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and **Dev Sinha*** (dps@uoregon.edu). *Cohomology rings of symmetric groups.*

We present the cohomology rings of symmetric groups, relying heavily on a Hopf ring structure on their direct sum. We start with the mod-two calculation, then move to the two-local calculation, and then give progress at general primes. Two main ingredients throughout are the geometrically defined Fox-Neuwirth cell complex and the algebraic notion of a divided-powers Hopf ring. (Received December 13, 2011)