

Agriculture Research Guide

This is a general guide for locating books, journal articles, and government information on agricultural topics. Please contact the librarian at the end of the document if you need further assistance or drop by the reference desk to ask for help at any time.



Finding Books in the Library Catalog

The library has many books on agriculture and related areas. You can browse books on the shelves in the following call number ranges: HD 1401-2210 for Agricultural Economics (6th floor) and S 1-SK579 for Agricultural Science (9th floor). Reference Books in these call number areas are available on the Main floor.

A better way to find books related to your research is to search the Prescott Memorial Library Catalog for appropriate titles within a specific agricultural topic. If the titles seem to be on the topic you want, keep looking by using the blue links on the side of the screen or in the "Details" record to find related titles.

Finding Articles in Journals

Some of the articles are available in online full-text format, so that you can view them and print them while at your computer. Some of the articles will come from our print journals located on the 3rd floor, and you will need to use the "Search the Tech Catalog" link to get the call number so you can find the journal title and make a copy of the article. Keep in mind that we do not have access to all of the articles listed, but if you find a citation that sounds perfect for your research paper, ask the librarian at the Reference Desk if you have any other options available.

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General Indexes

- Academic Search Complete* – a very good multidisciplinary index with many full-text online articles
- Academic Universe / Lexis-Nexis* – database of general news, business, medical and legal information; all full-text articles
- Project Muse* – 250 scholarly journals in a multi-disciplinary collection

Science Specific Indexes

- ACS* – Journals published by the American Chemical Society from 1879 to present.
- Agricola* – index produced by the National Agriculture Library (1970-Current); mostly citations
- Biological Abstracts (Online Index from 1969-Current; Print Index from 1926-1992)* - comprehensive index to life science articles; mostly citations
- PubMed or Medline* – index produced by the National Library of Medicine (1953-Current); primarily citations, but PubMed Central provides free, full-text articles

Business Specific Indexes

- ABI Inform* – excellent index for information concerning all areas of business; some full text
- Business Source Complete* – good index for business information; some full text
- Emerald Journals* – 150 prestigious journals in the fields of business and management.

To find **journal titles** when you already have a citation or know a specific journal you want to find, follow these 3 steps: 1) click *Find: Articles* on the homepage, 2) click *Journals* button 3) type the journal title in the first box to see if it is available electronically or in the second box to see if it available in print in the library.

- A-Z Electronic Journals* - lists all of the library's journals available in full-text format and provides links to the journal articles. It also indicates if the journal is available in "Print."
- Prescott Memorial LibraryCatalog* – allows you to search for the journal in the library collection and provides the call number to locate the journal on the 3rd floor of the library.

Finding Government Information

Catalog of U. S. Government Publications <<http://catalog.gpo.gov>>– New source for locating government documents more easily than from our Tech Catalog. Use the Internet Access link to open the document or use the SuDoc number to find it on our shelves in the basement (1st floor).

Agriculture Fact Book <<http://www.usda.gov/news/pubs/fbook97/contents.htm>>

Crop Acreage & Yield U.S Map Showing Counties Crop from 1994-2003

<<http://www.usda.gov/nass/aggraphs/cropmap.htm>>

Louisiana Biological Information Infrastructure <<http://www.nbii.gov/geographic/us/la-nbii.html>>

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry <<http://www.ldaf.state.la.us/>>

National Agricultural Statistics Service

<http://www.nass.usda.gov/Census_of_Agriculture/index.asp>

USDA – Agencies, Services and Programs

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_10B?navtype=SU&navid=AGRICULTURE>

Useful Internet Sites

Agriculture Network Information Center <<http://www.agnic.org/>>

The State of Food and Agriculture. . .(United Nations) <http://www.fao.org/sof/index_en.htm>

LSU AgCenter <<http://www.agctr.lsu.edu/>>

Sustainable Agriculture Library WWW Virtual <<http://www.floridaplants.com/sustainable.htm>>

World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC, Biodiversity and Climatic Change)

<<http://www.unep-wcmc.org/>>

Reference Books

Advances in Agronomy / Norman, Arthur G. 1949-2000. (S405 .A24)

Biological and Agricultural Index, 1937-1999 (REF S1.B5P) – excellent **print index** to life sciences

CRC Dictionary of Agricultural Sciences / Lewis, Robert A. (REF S411 .L39 2002)

Dictionary of agriculture [electronic resource] : from abaca to zoonosis / Lipton, Kathryn L. (NetLibrary)

Dictionary of agriculture : in six languages, German, English, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian : systematical and alphabetical / Haensch, Günther (REF S411 .H2613 1986)

Encyclopedia of American agricultural history / Edward L. Schapsmeier, Frederick H. Schapsmeier. (REF S441 S36)

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