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## Preface

These proceedings contain papers presented in the twenty-first annual Kansas State University Conference on Applied Statistics in Agriculture, held in Manhattan, Kansas, April 19 - April 21, 2009. 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. More than one hundred registrants for this year's conference came from across the country and represented government, industry, and academia.

The keynote speakers were George Milliken and Dallas Johnson, emeriti faculty from Kansas State University. Dr's. Milliken and Johnson presented a workshop on April 19 titled "Analysis of Messy Data Revisions" that included updates from their recently published second edition of volume I, *Designed Experiments*.

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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