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## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Dear Colleagues,

This is the final issue of 2015.

It has been another great year for the IFAMR! We published 58 articles in 2015 and have already received 200 articles submitted for peer review as of October 31. Last year we didn't hit this 200 mark until December 26, so we are nearly two months ahead of the 2014 totals. Nice! A higher level of submissions reflects the greater demand to be published in the IFAMR, a broader awareness of the journal, and it allows us to be more selective.

We published a great Special Issue in 2015 edited by a team from USDA-ERS on the global poultry trade and have two Special Issues publishing in 2016—one on the global dairy trade and the other on the tangible applications of Big Data in agriculture. The Big Data issue is edited by a great industry-academia team that will unveil the publication during the annual IFAMA meeting in Aarhus, Denmark, June 19-23. If you have an interest in putting together and editing a Special Issue, drop me an email or skype (pgillinois).

Finally we have a great lineup of twelve articles in Volume 18 Issue 4: ten research manuscripts and two teaching case studies. This issue not only reflects the IFAMR's great tradition of research and teaching cases (check out our large online open access [Library of Teaching Cases](#), including Teaching Notes), but the breadth of IFAMR's focus on management problems, whether at a farm level, industrial level, or concerning the consumer stages of the global food and agribusiness value chain.

P.S. Hey, don't forget to submit a paper for the 2016 Best Paper competition at the annual conference in Aarhus, next June. Get a fast track review process, feedback to improve both the paper and presentation, big awards if you win, and publication in the IFAMR's September conference edition.

Enjoy the issue.

**Peter Goldsmith, Executive Editor, IFAMR**

