/>).

Oral Presentation Information: Only LCD projectors will be available for presentations. Again for 2008 *all oral presentations must be uploaded on the FASS Abstract System by Monday, March 10, 2008*. Oral presentations must be compatible with PowerPoint 2003. Detailed information on presentations using LCD projectors and poster presentations can be found on the web site <http://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2008/>. Personal laptops will NOT be permitted for use during sessions.

Section Preferences:

Animal Behavior, Housing, & Well-Being
Breeding and Genetics
Extension – Beef/Small Ruminant
Extension - Swine
Extension - Dairy
Growth, Development, Muscle Biology,
and Meat Science
Nonruminant Nutrition
Odor and Nutrient Management
Physiology

Ruminant Nutrition
Teaching
Graduate Student Oral Competition-M.S.
Graduate Student Oral Competition-Ph.D.
Graduate Student Poster Competition-M.S.
Graduate Student Poster Competition-Ph.D.
Undergraduate Student Oral Competition
Undergraduate Student Poster Competition
Billy Day Symposium - Invited papers only
David Baker Symposium - Invited papers only

NOTE: Graduate Students and Undergraduate Students entering the various Oral Student Competitions may present their abstract in a section as well as in the competition. Be sure to make the Graduate Student Oral Competition or Undergraduate Student Oral Competition section your first preference, answer yes to Option 1, and make the additional section you wish to present in your second section preference. Graduate Students and Undergraduate Students entering the various Poster Competitions will have your posters located within a disciplinary section. Be sure to make the

Graduate Student Poster Competition or Undergraduate Student Poster Competition your first preference and make the section where you wish to have your poster located your second section preference.