ASA and CSSA are pleased to announce the acquisition and launch of a new journal, Urban Agriculture & Regional Food Systems. Acquired from Baltzer Science Publishers earlier this year, the journal will publish its first papers this summer and is currently accepting submissions. The new journal adds to a current portfolio of highly successful journals published by ASA and CSSA and explores a broad-ranging, dynamic area of agricultural research.

Urban Agriculture & Regional Food Systems will be an open access journal that focuses on urban and peri-urban agriculture and systems of urban and regional food provisioning in developing, transition, and advanced economies. The journal intends to be a platform for cutting-edge research on urban and peri-urban agricultural production for food and non-food (e.g., flowers, medicine, and cosmetics) uses and for social, environmental, and health services (e.g. tourism, water storage, care, education, waste recycling, and urban greening). It aims to explore, analyze, and critically reflect upon urban and regional food production, processing, transport, trade, marketing, and consumption and the social, economic, environmental, health and spatial contexts, relations, and impacts of these food-provisioning activities.

The journal will address one of the contemporary grand societal challenges: how to secure the availability, affordability, and access to culturally appropriate, nutritious, and safe food for a growing and rapidly urbanizing world population in times of increasing resource scarcity, diet-related ill-health, and climate change. This contemporary grand societal challenge requires a multi-disciplinary approach, and hence, Urban Agriculture & Regional Food Systems welcomes contributions from a wide variety of disciplines, such as sociology, economics, marketing and consumer studies, gender studies, human and economic geography, urban and regional planning, architecture, urbanism, landscape architecture, political science, agronomy, soil science, water management, and public health studies. The journal will publish original research as well as critical reviews.

Headed by Editor Han Wiskerke, the journal has a diverse, international editorial board. Articles submitted to the journal will go through double-blind peer review. The journal will be financed solely by author fees of $950 for high-income countries, with lower fees for authors located in countries designated by the World Bank as high middle income, low middle income, and low income.

Visit dl.sciencesocieties.org/publications/ua for more information. Immediate submissions to the journal are welcome and can be made via mc.manuscriptcentral.com/urbanag.