

Decision Workflows

General

For all of our journals, there is a general peer review chain, though all journals have slight variations. As an overview, the general flow of a paper through the peer review chain is:

1. Editor completes an initial review for suitability for journal scope
2. Editor assigns TE
3. TE assigns AE
4. AE assigns Reviewers
5. Reviewers
6. AE Recommendation based on Reviews
7. TE Recommendation based on AE Recommendation and Reviews
8. Editor Final Decision

Common variations include:

- Alternate positions instead of a TE, such as a co-editor or senior editor
- Removing the TE steps
- TE final decisions instead of Editor final decisions

Specific Journals

To see the specific workflow for your journal, please see the PDF flowchart documents below. If you have any questions on the journals workflow, please contact headquarters staff at manuscripts@sciencesocieties.org.

- [Agricultural and Environmental Letters](#)
- [Agronomy Journal](#)
- [Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment](#)
- [Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management](#)
- [Crop Science](#)
- [Journal of Environmental Quality](#)
- [Journal of Plant Registrations](#)
- [Natural Sciences Education](#)
- [Soil Science Society of America Journal](#)
- [The Plant Genome](#)
- [The Plant Phenome Journal](#)
- [Urban Agriculture & Regional Food Systems](#)
- [Vadose Zone Journal](#)