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2008 Western Region AAE Research Conference Research Paper Review Process

Two thousand eight marks the 27th year for the Western Region AAE Research Conference. A total of 30 paper proposals were submitted for the 2008 conference and were “blindly” peer-reviewed by a minimum of three agricultural and extension educators not located at the same institution as any of the authors. Each reviewer evaluated the papers on an eleven-point scale based upon an established criterion for both quantitative and qualitative papers. An online database was used distribute manuscripts and to collect scores from reviewers. After all of the papers were scored, the raw scores of reviewers were aggregated and z scores were computed. Once this process was complete, the 21 papers receiving the highest z scores were selected for presentation at Park City, Utah. This represents a 70.0% acceptance rate. After papers were reviewed and selected for presentation, reviewers’ comments were returned to the authors for their use in improving the papers submitted ultimately for publication in these proceedings.

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