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The 2024/2025 Regenerative Agriculture Special Collection



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Regenerative agriculture, also referred to as "climate-smart agriculture", "conservation agriculture", and "carbon farming" has been globally discussed in principle over a long time but it has seen a strong renewed interest from stakeholders recently. The urgent need to reduce agricultural emissions, sequester greater carbon, improve soil health, and enhance water and environmental quality has motivated governments, growers, researchers, and policymakers to bring greater acreage under regenerative management. The emerging voluntary carbon markets are allowing farmers to earn additional income by sequestering greater carbon in soils, thus incentivizing participation and adoption of principles and practices of regenerative agriculture. Many agricultural practices (e.g., reduced tillage, cover crops, crop rotations, agroforestry, pasture cropping, livestock integration, use of biochar/compost, circular systems, and several others) constitute the realm of regenerative agriculture, and their biophysical, technological, environmental, economic and social impacts are being constantly evaluated under different cropping systems and climatic conditions.

The 2024/2025 Regenerative Agriculture Special Collection welcomes papers from a wide range of topics and community contributions related to the evaluation of multidimensional impacts of regenerative agricultural practices, including but not limited to (1) biophysical impacts, i.e., on soil-plant-atmospheric continuum, resource use efficiency, etc.; (2) environmental, economic, and social outcomes; and (3) technological innovations that streamline and promote adoption of such practices. Experts from within ASABE as well as other synergistic disciplines are invited to participate.

Instructions for interested authors:

- Manuscripts must be submitted before 31 December 2024 to our open access *Journal of Natural Resources and Agricultural Ecosystems* (JNRAE) or one of our hybrid journals that offer optional open access, *Journal of the ASABE* (JASABE) or *Applied Engineering in Agriculture* (AEA). Review our <u>journal descriptions</u> before submitting. However, we appreciate it if you could submit your manuscript by 30 September 2024.
- 2) Submissions will follow ASABE procedures (<u>https://www.asabe.org/JournalAuthors</u>) and should use the latest template (<u>https://www.asabe.org/ManuscriptTemplates</u>).
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- 4) Papers included in the Special Collection will receive several additional benefits:
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Each paper will go through a full peer-review process following ASABE procedures. This collection requires contributions from many reviewers, and we expect that each author will serve as a reviewer for other manuscripts when requested.

We expect to make the first decision by 15 March 2025 and final acceptance by 15 June 2025. The accepted version of the paper will be published online as "in press" soon after acceptance. After each article is finalized, it will be published online in the journal. All articles will be listed together on a special collection web page when all are completed in Summer 2025. Papers not accepted by the final acceptance deadline will not be included in the Special Collection, although authors could choose to continue with the review process as a regular journal manuscript.

If you have any questions, please contact Kati at <u>klwhite@ufl.edu</u> or Srini at <u>sriniale@ag.tamu.edu</u>.

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