



Journal Editor Appointments for 2025

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Alan Franzluebbers will be the new Editor of *Agricultural & Environmental Letters*. He is a Research Ecologist with the USDA-ARS on the campus of North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC. He has more than 30 years of research experience, starting with a master's program in Nebraska; Ph.D. in Texas; postdoctoral position in Alberta, Canada; and as a soil scientist in Georgia and North Carolina.

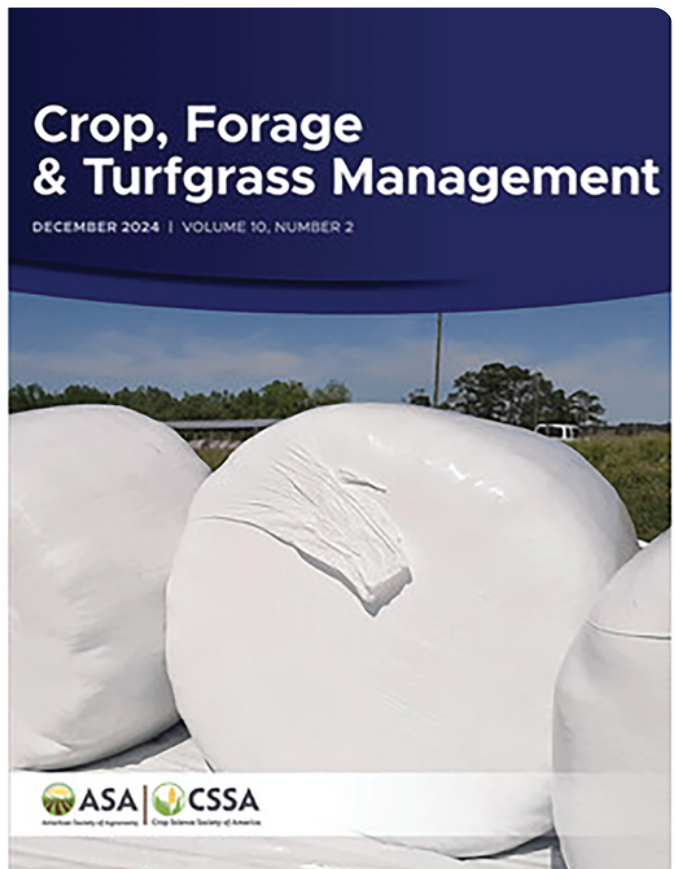
He has conducted research in soil ecology and management. Specifically, he has evaluated soil test biological activity in conservation cropping and managed grazing systems to estimate soil N availability. He has investigated soil carbon and nitrogen storage processes on long-term research sites as well as in collaboration with farmers in a distributed network. He is exploring the value of root zone enrichment of soil organic carbon and nitrogen to distinguish management-induced influences from

historical pedogenic processes.

Franzluebbers has a leadership role in the USDA Southeast Region Climate Hub, serves on the Board of Directors for the American Forage and Grassland Council, and has served on the Board of Directors for SSSA and several journal editorial boards.

Laura Lindsey

Laura Lindsey will be the new Editor of *Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management*. She is the Soybean and Small Grain Extension State Specialist at Ohio State University. She received her B.S. and M.S. degrees in Soil Science from Ohio State University and Ph.D. in Crop and Soil Sciences from Michigan State University. Her research and extension program focuses on agronomic practices to maximize yield and profitability while maintaining environmental sustainability.



John Taylor

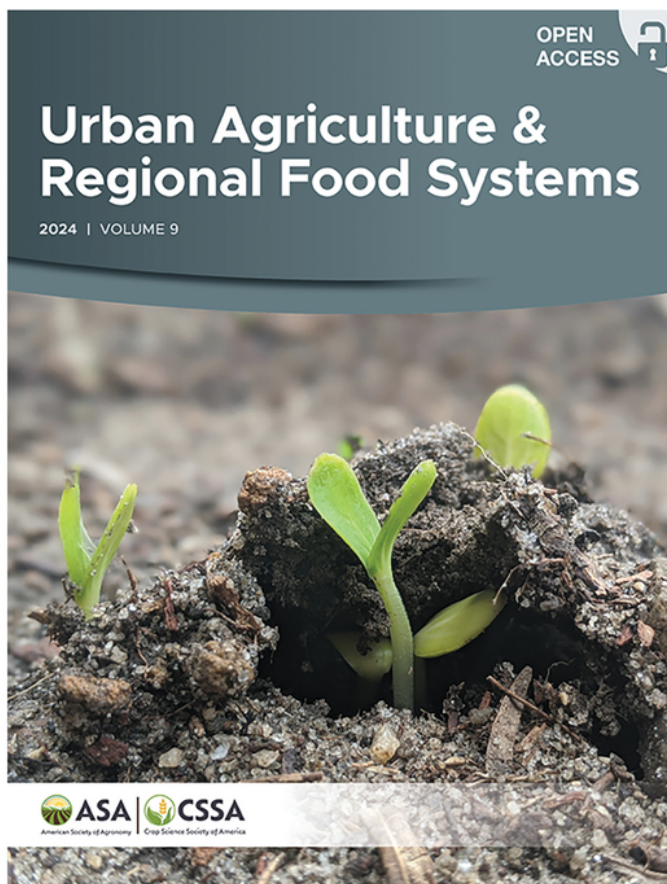
John Taylor currently serves as Interim Editor of *Urban Agriculture & Regional Food Systems*. In 2025, he will take on his first three-year term as Editor of the journal. He is an Associate Professor of Agroecology at the University of Rhode Island. A descendant of five generations of Pennsylvania farmers, he grew up on a 100-acre integrated crop–livestock farm near Pittsburgh.

He studied philosophy at the University of Chicago and subsequently managed federal education studies for 10 years. He returned to school to earn a second bachelor's degree in Horticulture at Michigan State University and then a master's degree in Landscape Architecture at the University of Michigan. After practicing landscape architecture in the Washington, DC area and then teaching in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, he returned to the Midwest to earn a Ph.D. in Crop Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign where he studied urban agriculture in Chicago.

Taylor's current research program on urban food systems combines his personal and professional interests in horticulture, food, cities, design, and sustainability.



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Wenwei Xu

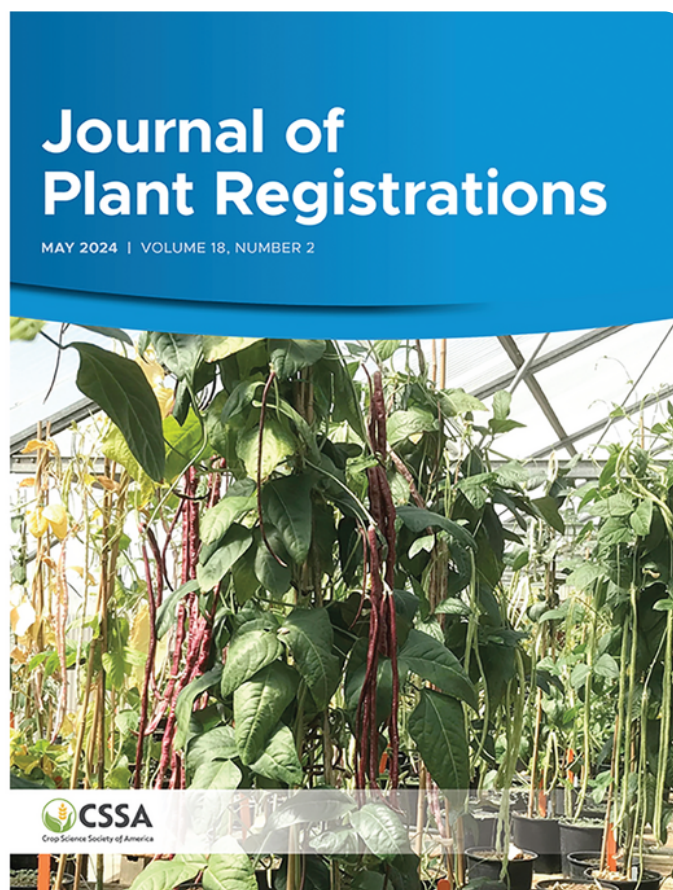
Wenwei Xu will be the new Editor of the *Journal of Plant Registrations*. Xu is a Texas A&M University Regents Fellow and a Professor of Corn Breeding and Genetics and has a joint appointment with Texas Tech University.

Xu received his B.S. degree in Agronomy from Agricultural University of Gansu Province in 1982 and his M.S. degree in Plant Breeding and Genetics from the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences in Beijing, China in 1985. He received his Ph.D. degree in Genetics in 1992 from the University of Missouri–Columbia.

Xu's current corn breeding program focuses on developing inbred lines and germplasm for improved drought and heat tolerance, insect (corn earworm, fall armyworm, and spider mites) resistance, mycotoxin resistance, and nutrition values by using conventional and molecular breeding methodology and by transferring desired traits from tropical germplasm and wild species to elite corn germplasm adapted to temperate and subtropical environments.



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Reappointments

Bingru Huang has been reappointed to a second three-year term as Editor-in-Chief of CSSA.

Silvia Pampana has been reappointed to a second three-year term as Editor of *Agronomy Journal*.

Mike Gore has been reappointed to a second three-year term as Editor of *The Plant Phenome Journal*.

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