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Preface

These proceedings contain papers presented in the twentieth annual Kansas State University Conference on Applied Statistics in Agriculture, held in Manhattan, Kansas, April 27- April 29, 2008. 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 126 registrants for this year's conference came from across the country and represented government, industry, and academia.

The keynote speaker was Thomas Loughin from Simon Fraser University, Vancouver. On April 27, 2008, Dr. Loughin presented a workshop titled "Methods and Models for Categorical Data in Agriculture."

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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