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The journal *Pesquisa Agropecuária Tropical* (PAT) has been published semi-annually, since 1999, as a continuation of *Anais das Escolas de Agronomia e Veterinária*, of the Federal University of Goiás State. The original periodical was created in 1971, when there was not yet a tradition of agricultural research in central Brazil. For this reason, it played an important role in publicizing advances in agricultural research emerging from this region. These advances culminated in the agricultural conquest of the Brazilian *cerrados*. The increasing demands of agriculture and ranching resulted in the scientific advances which have made Brazil a technological model for the development of these activities in the world's tropical regions. In this sense, scientific periodicals such as PAT have made and continue to make a strategically significant contribution to this extraordinary development. Pioneering articles on the use of liming in *cerrado* soils, on the correction of aluminum toxicity in these soils, about the adaptation of crops like soybean and maize to these environmental conditions, as well as the sustainable management of plant species such as fruits native to the *cerrado* have had few other outlets for publication than these periodicals, since the seventies.

With an awareness of this historic contribution to the science and technology of the agricultural sector in the tropics, we are pleased to inform readers of two new developments in our journal. The first is that the journal's entire collection, since its creation in 1971, is now available online at www.agro.ufg.br/pat, free of charge and unabridged (in full text version). The second is that, beginning this year, PAT will have its issues published every four months, that is, it will appear three times a year. In this way, we hope to better meet the increasing demand of the national and international scientific community for quality publications, in which ethics and technical rigor prevail.

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