

## **EDITORIAL**

Journal of Agriculture and Value Addition (JAVA) is a Research Journal produced and published by the Faculty of Animal Science and Export Agriculture, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka. It creates an opportunity for effective and healthy communication of findings of national and international research community representing main myriad disciplines of agriculture such as crops, livestock, aquaculture and fisheries focusing value addition. The journal integrates these key areas & diverse developments, and provides a unique opportunity to make significant advancement in research while providing a special opening to connect domain experts from Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Agribusiness Management, etc., which are interconnected with the theme of value addition.

Prime objectives of JAVA are (i) to focus research that promotes value addition in agriculture and fisheries, (ii) to offer readers an opportunity to tap into the future enhancement of agriculture and fisheries sector and (iii) to streamline the relevant findings towards economic development. In achieving such objectives JAVA will occupy research publications in its issues representing original Research Papers, Short Communications and Review Articles. Thus, JAVA expects to communicate all research information by the given means that mainly focuses on value addition in agriculture and related disciplines, and fisheries.

The intended audience of this journal will go beyond the traditional applied agriculture and fisheries, and instead include people from the areas that really contribute to advancement of agriculture and fisheries for a better economic gain. It is also expected to make an extra effort to promote collaboration between value addition in agriculture, fisheries and various other applied fields. Also, one of the special features of JAVA will be that, in future, a section will be devoted to invited Review Articles from research leaders in various related fields and such papers will provide the essence of background in each subfield, explaining on what the most important current issues, challenges and opportunities are in value addition related to agricultural and fisheries resources. Finally, JAVA will consider papers from a broad range of applied areas in agriculture and fisheries that thoroughly address value addition in all production, processing and marketing of the 'value chain'.

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