

Plant and Soil Sciences Research Report

Manuscript submission and publication procedures

1. All submitted manuscripts must have at least one author who is affiliated with the Plant and Soil Sciences Department at the University of Kentucky.
2. Students and staff may be the primary author of submitted manuscripts, however the faculty director of their program should be named as well.
3. Submission of manuscripts as MS-word files is encouraged.
4. Research based manuscripts are encouraged and should generally follow the format:
 - a. Introduction and Justification
 - b. Materials and Methods
 - c. Results
 - d. Discussion and Conclusion
5. Manuscripts should be written at the level of a lay professional (ie county agent, industry representative etc.)
6. Reviews and/or opinion manuscripts will be considered on a case by case basis.
7. Length of manuscript: 5 to 10 pages suggested.
8. Submitted manuscripts will be assigned to 3 reviewers within the Plant and Soil Sciences Department. In the event the Editor deems there is insufficient expertise in the subject area to conduct the review within the department, outside reviewers will be sought.
9. Authors' identities will not be hidden from the reviewers.
10. Reviewers may remain anonymous at their discretion.
11. An effort will be made to return all reviews to the authors within in 4 weeks of submission.
12. For accepted manuscripts authors will be asked to respond to reviewer comments and the Editor will determine if the reviewer concerns have been adequately addressed.
13. Corrected manuscripts will be formatted and proofs returned to the primary author.
14. Completed papers will be published on the PSSRR webpage.