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Call for papers

It is great pleasure to announce about the launch of a new journal providing a scholarly forum for the discussion of the most crucial issues of agricultural policy and food security. Journal of Agricultural Policy and Food Security (APFS) offers a mixture of refereed papers taking a systematic view of the sustainable crop production systems, sociology and economics of crop production, agricultural development and access to food & nutrition. The journal will cover the principles and practice of crop production systems and food security per se, taking an overview of the subject and analyzing it with a broad perspective over its many component disciplines. To address the challenge of global food security, the journal will probe the constraints - physical, biological, socio-economic and political - which not only limit crop and food production but also the ability of people to access a healthy diet. *APFS* is crafted to become a world-class journal, publishing multi-disciplinary and geographically differentiated relationships between production systems, policy arenas and their inter-relationships.

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- Plant protection
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- Macroeconomic policy
- Trade policy
- International trade in food items
- Political economy of agricultural policy
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- Water quality

- Gender and agriculture development
- Policies for agricultural technology
- Agricultural research policy
- Agricultural prices policy
- Agricultural rural economy

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Except in the case of reviews, contributions will be no longer than the equivalent of ten (10) printed journal pages inclusive of tables, illustrations and references. Short communications will follow the requirements for original research papers but the text will not exceed 1000 words. A typical page of text in the journal will contain ~520 words. Manuscripts should be typed on A4 size, double spaced, with 3 cm margin on each side and paginated. All contributions will be subject to editorial revision. A full-length paper must be organized as:

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