



Archivos de Zootecnia. Editorial Report 2023

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SUMMARY

In 2023, Archivos de Zootecnia expresses gratitude to reviewers amidst disruptions to its regular publication schedule. The journal, publishing quarterly, acknowledges challenges and is actively restoring normalcy. Special recognition is given to language reviewers. The past year saw a surge in interest, with 111 manuscripts, prompting a renewal of the Editorial Board. The commitment to quality papers from diverse regions is evident in increased submissions from Spanish authors and changing dynamics in contributing countries. Published documents in 2023 increased by 23.08%, with 35 research papers covering diverse topics. Editorial timing has improved, aided by new Section Editors and changes since 2020. The journal's impact is reflected in a CiteScore of 0.8, an SJR impact factor of 0.168, Q4 rank in Scimago Journal & Country Rank, and an H index of 19, affirming Archivos de Zootecnia's excellence in animal science research.

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RESUMEN

En 2023, Archivos de Zootecnia expresa su gratitud a los revisores en medio de las interrupciones en su programación regular de publicaciones. La revista, que publica trimestralmente, reconoce los desafíos y está trabajando activamente para restablecer la normalidad. Se otorga un reconocimiento especial a los revisores de lenguaje. El año pasado hubo un aumento en el interés, con 111 manuscritos, lo que llevó a una renovación progresiva del Consejo Editorial. El compromiso con la calidad de los trabajos de regiones diversas se refleja en el aumento de las contribuciones de autores en español y en cambios en la dinámica de los países que contribuyen. Los documentos publicados en 2023 aumentaron en un 23.08%, con 35 trabajos de investigación que abarcan diversos temas. Los tiempos editoriales han mejorado, con la incorporación de nuevos Editores de Sección y cambios desde 2020. El impacto de la revista se refleja en un CiteScore de 0.8, un factor de impacto SJR de 0.168, una clasificación Q4 en Scimago Journal & Country Rank y un índice H de 19, lo que confirma la excelencia de Archivos de Zootecnia en la investigación en ciencias animales.

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INTRODUCTION

We extend our sincere gratitude to our reviewers for their invaluable contributions throughout 2023. Archivos de Zootecnia typically publishes issues in January, April, July, and October each year. However, the regular publication schedule faced disruptions, and we want to assure you that our editorial board is actively working to restore normalcy to the editorial process.

Special recognition goes to our language editorial reviewers, who play a crucial role in reviewing manus-

cripts before publication. Their task involves ensuring optimal language utilization for works published in various languages, aligning with the permissions granted by the journal's editorial board. This meticulous attention enhances document quality.

In the past year, we have seen a significant increase in interest, receiving a total of 111 manuscripts. This growing enthusiasm has led to a progressive renewal of the Editorial Board to accommodate the surge in

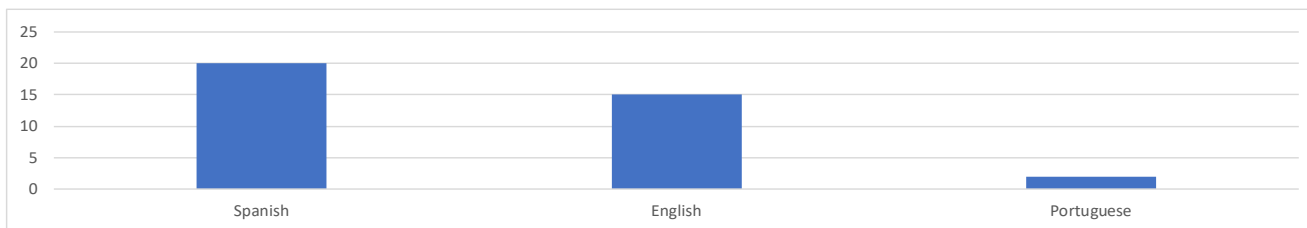


Figure 1. Language used in the manuscripts received during 2023 (Lenguaje empleado en los manuscritos recibidos durante 2023).

submissions. Multiple section editors are now involved in specific areas to manage this influx.

Once again, we express our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated reviewers for their hard work and remarkable contributions to Archivos de Zootecnia. Your efforts are instrumental in maintaining the quality and integrity of our journal.

SUBMISSIONS

A total of 111 manuscripts were received. The quantity of manuscripts submitted as original articles, short communications and reviews has increased when compared to the previous year (Navas González and Delgado Bermejo, 2022). The manuscripts were published in three languages, i.e., English, Portuguese, and Spanish, with equal frequency importance between Spanish and English, and Portuguese reducing to a minority position (Figure 1). The contributions in Spanish slightly surpass the number of manuscripts originally submitted in English.

The journal is committed to enhancing the quality of papers from regions facing unique cultural and organizational challenges, ensuring they meet the high scientific standards expected by the global research community. This ongoing effort aims to facilitate broader access and impact for research from these diverse regions.

When assessing the author’s origin, Spanish were the most frequent senders, and their number increased again

when compared to the results showed by the five previous reports (Nogales Baena *et al.* 2015; Nogales Baena *et al.* 2016; Navas González *et al.* 2017; Navas González *et al.* 2018, Navas González and Delgado Bermejo, 2019; Navas González and Delgado Bermejo, 2020; Navas González and Delgado Bermejo, 2021; Navas González and Delgado Bermejo, 2022.) as a consequence of the decrease in the number of manuscript submitted from other countries, For example Brazil which used to be the leading submitting country. In regards, the authors’ origin of the rest of the papers, we could establish two groups, highly contributing countries (Colombia, Brazil and Ecuador), moderately contributing countries (Colombia, Spain, México, Nigeria and Perú) and anecdotally contributing countries (USA and Honduras) as shown in Figure 2. All countries, except for those in the anecdotally contributing group, contributed more than 2% of the submissions, therefore highlighting the increasing proceeding heterogeneity, which may be very interesting for the journal, as may be able to supply valuable information for different worldwide contexts.

PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS

In 2022, a total of 35 research documents were published accounting for a total of 309 edited pages. The documents published were namely; 32 papers, 1 short communications and 2 reviews. This translates into an increase in the number of articles published of 23.08%, and a respective decrease in the number of short notes and reviews of 66.67%.

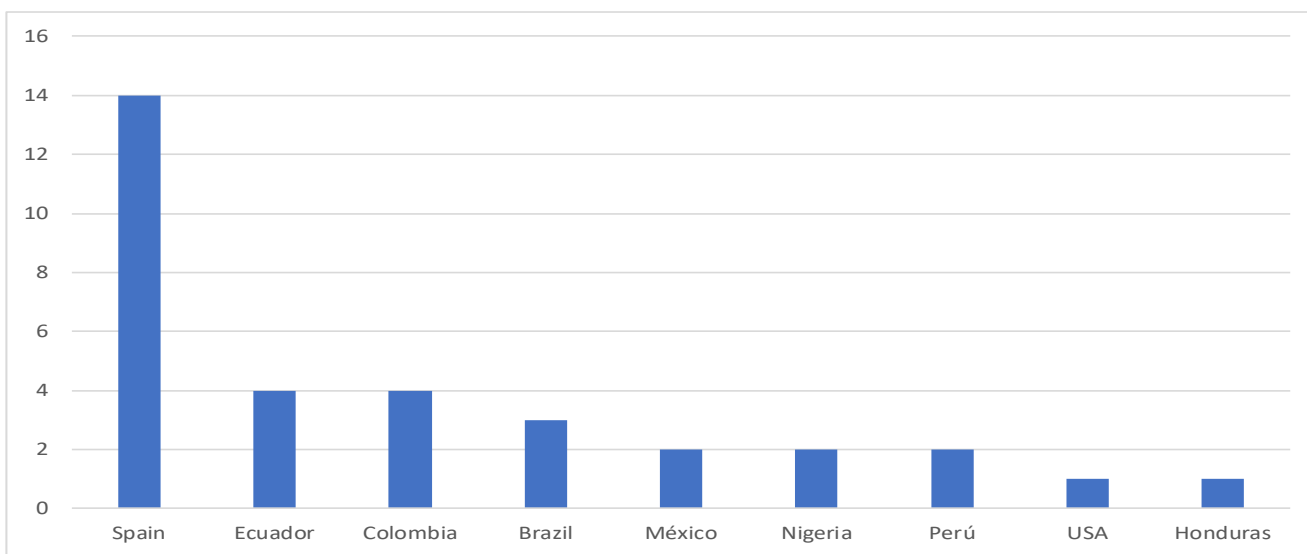


Figure 1. Published manuscript submitting countries during 2023 (Países que enviaron manuscritos publicados durante 2023).

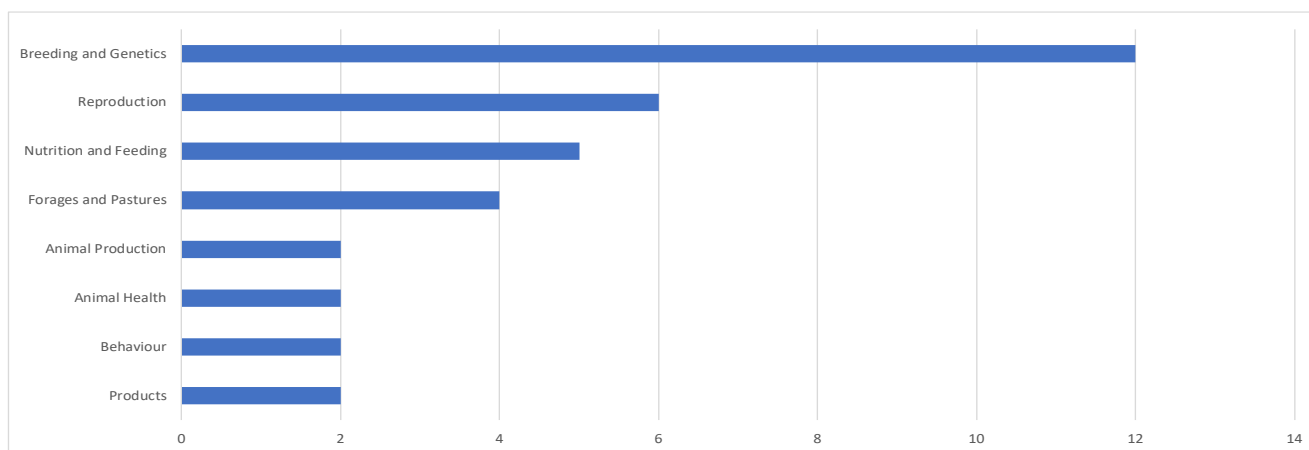


Figure 3. Topics covered in manuscripts received and published during 2023 (Temas tratados en los manuscritos recibidos y publicados durante 2023).

Published manuscripts were written in three different languages (**Figure 2**), at an almost equal frequency for Spanish and English as a result of a decrease of the number of papers submitted in Portuguese.

The most frequent dealt with “Breeding and Genetics” (34.3%), “Reproduction” (17.1%) and “Nutrition and Feeding” (14.3%); while the most frequent species the works dealt with was bovine (20%) followed by poultry (14%) and sheep (11%). (**Figures 3 and 4**).

EDITORIAL TIMING

Each manuscript submitted to *Archivos de Zootecnia* is first reviewed by the members of the Editorial Board. Subsequently, the Editorial Board analyzes each submitted manuscript and decides which Section Editor it must be assigned to. Each Section Editor decides whether it must be reviewed in which case at least two, and up to four reviewers, are assigned or rejected.

The journal has added new Section Editors to the Editorial Board of *Archivos de Zootecnia* so as to balance the number of works assigned to each of them, because of the great number of manuscripts received as a way to reduce

Editorial Timing. Reviewers are chosen from a repertoire of 2986 international experts.

Editorial times have significantly improved. Since 2012 *Archivos de Zootecnia* has only been available in electronic format and is uploading all the papers published since its foundation. In addition, in 2020, almost all of the section editor board were replaced. These changes have helped to overcome some of the problems which had increased the time for publication in previous periods. The moderate increase occurred in the last period still did not reach alarming levels, and maybe attributed to the great changes on the Journal structure that have recently taken place.

IMPACT FACTOR

The last CiteScore evaluation from 5th of May 2022 reported a score of 0.8, what increased the scored obtained in the last annual evaluation of the 5th of May of 2023. SJR impact factor was 0.168 and the journal was ranked in Q4 for Scimago Journal & Country Rank. A H index of 19 was reported for the journal (ScimagoLab 2023) as shown in Figure 5.

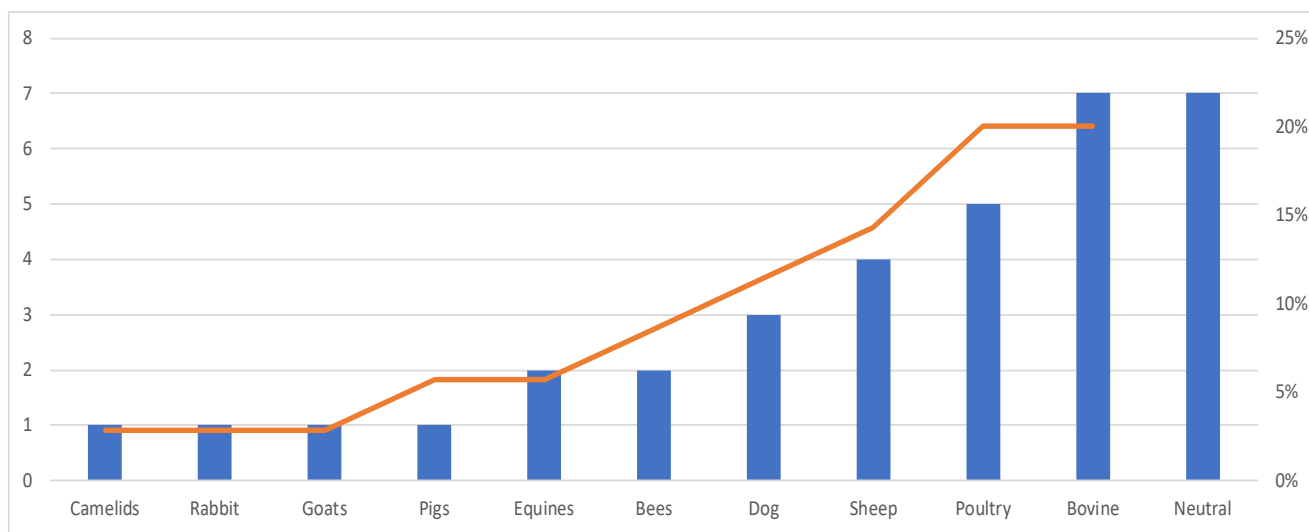


Figure 4. Species considered in manuscripts received and published during 2023 (Temas tratados en los manuscritos recibidos y publicados durante 2023).

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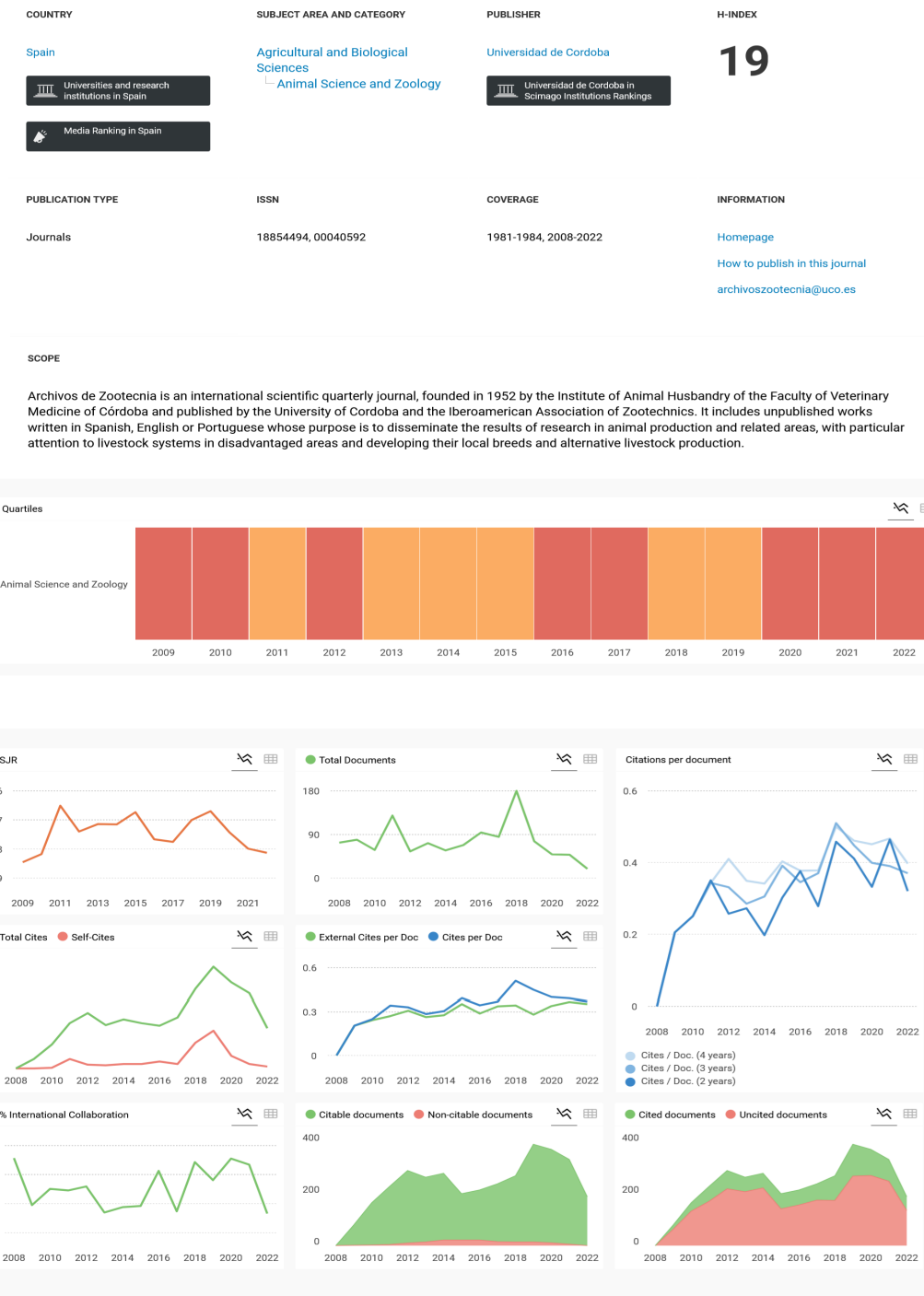


Figure 7. Impact factor evolution from 2009 until the previous editorial period 2023 (ScimagoLab, 2023) (Evolución del índice de impacto de 2009 hasta el pasado periodo editorial en 2022 (ScimagoLab, 2023)).

FEEES FOR PROCESSING, EDITING AND PUBLISHING

The editorial board of Archivos de Zootecnia announces a change in the publication policy effective from September 1, 2018. Authors submitting works to Archivos de Zootecnia are now required to comply with the specified publication fees outlined in this announcement and the Guide for Authors.

Currently, the University of Córdoba, particularly its PAIDI-AGR-218 research group, bears all publication costs for the journal Archivos de Zootecnia. However, limited budgets are hindering the full development of the journal, impeding a favorable assessment by the JCR and the attainment of a significant impact index. To address this, we aim to enhance the journal’s services by reducing evaluation and publi-

cation times, improving article quality, and increasing the annual publication volume to six volumes, with potential additional volumes as needed.

A publication fee will be introduced to cover processing, editing, and publication costs of the journal.

Authors contributing to Archivos de Zootecnia are expected to act as referees for the journal. In return, they will receive benefits such as a 25% fee deduction and priority processing for their submissions.

PUBLICATION FEES:

Article and review publication fee: €300

Short note publication fee: €180

These fees will be invoiced and must be paid upon acceptance. Payment does not affect the final acceptance of the article but is a prerequisite for it to enter the editorial process.

Fees will be reviewed annually, and payments can be made via Western Union or bank transfer. Authors are responsible for covering transfer costs. Archivos de Zootecnia publishes open access content, and the ability of authors to pay fees will not influence publication decisions.

The journal charges a per-item fee and issues an invoice upon article acceptance. Additional charges based on color, length, figures, etc., are not applied. Fees are subject to change, and the applicable fees are those in force at the time of item submission.

Special terms and charges apply to articles in specific special issues. Active section editors receive a 50% discount on fees for items in which they are listed as authors or co-authors. Active referees enjoy a 25% discount on the publication fee for the first article published after their service, with deductions applying to different works.

CONCLUSIONS

In 2023, Archivos de Zootecnia expresses deep appreciation to its dedicated reviewers for their invaluable contributions despite disruptions to the regular publication schedule. The surge in interest is evident with 111 manuscripts received, prompting a renewal of the Editorial Board to manage increased submissions. Contributions in English, Portuguese, and Spanish reflect

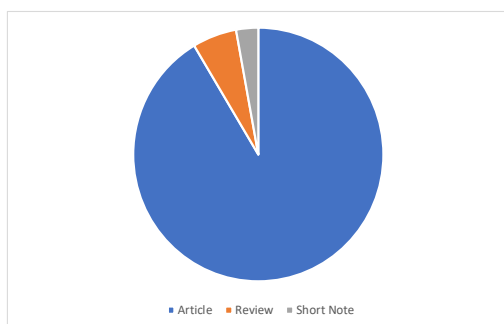


Figure 6. Articles, reviews and short notes published in 2023 (Artículos, revisiones bibliográficas y notas breves publicados durante 2023).

the journal's commitment to inclusivity, particularly in addressing challenges faced by diverse regions. Spain stands out as the most frequent contributor, while a categorized approach to countries adds heterogeneity to submissions. With 35 research documents published, including articles, short communications, and reviews, the journal sees a 23.08% increase in articles, reinforcing its commitment to disseminating impactful scientific knowledge. Notable improvements in editorial timing, enhanced impact factors, and rankings affirm Archivos de Zootecnia's dedication to scholarly excellence in the field of animal science.

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