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Preface

These proceedings contain papers presented in the sixteenth annual Kansas State University Conference on Applied Statistics in Agriculture, held in Manhattan, Kansas, April 25-27, 2004. The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum for discussion on the application of statistics to problems in agricultural sciences. Papers and posters presented at the conference and included in the proceedings are intended to provide information to both the statistician and agricultural researcher on current issues of agricultural and general statistical interest.

The keynote speaker was George Fernandez, an associate professor of applied economics and statistics, and state specialist with the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension at the University of Nevada, Reno. On April 25, 2004, Professor Fernandez presented a workshop titled Statistical Data Mining Using SAS® Macro Applications.

Each contributed paper was refereed before being accepted for publication in these proceedings. The papers were accepted for publication based on their interest, relevance, innovation and application to the agricultural sciences and statistics.

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