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**Cover photo:** The blacklegged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*) is linked to the transmission of Lyme disease, a flu-like illness in humans that can become chronic and progressive if not treated. In 1987, the first confirmed specimens of the tick were collected in Indiana, the first evidence that the tick had become re-established after many years of apparent absence. It is thought that the re-establishment of the tick is a direct result of the re-introduction of white-tailed deer herds throughout the state. See related paper in this issue. (Photo by Scott Bauer, USDA Agricultural Research Service)

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