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Weed Science continues to be one of the premier journals in the discipline and in the agronomic sciences. The Editorial Board and the staff strive to improve the efficiency of the publication process and improve the scope of the journal. *Weed Science* is seeking to publish more reviews and symposium articles. This year, *Weed Science* will publish a special issue of *Weed Science* that will serve as a research methods book, and another special issue from the WSSA Herbicide Resistance Summit II is being planned.

For the 12 mo preceding September 1, 2014, 207 manuscripts were submitted to *Weed Science* compared to 211 in the previous 12-mo period. Of the manuscripts accepted, 66% were accepted, compared to 63% the previous year. The time from submission to first decision was 45 d this past year compared to 47 d for the previous year.

Table 1 shows the impact factor and article influence score for *Weed Science* and other related journals for 2012. The impact factor for *Weed Science* declined slightly from 1.759 to 1.684 from 2011 to 2012, while the 5-yr impact factor increased from 1.770 to 1.835.

For the year preceding September 1, 2014, the journal depended on 264 unique reviewers from 30 countries for peer review. The excellent reputation of the journal would not be possible without the cutting edge research submitted by authors, the diligent work of the editorial board, and the hundreds of referred reviews that are submitted annually. I wish to thank the members of the editorial board and reviewers for 2014.

Table 1. Impact factor of *Weed Science* and comparable journals in 2012 (2012 Journal Citation Report 2014).

Journal	2012 Impact factor	Article influence score[a]
Weed Science	1.684	0.553
Weed Research	2.015	0.572
Crop Protection	1.539	0.472
Crop Science	1.478	0.554

[a] Article influence score takes into account the impact factor of the journals doing the citing.

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